

STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS
Special Board Meeting Via Videoconference
Tuesday, July 8, 2008

MINUTES

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

ALSO PRESENT: Daniel W. White, Executive Director
Steve Sandvoss, General Counsel
Amy Calvin, Administrative Specialist II

The special meeting of the State Board of Elections was called to order via videoconference means at 10:00 a.m. Chairman Porter, Vice Chairman Schneider and Member McGuffage were present in Chicago and Members Keith, Smart and Walters present in Springfield. Member Keith held Member Rednour's proxy until she was connected via teleconference call at 10:02 a.m. and Vice Chairman Schneider held Member Brady's proxy until his arrival in the Chicago office at 10:05 a.m.

Chairman Porter opened the meeting by leading everyone in the pledge of allegiance.

Vice Chairman Schneider moved to recess State Board of Elections and reconvene as the State Officers Electoral Board. Member McGuffage seconded the motion which passed unanimously. The meeting recessed shortly after 10:00 a.m. and reconvened at 11:25 a.m.

Roll call was taken and seven Members were present with the exception of Member Smart who left the meeting shortly after reconvening from the State Officers Electoral Board.

The Chairman suggested to move on to item number 10.a., appeal of campaign disclosure fines. The General Counsel presented *SBE v. Stout for Senate Committee*, S9696, 08AG023 and reviewed the case. The appeal of civil penalty assessment was levied for a failure to file two contributions on the Schedule A-1 and the committee was assessed a penalty of \$7,000.00. After a hearing was conducted, the Hearing Officer recommend the appeal be denied, but since it was a first violation that the penalty be reduced to ten percent of the assessment or \$700.00. The General Counsel concurred with the recommendation. Vice Chairman Schneider moved to accept the

recommendation of the Hearing Officer with the correction in the report that should read “reduced to ten percent or \$700.00.” Member Keith seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Member Keith moved to recess to executive session to consider a complaint for closed hearing. The meeting recessed at 11:35 a.m. and reconvened at 12:00 p.m.

Member Keith noted for the record that upon motion of the Chairman and without objection by Board Members or counsel, that case number 08CD002 be continued to the July 21 Board meeting.

The next item on the agenda was the EAC Election Data Collection Grant program update. The Executive Director informed the Board that the grant was posted in the State Procurement Bulletin on Friday, June 23 and on the following Monday the Procurement Policy Board waived its right to request any additional information which allowed the agency to further proceed. The fourteen day objection period expired and none were received, therefore, the agency will pursue a contract with the sole source agent. The Executive Director noted that we still did not have the \$2 million spending authority but, hopefully, the agency would get it soon.

With there being no further business before the Board, Vice Chairman Schneider moved to adjourn until July 21, 2008 at 10:30 a.m. or until call of the Chairman, whichever occurs first. Member Keith seconded the motion which passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 12:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Calvin, Administrative Specialist II

Daniel W. White, Executive Director