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Board of Elections Minutes

The Board of Elections convened on January 19, 2012 for a conference call with public space located in the Secretary of State's Office.

Secretary of State Gant called the meeting to order at 4:03 p.m.

Board members present at public space: Matt McCaulley and Secretary Gant.

Other's present at public space: Aaron Lorenzen, Director of Elections, and Andrew Pietrus, Secretary of State's Office.

Board members present via conference call: Chris Madsen, Linda Lea Viken, Dick Casey, Pam Lynde, and Cindy Schultz

Other's present via conference call: Megan Luther, Argus Leader.

Motion made by Viken, second by McCaulley to amend the minutes of November 29, 2011 to include the following: Viken recommended that the Board of Elections be allowed to review legislation on election and related matters before introduction.

Secretary Gant called a voice vote.

Aye's: Viken, Casey, McCaulley, Lynde, Schultz, Madsen, Gant

Nay: Zero

Motion Carried.

Motion made by McCaulley, seconded by Casey to approve the minutes of November 29, 2011 as amended.

Secretary Gant called a voice vote.

Aye's: Viken, Casey, McCaulley, Lynde, Schultz, Madsen, Gant

Nay: Zero

Motion Carried.

Secretary Gant moved to the first item on the agenda and discussed 2012 legislation.

Secretary Gant reviewed legislation concerning elections and asked for comments from Board members.

Secretary Gant discussed the recent lawsuit filed regarding the Secretary of State's office and defendants from Shannon and Todd Counties.

Secretary Gant announced to the Board that the office has received a grant from the Federal Voting Assistance Program (FVAP).

Secretary Gant discussed the possibility of using Emergency Rules Procedures in lieu of legislation for election related legislation.

Board Member Madsen left the meeting at 4:59 p.m.

Secretary Gant asked if there was any other business.

With no further business before the board Casey moved to adjourn and second by Schultz.

Secretary Gant called a voice vote.

Aye's: Viken, Casey, McCaulley, Lynde, Schultz, Gant

Nay: Zero

Excused: Madsen Motion Carried.

The Board adjourned at 5:01 p.m.

Jason M. Annt, Secretary of State

Aaron Lorenzen, Recorder