

State Officers Electoral Board Meeting
Wednesday, January 4, 2006
9:35 a.m.

MINUTES

PRESENT:

Jesse Smart, Chairman
Wanda L. Rednour, Vice Chair
Patrick Brady, Member
John R. Keith, Member
William McGuffage, Member
Albert S. Porter, Member
Bryan A. Schneider, Member
Robert Walters, Member

ALSO PRESENT:

Daniel W. White, Executive Director
Steve Sandvoss, General Counsel
Darlene Gervase, Assistant to the Executive Director

The special telephonic meeting of the State Board of Elections sitting as the State Officers Electoral Board was called to order at 9:35 a.m. with all members present.

Chairman Smart called the cases and accepted appearances in the following Objections to Candidates filing for the General Election: *Roach, et al. v. Costin*, 05 SOEB GE 500; and *Espinal v. Trigg*, 05 SOEB GE 501. The Chairman noted that the Candidate had withdrawn in the *Espinal v. Summers*, 05 SOEB GE 502 rendering the case moot.

The Chairman next called the Objections to candidates filing for the General Primary. The matter of *Freese v. Cole*, 05 SOEB GP 500 was withdrawn by the objector; and *Welch v. Walsh*, 05 SOEB GP100 was continued to the end of the meeting because the Candidate had withdrawn. Mr. Smart continued calling and accepting appearances in: *Willis v. Shannon*, 05 SOEB GP 501; *Godawa v. Beaubien, Jr.*, 05 SOEB GP 502; *Eisenberg v. Ludvigsen*; 05 SOEB GP 503; *O'Sullivan v. Sitkowski*, 05 SOEB GP 504; *Patterson v. Barrett*, 05 SOEB GP 505; *Stupec v. Kanhai-Zamora*, 05 SOEB GP 506; *Clark v. McAloon*, 05 SOEB GP 507; *Boisvert v. Howard*, 05 SOEB GP 508; *Goetten v. Giannoulis*, 05 SOEB GP 509; *Cattron v. Schock*, 05 SOEB GP 510; *Aron, et al., v. Fitzgerald*, 05 SOEB GP 511; *Sesso, et al., v. Giannone*, 05 SOEB GP 512; and *Freese v. Cole*, 05 SOEB GP 513.

Chairman Smart presented the Rules of Procedure. Mr. Porter asked to change the work "shall" to "may" in 5.a. Subpoena showing that the Board has discretionary powers regarding subpoenas. Mr. McGuffage asked if the General Counsel had any thoughts about the transmittal of digitized signatures. Mr. Sandvoss replied that he would like to research the matters as in the past this had not been an issue, but with new statutes it may become an important issue. Mr. Porter moved and Mr. Keith seconded a motion to adopt Mr. Porter's changes in the Rules of Procedure, 5.a. Subpoena. The matter passed 8-0.

Mr. Porter also requested a change in Dispositive Motions to clarify that the Board has the discretion to accept or deny the recommendations of the hearing officer or general counsel. Mr. Keith seconded the motion and suggested the wording "the Board will decide all dispositive motions after receipt of recommendations of the Hearing Examiner and General Counsel." The motion passed unanimously.

There being no further discussion of the rules, Vice Chairman Rednour moved to adopt the Rules of Procedure as amended. Mr. Brady seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

The next matter presented by the Chairman was the Calendar for Objections. Mr. McGuffage moved and Vice Chairman Rednour seconded the motion to adopt the calendar as presented. The motion passed 8-0 by roll call vote.

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Chairman Smart asked for a motion to authorize the General Counsel to employ Hearing Examiners as required. Mr. McGuffage moved and Mr. Porter seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Mr. Keith moved to accept the withdrawal of Tom P. Walsh, for the position of State Central Committeeman for the 11th Congressional District, Democratic Party. Vice Chairman Rednour seconded the motion which passed 8-0.

There being no further business before the State Officers Electoral Board the Chairman asked for a motion to recess until 10:30 a.m., Thursday, January 19, 2006 in Springfield or until the call of the Chairman, whichever is sooner. Mr. Keith moved and Mr. Schneider seconded the motion which passed unanimously. The State Officers Electoral Board recessed at 10:10 a.m.

DATED: January 4, 2006

Darlene Gervase, Assistant to the Executive Director

Daniel W. White, Executive Director