



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

**Meeting  
of the  
Board of State Canvassers**

**January 30, 2018  
State Capitol Building  
Lansing, Michigan**

**Called to order:** 10:02 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 November 16, 2017 meeting as submitted. Moved by Bradshaw; supported by Pero. Ayes: Shinkle, Matuzak, Pero, Bradshaw. Nays: None. Motion carried.

**Agenda item:** Consideration of whether the recall petition submitted by Alexia and Stephen Rish on January 18, 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 of ALL of the local judges of Branch County by reason of their intimate professional relationship and knowledge of Chief County Prosecutor Ralph Kimble, in their combined request for the necessity of an official investigation of Ralph Kimble 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 Kimble 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 Kimble as Branch County Prosecutor.

**Board action on agenda item:** The Board determined that the recall petition filed by Alexia and Stephen Rish on January 18, 2018 does not factually and clearly state each reason for the recall of Branch County Prosecutor Ralph Kimble because the language is ambiguous, speaks to the motivation and state of mind of certain individuals, and is not factual. Moved by Matuzak; supported by Pero. Ayes: Shinkle, Matuzak, Pero, Bradshaw. Nays: None. Motion carried.

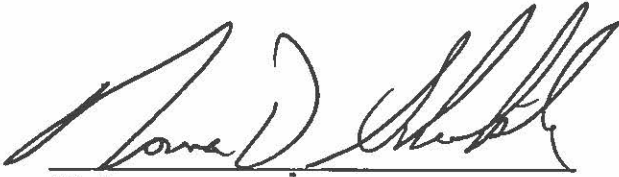
**Agenda item:** Consideration of "Petition to Certify Petition without Re-Sampling" filed by Protecting Michigan Taxpayers.

**Board action on agenda item:** The Board denied the "Petition to Certify Petition without Re-Sampling" filed by Protecting Michigan Taxpayers. 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:** 12:23 p.m.



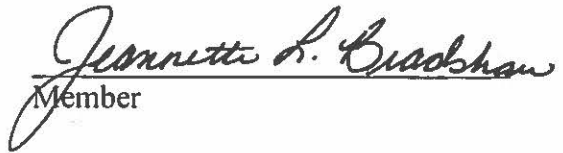
Chairperson



Vice-Chairperson



Member



Member

FEB. 13, 2018

Date