

STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS
Special Board Meeting Via Videoconference
Friday, September 5, 2008

MINUTES

PRESENT: Albert S. Porter, Chairman
Bryan A. Schneider, Vice Chairman
Patrick A. Brady, Member
John R. Keith, Member
William M. McGuffage, Member
Jesse R. Smart, Member

PRESENT VIA TELEPHONE: Wanda L. Rednour, Member

ABSENT: 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. with seven Members present. Chairman Porter, Vice Chairman Schneider and Members Brady and McGuffage were present in the Chicago office, Members Keith and Smart were present in the Springfield office and Member Rednour was connected via teleconference. Member Walters was absent and Member Smart held his proxy.

The first item on the agenda was certification of Republican Presidential and Vice Presidential candidates for the November General Election ballot. The Executive Director explained this was an amendment to the original certification and the names of John McCain for President and Sarah Palin for Vice-President were to be included in the certification. Vice Chairman Schneider moved to accept the amended certification. Member Smart seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Next on the agenda was consideration of an amendment to the Proclamation of Results from the Primary Election. The General Counsel explained this was a result of an Order of the Circuit Court of Cook County in the election contest of *Stern v. Ross* and the State Board of Elections is required to amend the Proclamation based on the court's decision. The new canvass totals indicate the margin of victory for Dominique Ross was 157.83 votes but it did not change the outcome of the election as the original proclamation resulted in Ms. Ross being nominated. Fifty votes were added to Ms. Ross's margin of victory according to the new canvass totals. Member Smart moved to amend the

Proclamation of Results from the Primary Election as directed by the Order. Member Brady seconded the motion which passed by roll call vote of 8-0.

The Executive Director presented pending candidate withdrawals following certification. Withdrawals have been received from Daniel P. Darcy, Cook County Judicial Circuit and Mary S. Schostok, 19th Judicial Circuit. SBE staff contacted those election jurisdictions affected by the withdrawals and none of them objected. However, Chicago Board of Elections indicated if any withdrawals are received after this date, they would not be able to amend their ballots. Member Keith moved to accept the candidate withdrawals. Member Smart seconded the motion which passed by roll call vote of 8-0.

The Executive Director presented a status update on Premier Customer Directives for election night. He asked this matter be carried over to the September 15th Board meeting because of the short timeframe from the last Board meeting. It was agreed to place the matter on the September 15th agenda.

The next item on the agenda was executive session. The General Counsel informed the Board that unless there was any further discussion regarding the statement of findings, an executive session would not be necessary. He further noted that it would be acceptable if the Board wanted to make a motion in open session to enter the statements into record and cause the record to be filed in the Appellate Court pursuant to the court's directive. The General Counsel informed the Board that the Assistant Attorney General assigned to the case requested the Board enter the statement into the record and issue an order to that effect. Member Keith offered his concerns and suggested adopting a standing rule at a future meeting that a Member can explain their vote at any time and submit it into the record. Member Smart moved to enter this matter into the record. Member Brady seconded the motion which passed by roll call vote of 8-0.

The Executive Director thanked the Board for assembling for today's meeting and reminded everyone the next meeting is scheduled for September 15th in Springfield and Chicago via videoconference.

With there being no further business before the Board Member McGuffage moved to adjourn until September 15, 2008 at 10:30 a.m. Member Brady seconded the motion which passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 10:15 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Calvin, Administrative Specialist II

Daniel W. White, Executive Director