

STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS

MINUTES

Thursday, December 10, 2009

MINUTES

PRESENT: Bryan A. Schneider, Chairman
Wanda L. Rednour, Vice Chairman (via telephone)
Patrick A. Brady, Member
John R. Keith, Member (via telephone)
Albert S. Porter, Member
William M. McGuffage, Member
Jesse R. Smart, Member
Robert J. Walters, Member (Godfrey, IL)

ALSO PRESENT: Daniel W. White, Executive Director
Steve Sandvoss, General Counsel
Rupert Borgsmiller, Assistant Executive Director
Darlene Gervase, Administrative Assistant II

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 2:07 a.m. and began the meeting with the pledge to the flag. Five members were present in Chicago; Mrs. Rednour and Mr. Keith were present via telephone conference and Mr. Walters present in Godfrey via video conference.

Director White apologized for the close quarters, but no other shared conference rooms were available to us. When Chicago, Springfield and Godfrey are connected, it may complicate communication. He asked for the record and benefit of the court reporter that anyone speaking identify themselves and the parties they're representing. Also, to speak clearly and slowly as there is a short delay in the remote locations. Finally he asked that the background noises be kept to a minimum as the speaker phones are very good and pick up the slightest sounds.

Mr. White said that nine candidates have submitted withdrawals and he asked Director of Elections, Mark Mossman, to read the candidates and offices. Mr. Mossman recited the following names for the Board's consideration: Mark Vargas, Republican Party, 14th Congressional District; Willie "Will" Boyd, Jr., Democratic Party, United States Senate; Jeff Danklefsen, Republican Party, 14th Congressional District; James Edward Hanlon, Democratic Party, Cook County Judicial Circuit, vacancy of the Honorable Philip L. Bronstein; Melanie Rose Nuby, Democratic Party, Cook County Judicial Circuit, vacancy of the Honorable James P. O'Malley; Al Hofeld, Jr., Democratic Party, State Senate, 13th Legislative District; Milton J. Sumption, Democratic Party, Representative in Congress, 10th Congressional District; Joseph Sneed, Democratic Party, State Central Committeeman, 7th Congressional District; and Mark Doyle, Democratic Party, ~~for~~ State Treasurer. Mr. Mossman added that he has spoken to the election authorities with the exception of the two statewide offices. They have no objection to the Board accepting those withdrawals from any of the election authorities he contacted. Member McGuffage moved to accept the withdrawals. Member Smart seconded the motion which passed unanimously except that Member Brady abstained as regards to Messrs Vargas and Danklefsen.

Member Brady moved and Member Porter seconded a motion to recess the State Officers Electoral Board at 2:13 p.m. The motion was adopted by unanimously by 8 voices in unison.

The State Board of Elections returned to regular session at 4:42 p.m. Roll call was taken for attendance with all members present.

The Chairman asked if there was other business to be brought before the State Board of Elections. Mr. Sandvoss indicated that the issue of the four withdrawn objections and authorization to remove objection pending from the official certification as to the four objections noted during the State Officers Electoral Board meeting. Member Board moved and Member Smart seconded the motion which passed 8-0 by roll call vote.

Mr. Sandvoss asked for direction in terms of the official certification for the Rauschenberger, Forte-Scott and Scheurer cases that were considered today but not disposed of. He added that a 4-4 vote does not overrule the objection and the objection is still pending. He suggested the certification should indicate that language. Chairman Schneider asked if anyone would suggest a motion to do something. Hearing none, the Board moved onto the next matter.

Chairman Schneider asked if there was any other business before the Board. Member Keith responded that having voted on the prevailing side in the certification of Ricardo Munoz for the office of 4th District Central Committeeman on the Democratic Party, he moved to reconsider same to address the issue of payment of a civil penalty assessed against the candidate by the Board; that this matter be placed on the agenda for the next meeting of the SBE; and the candidate be given notice of same so that he may appear if he desires relative to the matter. Member McGuffage seconded the motion. Member Keith clarified that due to a computer issue regarding a punctuation mark in the Candidate's name, it incorrectly was reported that his fine had been paid when we did the certification. He believes the Board needs to address that issue and would like to reconsider it at the next meeting. Richard Means, an attorney who represents Mr. Munoz on other matters offered to communicate with him and inform him that the matter will arise at 9:30 December 17th before the Board. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

Member Keith moved to amend the certification to reflect the disposition of the nine cases that were considered by the State Officers Electoral Board in the manner they were determined. Mr. Brady seconded the motion. The motion was adopted by 8-0 vote.

Staff confirmed that no withdrawals were received while the Board was in session.

Executive Session was not necessary and Chairman Schneider asked for a motion to adjourn the State Board of Elections to Thursday, December 17th at 9:30 am., or the call of the Chair, whichever occurs first. Member Brady so moved, Mr. Porter seconded and 8 ayes in unison adopted the motion. The Board adjourned at 4:52 p.m.

DATED: December 18, 2009

Respectfully submitted,

Daniel W. White, Executive Director

Darlene Gervase, Administrative Assistant II