



South Dakota Secretary of State

Monae L. Johnson
Secretary of State

Thomas J. Deadrick
Deputy Secretary of State

State Board of Elections DRAFT Meeting Minutes

Wednesday May 29, 2024, at 11:00 A.M.

LRC Appropriations Room, Room 362
215 East Prospect Avenue, Pierre

Call in Information: 1+ 605-679-7263

Phone Conference ID: 229 0060 03#

Call to Order: Secretary of State Monae L. Johnson called the meeting to order at 11:00 A.M.

Members present in person: Secretary of State Monae L. Johnson (Chair, Board of Elections)

Others present (In-Person): Tom Deadrick (Deputy Secretary of State), Rachel Soulek (Secretary of State, Election Director), Kendra Kuiper (Secretary of State, Election Assistant), Bob Mercer (Keloland News), Dale Paulson, Leah Anderson, Linda Montgomery, Patricia Harrington, Rene Ullom, Jennifer Foss, Rick Weible, Nicole Braithwait, Gentry Croshaw, Grace Hochstatter, Larry Hochstatter, Mark Nelson, Jessica Poleema, Jodi Waltman, Mick Banuth, Gloria Rayman, Barb Hoiten, Eric Dutenhoeffer, Della Mathis, Larry Mathis, Heather Baxter

Others present (Online): Michael Buckingham (Board of Elections Member), Jackie Sieverding (Board of Elections Members), Kent Alberty (Board of Elections Member), Lindley Howard (Board of Elections Member), John Lake (Board of Elections Member), Scott McGregor (Board of Elections Member)

Call In: Clay Parikh (Northrup Grumann, there were many other call-in listeners)

A motion was made by Michael Buckingham and seconded Scott McGregor to approve the draft minutes from the Wednesday September 27, 2023, meeting. A roll call vote was taken, and the motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Lindley Howard and seconded by Jackie Sieverding to approve the agenda for May 29, 2024, meeting. A roll call vote was taken, and the motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Scott McGregor and seconded by Jackie Sieverding to go into Executive Session. A roll call vote was taken, and the motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Jackie Sieverding and seconded by John Lake to come out of Executive Session. A roll call vote was taken, and the motion carried unanimously.

A discussion was held regarding the three petitions for declaratory ruling request from Rick Weible to the Board of Elections one on March 27, 2024, and two on April 30th, 2024. Clifton Katz after a lengthy and detailed explanation of the law and the Board of Elections statutory authority recommended to the Board that they dismiss the 3 Declaratory Ruling Requests. Scott McGregor moved and Kent Alberty seconded that the Petitions be dismissed. Motion to dismiss carried unanimously. Mr. Katz also stated that Mr. Weible is able to appeal the decision pursuant to statute if he wishes.



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Secretary Johnson opened the meeting for Public Comments, allowing 20 minutes. Rick Weible, Leah Anderson, Heather Baxter, Clay Pakihr, Jessica Pollerma and Linda Montgomery all spoke during Public Comments.

General remarks included Secretary Monae L. Johnson thanking the Board for attending the meeting, reminding everyone that next Tuesday is the Primary Election and also thanked Jackie Sieverding who is retiring after 33 years as County Auditor and her time serving on the Board of Elections.

A motion was made by Scott McGregor and seconded by John Lake to adjourn the Board of Elections meeting. A roll call vote was taken, and the motion to adjourn at 12:29 was passed unanimously.

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