



STATE OF MICHIGAN  
JOCELYN BENSON, SECRETARY OF STATE  
DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
LANSING

**Meeting  
of the  
Board of State Canvassers**

**June 8, 2020  
(Held Remotely)**

**Called to order:** 10:01 a.m.

**Members present:** Jeannette Bradshaw – Chairperson  
Aaron Van Langevelde – Vice Chairperson  
Julie Matuzak  
Norm Shinkle

**Members absent:** None.

**Agenda item:** Consideration of meeting minutes for approval (May 29, 2020).

**Board action on agenda item:** The Board approved the minutes of the May 29, 2020 meeting as submitted. Moved by Shinkle; supported by Matuzak. Ayes: Bradshaw, Van Langevelde, Matuzak, Shinkle. Nays: None. Motion carried.

**Agenda item:** Consideration of the initiative petition filed by the Committee to Ban Fracking in Michigan, P.O. Box 490, Charlevoix, Michigan 49720.

**Board action on agenda item:** The Board certified that the initiative petition sponsored by the Committee to Ban Fracking in Michigan contains an insufficient number of valid signatures to qualify for placement on the ballot. Moved by Matuzak; supported by Van Langevelde. Ayes: Bradshaw, Van Langevelde, Matuzak, Shinkle. Nays: None. Motion carried.

**Agenda item:** Consideration of the City of Eastpointe's request to use the Universal RCV Tabulator v. 1.0.1 for the purpose of tabulating votes in the special election to fill a vacancy in the office of City Councilmember, which will be held in conjunction with the November 3, 2020 election.

**Board action on agenda item:** The Board approved the use of the Universal RCV Tabulator v. 1.0.1 for the limited purpose of filling a

vacancy in the office of Eastpointe City Councilmember at the November 3, 2020 election. Moved by Shinkle; supported by Matuzak. Ayes: Bradshaw, Van Langevelde, Matuzak, Shinkle. Nays: None. Motion carried.

**Agenda item:**

Consideration of the recall petition submitted on May 27, 2020 against Governor Gretchen Whitmer by James Makowski. The reasons for recall printed in the heading of the petition are as follows:

Gretchen Whitmer, by issuing Executive Order 2020-09, “Temporary restrictions on the use of places of public accommodation,” and extending said restrictions through Executive Orders 2020-21, 2020-43, 2020-70, 2020-92 and 2020-96 has forced the closure of Michigan businesses, contributing to a seasonally adjusted jobless rate in April of 22.7 percent. This monthly jump of 18.4 percentage points has resulted in Michigan’s jobless rate growing 8.0 percent above the U.S.national unemployment rate growth of 10.3%.

**Board action on agenda item:** The Board determined that the recall petition filed by James Makowski on May 27, 2020 does not factually and clearly state each reason for the recall of Governor Gretchen Whitmer because it contains subjective statements regarding unemployment and closure of businesses. Moved by Matuzak; supported by Shinkle. Ayes: Bradshaw, Matuzak, Shinkle. Nays: Van Langevelde. Motion carried.

**Agenda item:**

Consideration of the recall petition submitted on May 29, 2020 against Governor Gretchen Whitmer by Chad Baase. The reasons for recall printed in the heading of the petition are as follows:

For signing Executive Order 2020-04, Declaration of State of Emergency, on March 10, 2020; For signing Executive Order 2020-17, Temporary restrictions on non-essential medical and dental procedures, on March 20, 2020; For signing Executive Order 2020-21, Temporary requirement to suspend activities that are not necessary to sustain or protect life, on March 23, 2020; For signing Executive Order 2020-32, Temporary restrictions on non-essential veterinary services, on March 30, 2020; For signing Executive Order 2020-33, Expanded emergency and disaster declaration, on April 1, 2020; For signing Executive Order 2020-42, Temporary requirement to suspend activities that are not necessary to sustain or protect life – Rescission of Executive Order 2020-21, on April 9, 2020; For signing Executive Order 2020-67, Declaration of state of emergency under the Emergency Powers of the Governor Act, 1945 PA 302, on April 30, 2020; For Signing Executive Order 2020-68, Declaration of states of emergency and disaster under the Emergency Management Act, 1976 PA 390, on April 30, 2020; For signing Executive Order 2020-92, Temporary requirement to suspend certain activities that are not necessary to

sustain or protect life Rescission of Executive Orders 2020-77 and 2020-90, on May 18, 2020.

**Board action on agenda item:** The Board determined that the recall petition filed by Chad Baase on May 29, 2020 factually and clearly states each reason for the recall of Governor Gretchen Whitmer because it simply repeats dates and numbers of nine Executive Orders signed by the Governor. Moved by Shinkle; supported by Van Langevelde. Ayes: Bradshaw, Van Langevelde, Matuzak, Shinkle. Nays: None. Motion carried.

**Agenda item:** Consideration of the recall petition submitted on May 26, 2020 against Attorney General Dana Nessel by Chad Baase. The reasons for recall printed in the heading of the petition are as follows:

For signing and sending a letter with the greeting, "Dear Colleagues," dated May 4, 2020, Re: Executive Orders 2020-69 & 2020-70 with the following paragraph within its text; "The legislature has deemed this to be a "sufficiently broad power of action in the exercise of the police power of the state to provide adequate control over persons and conditions during such periods of impending or actual public crisis or disaster." MCL 10.32. In addition, the provisions of the EPGA are to "be broadly construed to effectuate this purpose." The full contents of the letter signed by DANA NESSEL may be found at [https://www.michigan.gov/documents/ag/Ltr\\_re\\_EO\\_69\\_70.final\\_689490\\_7.pdf](https://www.michigan.gov/documents/ag/Ltr_re_EO_69_70.final_689490_7.pdf).

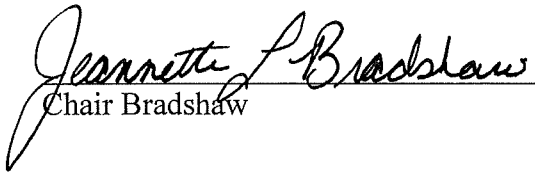
**Board action on agenda item:** The Board determined that the recall petition filed by Chad Baase on May 26, 2020 does not factually and clearly state each reason for the recall of Attorney General Dana Nessel because it lacks clarity, includes a URL and contains confusing grammar. Moved by Matuzak; supported by Van Langevelde. Ayes: Bradshaw, Van Langevelde, Matuzak, Shinkle. Nays: None. Motion carried.

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

*Consideration of a petition to form a new political party submitted by the Socialist Party of Michigan, 400 Bagley Street No. 939, Detroit, Michigan 48226.*

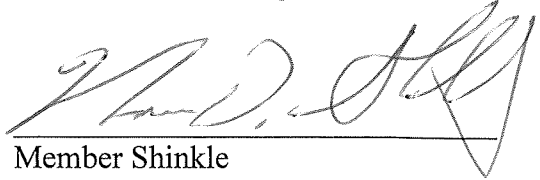
**Board action on agenda item:** The Board approved the form of the new political party petition form submitted by the Socialist Party of Michigan. Moved by Matuzak; supported by Shinkle. Ayes: Bradshaw, Van Langevelde, Matuzak, Shinkle. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Adjourned: 11:16 a.m.

  
Chair Bradshaw

  
Vice-Chair Van Langevelde

Member Matuzak

  
Member Shinkle

June 18, 2020  
Date