



STATE OF MICHIGAN
BUREAU OF ELECTIONS
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Meeting
of the
Board of State Canvassers
January 19, 2024

Called to order: 10:02 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 December 18, 2023 meeting.

Board action on agenda item: The Board approved the minutes of the December 18, 2023 meeting as submitted. Moved by Bradshaw; supported by Houskamp. Ayes: Bradshaw, Daunt, Gurewitz, Houskamp. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Agenda item: Consideration of the sufficiency of the recall petition submitted by Chad E. Baase against Governor Gretchen Whitmer. The reasons for recall as printed on the petition are as follows:

Governor Gretchen Whitmer has Budgeted funding for Law Enforcement throughout Michigan that enforce Michigan Statutes that have similarities to Slave Licensing, Black Codes, and Jim Crow Laws without adequate safeguards to prevent from discrimination against low income individuals and communities echoing the behavior of slave traders against those of color. Governor Gretchen Whitmer has had direction over the Michigan Department of Agriculture which Licenses Immigrant Labor Camps but denies many of the immigrants a Drivers License which can entrap foreigners.

Board action on agenda item: The Board determined that the reasons for recall printed on the petition submitted by Chad E. Baase against Governor Gretchen Whitmer on January 2, 2024, are not factual and sufficiently clear because it does not state when the budget happened and it goes to opinion and not fact. Moved by Bradshaw; supported by Houskamp. Ayes: Bradshaw, Daunt, Gurewitz, Houskamp. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Agenda item: Consideration of the sufficiency of the recall petition submitted by Chad E. Baase against Secretary of State Jocelyn Benson. The reasons for recall as printed on the petition are as follows:

Michigan Secretary of State Jocelyn Benson in her current term has enforced MCL 257.904 even though it has similar effects to slave licensing that puts restrictions on movement, acts to create subordination, and has potential for abuse. It likewise is similar to Black Codes due to vagueness, discriminatory application, and chilling effects on speech and conduct. Also similar to Jim Crow Laws as it creates an environment of economic discrimination, disenfranchisement, and social control. Jocelyn Benson procures half Michigan License Plates sold with laborers paid \$0.45/hr

Board action on agenda item: The Board determined that the reasons for recall printed on the petition submitted by Chad E. Baase against Secretary of State Jocelyn Benson on January 2, 2024, are not factual and sufficiently clear because they're conjecture and opinion. Moved by Houskamp; supported by Bradshaw. Ayes: Bradshaw, Daunt, Gurewitz, Houskamp. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Agenda item:

Consideration of the sufficiency of the recall petition submitted by Chad E. Baase against Attorney General Dana Nessel. The reasons for recall as printed on the petition are as follows:

Michigan Attorney General Dana Nessel has failed to protect the citizens of Michigan by allowing vague and discriminatory statutes that have similarities to Slave Licenses, Black Code and Jim Crow Laws but disproportionately affect People with Disabilities, Low Income Individuals/Communities, and areas with poor public transportation options. The Attorney General has neglected to enforce the Separation of Powers Clause as the Executive Branch has multiple offices that preform[sic] Executive Branch, Legislative and Judicial Functions acting as prosecutor and adjudicator.

Board action on agenda item: The Board determined that the reasons for recall printed on the petition submitted by Chad E. Baase against Attorney General Dana Nessel on January 2, 2024, are not factual and sufficiently clear because it is rife with opinion and conjecture and does not meet the standards for factual or sufficiently clear. Moved by Daunt; supported by Bradshaw. Ayes: Bradshaw, Daunt, Gurewitz, Houskamp. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Agenda item:

Consideration of the 100-word summary of the purpose of the constitutional amendment sponsored by AxMITax. The summary as drafted by the Director of Elections is as follows:

Constitutional Amendment to: prohibit real property taxes, which currently are the primary funding source for schools, community colleges, parks, and other local government units; shift 10% of state sales, income, and other tax revenue from the state to counties, cities, townships and villages but not to schools, community colleges, parks, or other local government

units; eliminate property tax exemption for religious and educational organizations; require 60% of voters to approve any local taxes; require 2/3 vote of Legislature for any non-minimal tax increase; require implementing legislation.

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Board action on agenda item: The Board approved the summary of the purpose of the constitutional amendment sponsored by AxMITax as drafted by the Director of Elections and presented by the Director on January 19, 2024. Moved by Daunt; supported by Bradshaw. Ayes: Bradshaw, Daunt, Gurewitz, Houskamp. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Agenda item: Consideration of the form of the constitutional amendment submitted by AxMITax.

Board action on agenda item: No action was taken by the Board because this agenda item was withdrawn from consideration by the sponsor.

Agenda item: Consideration of the 100-word summary of the purpose of the initiative petition submitted by Citizens for Local Choice. The summary as drafted by the Director of Elections is as follows:

Initiation of legislation to: amend the clean and renewable energy and energy waste reduction act by repealing statewide requirements for the construction and development of certain wind and solar energy facilities and energy storage facilities, including: assessment of environmental, natural resources, and farmland impact; wages and benefits requirements for workers; setback distance; size and height of structures; and amount of light and sound emitted. If enacted, this proposal would allow local units of government to determine their own standards for such facilities.

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Board action on agenda item: The Board approved the summary of the purpose of the initiative petition sponsored by Citizens for Local Choice as drafted by the Director of Elections and presented by the Director on January 19, 2024. Moved by Houskamp; supported by Bradshaw. Ayes: Bradshaw, Daunt, Gurewitz, Houskamp. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Agenda item: Consideration of the form of the initiative petition submitted by Citizens for Local Choice.

Board action on agenda item: The Board moved to approve the form of the initiative petition submitted by Citizens for Local Choice with the understanding that the Board's approval does not extend to: (1) The substance of the proposal which appears on the petition and (2) The manner in which the proposal language is affixed to the petition. Moved by Daunt; supported by Houskamp. Ayes: Daunt, Gurewitz, Houskamp. Nays: Bradshaw. Motion carried.

Agenda item: Approval of the following dates for the Board of State Canvasser's regularly scheduled 2024 Meetings:

- February 16, 2024
- March 18, 2024
- April 26, 2024
- May 6, 2024
- May 31, 2024
- July 19, 2024
- August 26, 2024
- September 6, 2024
- October 18, 2024
- November 22, 2024
- December 2, 2024
- December 11, 2024
- December 20, 2024

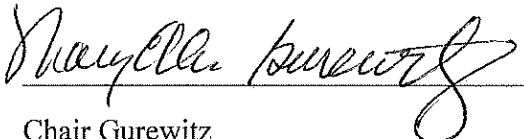
Each meeting will be held at the Binsfeld Office Building, 201 Townsend Street Lansing, MI 48933 and will begin at 10:00 am.

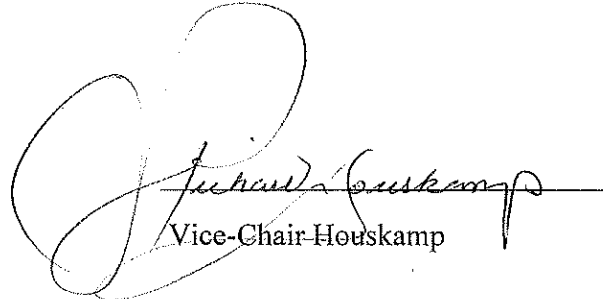
Board action on agenda item: the Board approved the above dates as regular meeting dates for calendar year 2024. Moved by Bradshaw; supported by Houskamp. Ayes: Bradshaw, Daunt, Gurewitz, Houskamp. Nays: None. Motion carried.

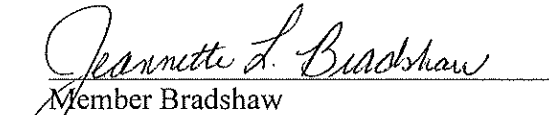
Agenda item: Consideration of proposed legislation.

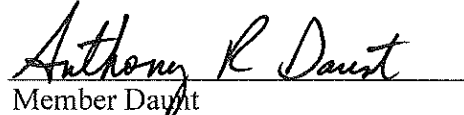
Board action on agenda item: No action was taken by the Board because the agenda item has been deferred to the next meeting.

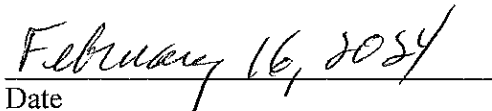
Adjourned: 4:28 p.m.


Chair Gurewitz


Vice-Chair Houskamp


Member Bradshaw


Member Daunt


Date