

**STATE OFFICERS ELECTORAL BOARD**  
**Conference Call**  
**Thursday, January 12, 2006**

**MINUTES**

**PRESENT:** Jesse Smart, Chairman  
Wanda Rednour, Vice Chairman  
Patrick Brady, Member  
John Keith, Member  
William McGuffage, Member  
Albert Porter, Member  
Bryan Schneider, Member

**ABSENT:** Robert Walters, Member

**ALSO PRESENT:** Dan White, Executive Director  
Steve Sandvoss, General Counsel  
Becky Glazier, Assistant to Executive Director  
Amy Calvin, Administrative Specialist

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The special meeting of the State Officers Electoral Board was called to order via telephonic means at 1:02 p.m. with five members present. Member Walters was absent and Member Smart held his proxy. Vice Chairman Rednour and Member Brady joined the meeting at 1:05 p.m.

The Chairman indicated the first item was consideration of two pending objections to nominating petitions. The General Counsel presented *Freese v. Cole*, 05 SOEB GP513. The General Counsel explained that Mr. Cole filed nominating petitions for the office of Lieutenant Governor for a spot on the March Primary Election ballot. The minimum number of signatures required was 5,000 and Mr. Cole filed nominating petitions that contained three signatures. The General Counsel indicated he concurred with the recommendation of the hearing officer and that the objection should be granted. Member Porter moved to accept the hearing officer's recommendation that the objection should be granted and Mr. Cole would not appear on the primary election ballot. Member McGuffage seconded the motion which passed by roll call vote of 8-0.

The General Counsel presented *Espinal v. Trigg*, 05 SOEBGP513. The General Counsel explained that Mr. Trigg filed independent nominating petitions for the office of Governor/Lieutenant Governor that contained five signatures and that the number of signatures necessary was 25,000. The General Counsel agreed the objection should be sustained due to lack of sufficient signatures required and the candidate not be certified to the ballot. The General Counsel acknowledged that the

hearing officer's recommendation was not signed by Mr. Bell because he received the report via e-mail. The General Counsel indicated he already requested the report with Mr. Bell's signature. Member McGuffage moved to accept the recommendation of the hearing officer contingent upon receipt of a signed report and that Mr. Trigg would not be certified to the ballot. Vice Chairman Rednour seconded the motion which passed by roll call vote of 8-0.

With there being no further business before the State Officers Electoral Board Member Keith moved to recess until Thursday, January 19, 2006 at 10:30 a.m. or call of the Chairman, whichever occurs first. Vice Chairman Rednour seconded the motion which passed unanimously. The meeting recessed at 1:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Administrative Specialist

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Executive Director