



STATE OF MICHIGAN
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DEPARTMENT OF STATE
LANSING

**Meeting
of the
Board of State Canvassers**

**September 15, 2011
State Capitol, Room 426
Lansing, Michigan**

Called to order: 10:36 a.m.

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

Members absent: Julie Matuzak – Chairperson

Agenda item: Consideration of meeting minutes for approval.

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

Agenda item: Consideration of “new political party” petition form submitted for approval by the Socialist Party of Michigan, 2937 East Grand Boulevard, No. 3, Detroit, Michigan 48202.

Board action on agenda item: A motion was entered to approve the first “new political party” petition form submitted by the Socialist Party of Michigan, the version without the party’s proposed vignette. Moved by Waters; supported by Timmer. Ayes: Shinkle, Timmer, Waters. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Agenda item: Consideration of initiative petition form submitted for approval by Michigan Is Yours, P.O. Box 1522, Royal Oak, Michigan 48068. (Petition proposes to amend the State Constitution to authorize casino gaming at seven casinos located in Grand Rapids, Lansing, Detroit, Romulus, Benton Harbor, Saginaw and Port Huron.)

Board action on agenda item: None. Because the submission was not complete at the time of the meeting, the Bureau of Elections did not present this item for the Board’s consideration.

Agenda item: Consideration of “new political party” petition submitted by Americans Elect, 1775 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Suite 1212, Washington, D.C. 20006.

Board action on agenda item: A motion was entered to establish the deadline for challenging signatures on the new political party petition filed by Americans Elect, at 5:00 p.m. on the 10th business day following the adoption of this motion (September 29, 2011). Moved by Timmer; supported by Waters. Ayes: Shinkle, Timmer, Waters. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Board action on agenda item: A motion was entered to approve the new political party petition filed by Americans Elect, provided that no signature challenges are filed by the deadline established by the Board. If any signature challenges are timely filed, the petition is not approved, and the Board will meet again to consider the challenges before making an official declaration of the sufficiency or insufficiency of the petition. Moved by Timmer; supported by Waters. Ayes: Shinkle, Timmer, Waters. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Agenda item: Consideration of AutoMark Voter Assist Terminal (VAT) and M100 Tabulator modifications submitted for approval by Election Systems & Software of Omaha, Nebraska.

Board action on agenda item: A motion was entered to approve the allowance of M100 tabulators containing modifications represented by ECOs 858, 860 and 865 and AutoMark VATs containing modifications represented by ECO 861 for use in the State of Michigan. Moved by Timmer; supported by Waters. Ayes: Shinkle, Timmer, Waters. Nays: None. Motion carried.

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

Board action on agenda item: None.

Adjourned: 11:00 a.m.

Julio J. Martinez
Chairperson

Vice-Chairperson

James L. Wilson
Member

Tiffany Terina
Member

11-18-2011
Date