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**Meeting  
of the  
Board of State Canvassers**

**June 19, 2019  
Lansing Center  
Lansing, Michigan**

**Called to order:** 10:15 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 (June 10, 2019).

**Board action on agenda item:** The Board approved the minutes of the June 10, 2019 meeting as submitted. Moved by Shinkle; supported by Matuzak. Ayes: Bradshaw, Van Langevelde, Matuzak, Shinkle. Nays: None. Motion carried.

**Agenda item:** Consideration of the 100-word summary of the purpose of the initiative petition sponsored by the Michigan Heartbeat Coalition, P.O. Box 136, Belmont, Michigan 49306.

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

First, Member Shinkle moved to accept the proposed summary of the purpose of the Michigan Heartbeat Coalition Initiative Petition as submitted by the Director of Elections; supported by Van Langevelde. Ayes: Van Langevelde, Shinkle. Nays: Bradshaw, Matuzak. Motion failed.

Second, the Board approved the proposed summary of the purpose of the Michigan Heartbeat Coalition Initiative Petition, as amended by the Director of Elections. Moved by Shinkle; supported by Van Langevelde. Ayes: Bradshaw, Van Langevelde, Matuzak, Shinkle. Nays: None. Motion carried. The approved summary reads as follows:

An initiative petition to enact the Fetal Heartbeat Protection Act, which would require testing to determine whether cardiac activity is detectable before an abortion; prohibit a person from performing an abortion after cardiac activity is detected, unless a medical emergency involving a life-threatening condition exists, or a condition that poses a serious risk of substantial and irreversible impairment of a major bodily function; allow a woman who obtained an abortion in violation of the Act to sue for damages; and prescribe criminal penalties for an individual who knowingly performs an abortion in violation of the proposed initiated law.

**Agenda Item:** Consideration of the 100-word summary of the purpose of the initiative petition sponsored by Michigan Values Life, P.O. Box 901, Grand Rapids, Michigan 49509-0901.

**Board action on agenda item:** The Board approved the proposed summary of the purpose of the Michigan Values Life Initiative Petition as submitted by the Director of Elections. Moved by Shinkle; supported by Van Langevelde. Ayes: Bradshaw, Van Langevelde, Matuzak, Shinkle. Nays: None. Motion carried. The approved summary reads as follows:

An initiative petition to amend section 90h of the Michigan Penal Code, 1931 PA 328, MCL 750.90h, to define “dismemberment abortion;” to prohibit a person from performing a dismemberment abortion unless necessary to save a pregnant woman whose life is endangered by a physical disorder, illness or injury; to authorize the legislature to intervene in a lawsuit challenging the constitutionality of this proposal; to allow the spouse of a woman or parent of a minor who obtained a dismemberment abortion to sue for damages; and to prescribe criminal penalties for an individual who knowingly performs an abortion in violation of the proposed initiated law.

**Agenda Item:** Consideration of the form of the initiative petition submitted by the Michigan Heartbeat Coalition.

**Board action on agenda item:** The Board approved the form of the initiative petition submitted by the Michigan Heartbeat Coalition, with the understanding that the summary of the purpose of the petition will be amended to reflect the summary as approved by the Board, and with the further understanding that the Board’s approval does not extend to the substance of the proposal which appears on the petition or the manner in which the proposal language is affixed to the petition. Moved by Shinkle; supported by Matuzak. Ayes: Bradshaw, Van Langevelde, Matuzak, Shinkle. Nays: None. Motion carried.

**Agenda Item:** Consideration of the form of the initiative petition submitted by Michigan Values Life.

**Board action on agenda item:** The Board approved the form of the initiative petition submitted by Michigan Values Life with the understanding that the Board’s approval does not extend to the substance

of the proposal which appears on the petition or the manner in which the proposal language is affixed to the petition. Moved by Van Langevelde; supported by Shinkle. Ayes: Bradshaw, Van Langevelde, Matuzak, Shinkle. Nays: None. Motion carried.

**Agenda Item:** Consideration of the form of the initiative petition proposing an amendment to the Michigan Constitution submitted by Only Citizens Vote, 1408 Andrew SE, Kentwood, Michigan 49508.

**Board action on agenda item:** None; item withdrawn from agenda.

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

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

**Adjourned:** 11:29 a.m.

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Chairperson Bradshaw

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Vice-Chairperson Van Langevelde

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