



STATE OF MICHIGAN
BUREAU OF ELECTIONS
LANSING

**Meeting
of the
Board of State Canvassers
October 20, 2023**

Called to order: 9:05 a.m.

Members present: Mary Ellen Gurewitz – Chairperson
Richard Houskamp – Vice Chairperson
Jeannette Bradshaw
Anthony Daunt

Agenda item: Consideration of the meeting minutes for the August 21, 2023 meeting.

Board action on agenda item: The Board approved the minutes of the August 21, 2023 meeting as submitted. Moved by Houskamp; supported by Daunt. Ayes: Bradshaw, Daunt, Gurewitz, Houskamp. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Agenda item: Consideration of the proposed modification to approved ES&S voting system– Ballot on Demand.

Board action on agenda item: The Board approved the use of the Ballot on Demand functionality to the approved ES&S voting system. Moved by Bradshaw; supported by Daunt. Ayes: Bradshaw, Daunt, Gurewitz, Houskamp. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Agenda item: Consideration of the proposed modification to approved Dominion voting system– Ballot on Demand.

Board action on agenda item: The Board approved the use of the Ballot on Demand functionality to the approved Dominion voting system. Moved by Bradshaw; supported by Daunt. Ayes: Bradshaw, Daunt, Gurewitz, Houskamp. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Agenda item: Consideration of the sufficiency of the initiative petition submitted by Raise the Wage MI.

Board action on agenda item: The Board moved to accept the staff recommendation and find the petition submitted by Raise the Wage MI sufficient. Moved by Bradshaw; supported by Gurewitz. Ayes: Bradshaw, Gurewitz. Nays: Daunt, Houskamp. Motion fails.

Agenda item: Consideration of the 100-word summary of the purpose of the constitutional amendment sponsored by AxemiTax, Inc. The summary as drafted by the Director of Elections is as follows:

Constitutional Amendment to: prohibit state, county, or municipal property taxes; repeal General Property Tax Act; require 60% of voters to approve local taxes; require a 2/3 vote of both State House and Senate to increase any state tax to raise revenue by more than 0.1% over 5 years; increase percentage of state sales tax revenue distributed to local governments from 15% for municipalities only to 20% for municipalities and 10% for counties; require that municipalities and counties each receive 10% of tax revenue from income, marihuana, alcohol, and tobacco; require that tax revenue distributed to municipalities and counties be used only to fund essential government and infrastructure services.

Board action on agenda item: No action was taken by the Board because the sponsor withdrew the petition.

Agenda item: Consideration of the sufficiency of the recall petition submitted by Melissa A. Williams against Noah Arbit.

ON APRIL 13, 2023, STATE REPRESENTATIVE NOAH ARBIT VOTED YES ON MICHIGAN HOUSE BILL 4145, CREATING THE EXTREME RISK PROTECTION ORDER ACT, i.e. "RED FLAG" LAW.

Board action on agenda item: The Board determined that the reasons for recall printed on the petition submitted by Melissa A Williams against Noah Arbit on October 3, 2023 are factual and sufficiently clear because it appropriately lays out the actions of Representative Arbit. Moved by Daunt; supported by Houskamp. Ayes: Daunt, Gurewitz, Houskamp. Nays: Bradshaw. Motion carried.

Agenda item: Consideration of the sufficiency of the recall petition submitted by Gerald Walters against Betsy Coffia.

ON APRIL 13, 2023, STATE REPRESENTATIVE BETSY COFFIA VOTED YES ON MICHIGAN HOUSE BILL 4145, CREATING THE EXTREME RISK PROTECTION ORDER ACT, i.e. "RED FLAG" LAW.

Board action on agenda item: The Board determined that the reasons for recall printed on the petition submitted by Gerald Walters against Betsy Coffia on October 3, 2023 are factual and sufficiently clear. Moved by Houskamp; supported by Gurewitz. Ayes: Daunt, Gurewitz, Houskamp. Nays: Bradshaw. Motion carried.

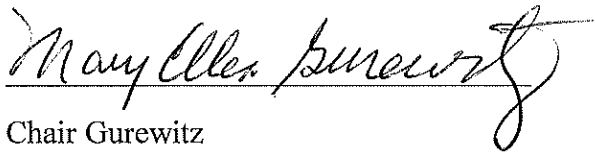
Agenda item: Consideration of proposed updates to the random sampling procedures.

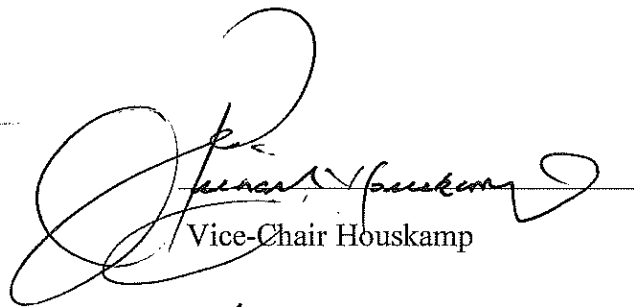
Board action on agenda item: The Board approved the changes to the sampling method as described in the March 14, 2023 Petition Validation and Sampling Process memo produced by staff, and in the March 20, 2023

report on Recommendations for Random Sampling when Canvassing Signatures produced by Rehmann. Further, the Board directs staff to use the methodology and standards described in the memo and report when processing state-wide ballot question petitions, statewide-office candidate petitions, and petitions for a new political party effective for petitions submitted after today. Moved by Bradshaw; supported by Houskamp. Ayes: Bradshaw, Daunt, Gurewitz, Houskamp. Nays: None. Motion carried.

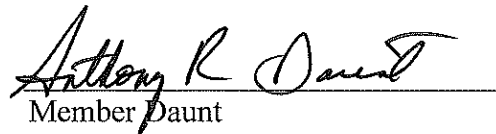
Board action on agenda item: The Board approve the document titled “Sampling Procedure for Canvassing Petitions” and any corresponding updates to the Petition Manual: Statewide Initiative, Referendum, Constitutional Amendment Petitions, Partisan Nominating Petitions for State and Federal Office, and Petitions for New Political Party. Further, the Board directs staff to use the procedures described in the manual when processing ballot question petitions, statewide-office candidate petitions, and petitions for new political parties, effective for petitions submitted after today. Moved by Bradshaw; supported by Daunt. Ayes: Bradshaw, Daunt, Gurewitz, Houskamp. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Adjourned: 2:37 p.m.


Chair Gurewitz


Vice-Chair Houskamp

Member Bradshaw


Member Daunt

11/4/23
Date