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**Meeting  
of the  
Board of State Canvassers**

**May 12, 2016  
State Capitol Building  
Lansing, Michigan**

**Called to order:** 10:08 a.m.

**Members present:** Jeannette Bradshaw – Chairperson  
Norman Shinkle – Vice-Chairperson  
Julie Matuzak  
Colleen Pero

**Members absent:** None.

**Agenda item:** Consideration of meeting minutes for approval.

**Board action on agenda item:** Motion to approve the minutes of the April 25, 2016 meeting as submitted. Moved by Matuzak; supported by Shinkle. Ayes: Bradshaw, Shinkle, Matuzak. Nays: None. Pass: Pero. Motion carried.

**Agenda item:** Consideration of whether the recall petition submitted by Angelo Brown on May 2, 2016 states factually and clearly each reason for the recall of Governor Rick Snyder. The reasons for recall printed in the heading of the petition are as follows:

Governor Rick Snyder has drawn international shame to the State of Michigan. News coverage, about a governor made disaster in which thousands of Flint children may face long-term developmental problems from exposure to lead in the City of Flint drinking water.

**Board action on agenda item:** The Board moved to determine that the above referenced recall petition submitted by Angelo Brown on May 2, 2016 does not state factually and clearly each reason for the recall of Governor Rick Snyder. Members explained on the record why the petition did not state factually and clearly each reason for the Governor's recall.

Moved by Matuzak; supported by Pero. Ayes: Bradshaw, Shinkle, Matuzak, Pero. Nays: None. Motion carried.

**Agenda item:**

Presentation by the Board Secretary of (1) a proposed procedure for rebutting the statutory presumption that a signature on an initiative or constitutional amendment petition is stale and void if made more than 180 days before the petition was filed under the Board's current policy, and (2) a proposed revision of that policy.

**Board action on agenda item:** Several motions were offered.

First, the Board moved to approve the staff proposal to revise the Board's 1986 policy for rebutting the presumption under MCL 168.472a that a signature is stale and void if it is affixed to a constitutional amendment or initiative petition more than 180 days prior to filing. Moved by Matuzak; supported by Bradshaw.

Second, the Board moved to table the motion made by Member Matuzak for two weeks. Moved by Shinkle; supported by Pero. Ayes: Shinkle, Pero. Nays: Bradshaw, Matuzak. Motion failed.

Member Matuzak called the question on the adoption of her motion and the motion failed. Ayes: Bradshaw, Matuzak. Nays: Shinkle, Pero.

Next, the Board moved to approve the staff proposal regarding the procedure to be used under the Board's 1986 policy for rebutting the presumption under MCL 168.472a that a signature is stale and void if it is affixed to a constitutional amendment or initiative petition more than 180 days prior to filing. Moved by Matuzak; supported by Bradshaw.

Member Matuzak called the question on the adoption of her second motion and the motion failed. Ayes: Bradshaw, Matuzak. Nays: Shinkle, Pero.

**Agenda item:**

Vote on whether to convene a closed session in accordance with the Open Meetings Act to discuss a report from Board counsel regarding pending litigation (*Davis v Bradshaw et al.*).

**Board action on agenda item:** The Board moved to meet in closed session under section 8(h) of the Open Meetings Act to discuss a report from Board counsel. This report is exempt from public disclosure under section 13(1)(g) of the Freedom of Information Act because it is an attorney-client privileged communication. Moved by Pero; supported by Shinkle. A record roll call vote was taken: Bradshaw (aye), Shinkle (aye), Matuzak (aye), Pero (aye). Motion carried. Time: 10:51 a.m.

(Discussion held off the record.)

The Board moved to conclude the closed session and reconvene in open session. Moved by Pero; supported by Matuzak. A record roll call vote was taken: Bradshaw (aye), Shinkle (aye), Matuzak (aye), Pero (aye). Motion carried. Time: 11:26 a.m.

**Agenda item:** Such other and further business as may be properly presented to the Board.

**Board action on agenda item:** None.

**Adjourned:** 11:33 a.m.

  
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