



STATE OF MICHIGAN  
JOCELYN BENSON, SECRETARY OF STATE  
DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
LANSING

**CORRECTED**

**Meeting  
of the  
Board of State Canvassers**

**May 14, 2021**

**Called to order:** 10:08 a.m.

**Members present:** Norman Shinkle - Chairperson  
Julie Matuzak – Vice Chairperson  
Jeannette Bradshaw  
Anthony Daunt

**Agenda item:** Consideration of meeting minutes for approval (April 22, 2021).

**Board action on agenda item:** The Board approved the minutes of the April 22, 2021 meeting as submitted. Moved by Bradshaw; supported by Daunt. Ayes: Shinkle, Matuzak, Daunt, Bradshaw. Nays: None. Motion carried.

**Agenda item:** Consideration of the petition to recall Governor Gretchen Whitmer submitted by Chad Baase on April 26, 2021. The reasons for recall printed in the heading of the petition are as follows:

Gretchen Whitmer continued a State of Emergency after April 30, 2020 without legislative approval which was illegal. Governor Gretchen Whitmer issued multiple Executive Orders using the 1945, Emergency Powers of the Governor Act, which was Unconstitutional. After the October 2, 2020 Michigan Supreme Court Ruling, Governor Gretchen Whitmer issued a press release stating Governor's Orders remain in effect at least 21 more days.

**Board action on agenda item:** The Board determined that the recall petition **does not** factually and clearly state the reason for the recall of Governor Whitmer. Moved by Matuzak; supported by Daunt. Ayes: Shinkle, Matuzak, Daunt, Bradshaw. Nays: None. Motion carried.

**Agenda item:**

Consideration of the first petition to recall Attorney General Dana Nessel submitted by Chad Baase on April 29, 2021. The reasons for recall printed in the heading of the petition are as follows:

On May 13, 2020, Attorney General Dana Nessel announced Owosso barber Karl Manke's professional license as well as the license for his barbershop were summarily suspended. On December 10, 2020, Michigan Attorney General Dana Nessel said her office hasn't seen credible information about even isolated voter fraud that was successfully carried out in the Nov. 3 election. On March 19, 2021, Michigan Attorney General Dana Nessel announced the arrest of Marlena Pavlos-Hackney, owner of Marlena's Bistro and Pizzeria in Holland.

**Board action on agenda item:** The Board determined that the first recall petition filed by Chad Baase **does not** factually and clearly state the reason for the recall of Attorney General Dana Nessel. Moved by Matuzak; supported by Daunt. Ayes: Shinkle, Matuzak, Daunt, Bradshaw. Nays: None. Motion carried.

**Agenda item:**

Consideration of the second petition to recall Attorney General Dana Nessel submitted by Chad Baase on April 29, 2021. The reasons for recall printed in the heading of the petition are as follows:

On May 13, 2020, Attorney General Dana Nessel announced Owosso barber Karl Manke's professional license as well as the license for his barbershop were summarily suspended. On March 19, 2021, Michigan Attorney General Dana Nessel announced the arrest today of Marlena Pavlos-Hackney, the owner of Marlena's Bistro and Pizzeria in Holland.

**Board action on agenda item:** Member Daunt offered a motion to determine that the second recall petition sponsored by Chad Baase **does** factually and clearly state the reason for the recall of Attorney General Dana Nessel. Moved by Daunt; supported by Shinkle. Ayes: Shinkle, Daunt. Nays: Matuzak, Bradshaw. Motion failed.

**Agenda item:** Consideration of the petition to recall Secretary of State Jocelyn Benson submitted by Chad Baase on April 26, 2021. The reasons for recall printed in the heading of the petition are as follows:


The guidance issued by the Secretary of State Jocelyn Benson on October 6, 2020, with respect to signature-matching standards was issued in violation of the Administrative Procedures Act. Secretary of State Jocelyn Benson opposed SB 308, which seeks to establish and require signature verification training for all county, city, and township clerks and for all precinct inspectors, saying it would require “overly specific and restrictive” signature verification” in a press conference on April 21, 2021.


**Board action on agenda item:** The Board determined that the recall petition **does not** factually and clearly state the reason for the recall of Secretary of State Jocelyn Benson. Moved by Matuzak; supported by Daunt. Ayes: Shinkle, Matuzak, Daunt, Bradshaw. Nays: None. Motion carried.

**Other Business:** Elections Director Jonathan Brater provided an update on the Fair and Equal Petition.

**Adjourned:** 11:44 a.m.

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Chair Shinkle

  
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Vice-Chair Matuzak

  
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Member Bradshaw

  
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Member Daunt

June 1, 2021  
Date