



STATE OF MICHIGAN  
RUTH JOHNSON, SECRETARY OF STATE  
DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
LANSING

Meeting  
of the  
Board of State Canvassers

February 13, 2018  
State Capitol Building  
Lansing, Michigan

**Called to order:** 10:00 a.m.

**Members present:** Norm Shinkle – Chairperson  
Julie Matuzak – Vice Chairperson  
Colleen Pero  
Jeannette Bradshaw

**Members absent:** None.

**Agenda item:** Consideration of meeting minutes for approval.

**Board action on agenda item:** The Board approved the minutes of the January 30, 2018 meeting as submitted. Moved by Bradshaw; supported by Pero. Ayes: Shinkle, Pero, Bradshaw. Nays: None. Motion carried.

**Agenda item:** Consideration of proposed *de minimis* modification to the Express Vote accessible voting system submitted by ES&S. (The proposed change would modify the placement of the sealed cover over the port for the USB thumb drive used with the Express Vote ballot marking device.)

**Board action on agenda item:** The Board approved the modification of the cover used for the USB programming device with the Express Vote 1.0 in the State of Michigan. Moved by Bradshaw; supported by Pero. Ayes: Shinkle, Pero, Bradshaw. Nays: None. Motion carried.

**Agenda item:** Consideration of whether the recall petition submitted by Alexia and Stephen Rish on February 2, 2018 states factually and clearly each reason for the recall of Branch County Prosecutor Ralph Kimble. The reasons for recall printed in the heading of the petition are as follows:

In consideration of the recent consensus/News Release of ALL of the local judges of Branch County in their combined request for

the necessity of an official Investigation of Ralph W. Kimble II by the Michigan Attorney General and the Michigan State Police concerning alleged improprieties engaged in by the Chief County Prosecutor in the discharge of his official duties; and in consideration that Ralph W. Kimble II has been named as a Defendant in an ongoing lawsuit alleging sexual Harassment in the Branch County Courthouse by a former employee of the Branch County Prosecutor's office: We, the undersigned, request a RECALL of Ralph W. Kimble II as Branch County Prosecutor.

**Board action on agenda item:** The Board determined that the recall petition filed by Alexia and Stephen Rish on February 2, 2018 factually and clearly states each reason for the recall of Branch County Prosecutor Ralph Kimble and the Rishes have presented evidence in support of the petition language. Moved by Pero; supported by Bradshaw. Ayes: Shinkle, Pero, Bradshaw. Nays: None. Motion carried.

**Agenda item:** Consideration of the form of the initiative petition proposing an amendment to the Michigan Constitution submitted by Promote the Vote, 2966 Woodward Avenue, Detroit, Michigan 48201.

**Board action on agenda item:** The Board approved the form of the initiative petition to amend the Constitution submitted by Promote the Vote with the understanding that the Board's approval does not extend to: (1) The substance of the proposal which appears on the petition; (2) The substance of the summary of the proposal which appears on the signature side of the petition; (3) The manner in which the proposal language is affixed to the petition; and (4) Whether the petition properly characterizes those provisions of the Constitution that are altered or abrogated by the proposal if adopted. Moved by Bradshaw; supported by Pero. Ayes: Shinkle, Matuzak, Pero, Bradshaw. Nays: None. Motion carried.

**Agenda item:** Consideration of the form of the initiative petition submitted by Clean Energy, Healthy Michigan, P.O. Box 71746, Madison Heights, Michigan 48071.

**Board action on agenda item:** The Board approved the form of the initiative petition submitted by Clean Energy, Healthy Michigan with the understanding that the Board's approval does not extend to: (1) The substance of the proposal which appears on the petition; (2) The substance of the summary of the proposal which appears on the signature side of the petition; or (3) The manner in which the proposal language is affixed to the petition. Moved by Matuzak; supported by Bradshaw. Ayes: Shinkle, Matuzak, Pero, Bradshaw. 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:

10:25 a.m.



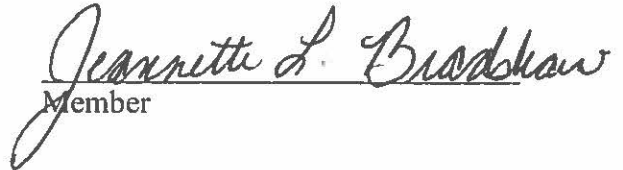
Chairperson



Vice-Chairperson



Member



Member

APRIL 26, 2018

Date