



STATE OF MICHIGAN
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DEPARTMENT OF STATE
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**Meeting
of the
Board of State Canvassers**

**October 14, 2009
State Capitol, Room 426
Lansing, Michigan**

Called to order: 2:07 p.m.

Members present: Norman D. Shinkle – Chairperson
James L. Waters
Jeffrey Timmer

Members absent: Erane C. Washington-Kendrick – Vice-Chairperson

Agenda item: Consideration of meeting minutes for approval.

Board action on agenda item: Motion to approve as submitted. Moved by Waters; supported by Timmer. Ayes: Shinkle, Waters, Timmer. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Agenda item: Consideration of initiative petition form submitted for approval by Racing to Save Michigan, 1650 E. 10 Mile Road, Hazel Park, Michigan 48030.

Board action on agenda item: Michael Hodge, attorney for Racing to Save Michigan, addressed the Board to explain that two versions of the initiative petition had been submitted for the Board's consideration: a version that referenced an "altered or abrogated" section in the State Constitution and a version that did not carry such a reference. At the conclusion of Mr. Hodge's statements a motion was entered to approve the form of the initiative petition submitted by Racing to Save Michigan that included the "altered or abrogated" language reference with the understanding that the Board's approval does not extend to the substance of the proposal which appears on the petition; the substance of the summary of the proposal which appears on the signature side of the petition; or the manner in which the proposal language is affixed to the petition. Moved by Timmer; supported by Waters. Ayes: Shinkle, Waters, Timmer. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Agenda item: Consideration of initiative petition form submitted for approval by the Michigan Save Our Water committee, P.O. Box 7288, Detroit, Michigan 48207.

Board action on agenda item: John Pirich, attorney for the Michigan Save Our Water Committee, addressed the Board to express his appreciation for the cooperation he received from Bureau staff during the petition review process. At the conclusion of Mr. Pirich's statements, a motion was entered to approve the form of the initiative petition submitted by the Michigan Save Our Water Committee with the understanding that the Board's approval does not extend to the substance of the proposal which appears on the petition; the substance of the summary of the proposal which appears on the signature side of the petition; or the manner in which the proposal language is affixed to the petition. Moved by Timmer; supported by Waters. Ayes: Shinkle, Waters, Timmer. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Agenda item: Other business.

Christopher M. Thomas, Board Secretary, briefed the Board on requests submitted under the Freedom of Information Act, 1976 PA 442, MCL 15.231 to 15.246, to view the ballots cast in Allegan County at the November 4, 2008 general election.

Adjourned: 2:27 p.m.

Chairperson

Vice-Chairperson

Member

Member

Date