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Minutes Board of Elections Meeting December 17, 2014

The Board of Elections convened on December 17, 2014, via conference call with public space available in Pierre in Room 499 of the State Capitol Building at 500 E. Capitol, Pierre, SD 57501.

Secretary of State Jason Gant called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m.

Board members present: Secretary Jason Gant, Dick Casey, Mitch LaFleur, Pam Lynde and Linda Lea Viken.

Board members absent: Cindy Brugman and Drew Duncan.

Others present: Brandon Johnson, Director of Elections, Shantel Krebs, Secretary of State-elect, Kea Warne and Tom Deadrick.

Secretary Gant declared that a quorum was present.

Motion made by Viken, seconded by Lynde to approve the minutes of the May 5, 2014 board meeting.

Secretary Gant called for a roll call vote.

Ayes: Casey, LaFleur, Lynde, Viken and Gant

Nays: None

Motion carried.

Review of proposed 2015 legislation at 1:07 p.m.

First proposed legislation amends the mail filing deadline.

Motion made by Lynde, seconded by Casey to table this proposal.

Secretary Gant called for a roll call vote.

Ayes: Casey, LaFleur, Lynde, Viken and Gant

Nays: None

Motion carried.

Second proposed legislation repeals the Pre-Convention Campaign Finance Disclosure Statement filing.

Motion made by Casey, seconded by LaFleur to approve proposed legislation.

Secretary Gant called for a roll call vote.

Ayes: Casey, LaFleur, Lynde and Viken

Nays: Gant

Motion carried.

Third piece of legislation amends the petition circulation timeframe.

Discussion took place over proper language regarding the month of December. Legislation will be reviewed by the Legislative Research Council to determine proper language.

Motion made by Viken, seconded by Lynde to approve proposed legislation.

Secretary Gant called for a roll call vote.

Ayes: Casey, LaFleur, Lynde, Viken and Gant

Nays: None

Motion carried.

Fourth piece of legislation amends South Dakota Codified Law (SDCL) § 12-1-13.

Discussion took place over a deadline in which an interested party may file a challenge to a nominating petition in circuit court. Legislation will be discussed with Chief Justice David Gilbertson.

Motion made by Viken, seconded by LaFleur to approve legislation.

Ayes: Casey, LaFleur, Lynde, Viken and Gant

Nays: None

Motion carried.

Fifth piece of legislation creates a mechanism in which an independent candidate for governor may certify a new lieutenant governor candidate if their original candidate withdraws.

Motion made by Casey, seconded by Viken to approve legislation.

Ayes: Casey, LaFleur, Lynde, Viken and Gant

Nays: None

Motion carried.

Sixth piece of legislation give the Secretary of State's office the authority to randomly sample petition signatures on nominating petitions.

Chair deferred action until the next meeting.

Seventh piece of legislation amends SDCL § 12-1-14.

Motion made by Viken, seconded by LaFleur to approve legislation.
Ayes: Casey, LaFleur, Lynde, Viken and Gant
Nays: None
Motion carried.

General remarks made by Secretary-elect Krebs at 3:30 p.m.

Motion made by Viken, seconded by LaFleur to adjourn.
Secretary Gant called for a roll call vote.
Ayes: Casey, LaFleur, Lynde, Viken and Gant
Nays: None
Motion carried.

The Board adjourned at 3:33 p.m.



Jason M. Gant, Secretary of State



Brandon Johnson, Recorder