

STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS
Regular Meeting
Thursday, January 7, 2016

MINUTES

PRESENT: Charles W. Scholz, Chairman
Ernest L. Gowen, Vice Chairman
William J. Cadigan, Member
Andrew K. Carruthers, Member
Betty J. Coffrin, Member
John R. Keith, Member
William M. McGuffage, Member
Casandra B. Watson, Member

ALSO PRESENT: Steven S. Sandvoss, Executive Director
James Tenuto, Assistant Executive Director
Kenneth R. Menzel, General Counsel
Darlene Gervase, Admin. Assistant III

The Chairman called the State Board of Elections meeting to order at 10:30 a.m. All members of the State Board of Elections were present.

Chairman Scholz led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Chairman asked for a Motion to recess the State Board of Elections and reconvene as the State Officers Electoral Board. Member Coffrin so moved and Member Cadigan seconded the motion which passed by 8 voices in unison.

The State Board of Elections recessed at 10:30 a.m. and returned to open session at 12:39 p.m. with all members present.

Executive Director Sandvoss reported on the potential ballot forfeiture for 2016 General Primary Election and payment of civil penalties. One committee, The Friends of Andre Smith, candidate for the 5th Representative District, owes an outstanding \$275 civil fine and cannot be certified to the ballot by the Board. Director of Campaign Disclosure, Tom Newman, advised the Board that 3 delegate candidates, Dan Balanoff, Don Castella and David Howard also have outstanding civil penalties. Mr. Sandvoss asked for authority to remove those names, as well as the names of candidates who withdraw, by issuing an Amended Certification. Staff will consult with the Election Authorities to ensure there is not an undue burden imposed if an Amended Certification is issued. There is a provision in the statute to ensure no votes will be counted for candidates removed after the ballot is printed.

Director Sandvoss presented the Certification of the March 15, 2016 General Primary Election. Member Keith moved to Certify the Ballot for the March 15, 2016 General Primary Election with the Authorization for staff to issue amended certifications in the event of withdrawals, ballot forfeiture and excess delegates. Member Cadigan seconded the motion which passed 7-0 by roll call vote. Member Carruthers recused himself.

Minutes from the December 14th meeting were presented and Member Coffrin moved to adopt the minutes. Member Watson seconded the motion which passed unanimously by 8 voices in unison.

Mr. Sandvoss discussed staff preparations for the March 15, 2016 General Primary Election. The petition filing for delegates and alternate delegates went very smooth and resulted in a total number of 1,217 filers.

Election judge training schools was submitted for informational purposes.

Kyle Thomas and Kevin Turner gave an update of SB 172. Although the SBE is required to submit data files to ERIC, we will not receive reports from ERIC until May 1st. Meetings with the Secretary of State's IT department **continue to clarify** details relating to data they will submit to staff.

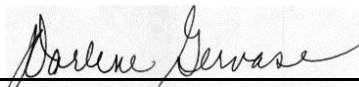
The two-year plan of staff activity was submitted for information.

Member Cadigan asked about the threats of candidate Andrew Straw who intended to sue the Assistant Executive Director, the General Counsel and the entire Board if he was not certified to the ballot. Mr. Menzel indicated that he has been in contact with the Attorney General and that type of action would be covered by the State Indemnification Act and the Attorney General would represent those parties.


There being nothing further before the State Board of Elections, Member Keith moved to recess to January 20, 2016 or the call of the Chairman, whichever occurs first. Member Watson seconded the motion which passed unanimously by 8 voices in unison.

The State Board of Elections recessed at 1:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Darlene Gervase, Admin. Asst. III



Steven S. Sandvoss, Executive Director