

**STATE OFFICERS ELECTORAL BOARD**  
**Meeting via videoconference**  
**Wednesday, November 14, 2007**

**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  
Robert J. Walters, Member

**ABSENT:** Jesse R. Smart, Member

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

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The meeting of the State Officers Electoral Board was called to order via videoconference means at 10:05 a.m. with seven members present. Members Keith and Walters were present in the Springfield office and Chairman Porter, Vice Chairman Schneider and Member McGuffage present in the Chicago office. Members Brady and Rednour were connected via teleconference and Member Smart was absent. Vice Chairman Schneider held Member Smart's proxy.

The first item on the agenda was to call cases and accept appearances for objections to candidates' nominating petitions for the General Primary Election. David Dorris was present in Springfield on behalf of candidate John Edwards. Present in Chicago were Scott Summers on behalf of candidates Kent Mesplay and Jared Ball and Richard Means on behalf of candidate Joe Biden. Richard Mayers, the Objector in all of the cases on the agenda was not yet present. Member Keith suggested to begin with item number four on the agenda, approval of the Rules of Procedure then return to the cases. The Chairman concurred and thought it might be possible that Mr. Mayers could possibly still appear.

Chairman Porter presented the Rules of Procedure for the State Officers Electoral Board and asked if there was any discussion. General Counsel Sandvoss indicated that a few changes relative to the Appendix of the Rules were incorporated into the Rules presented before the Board today. The Chairman suggested the language on page five be changed to reflect that evidentiary depositions will be received into evidence and discovery depositions upon agreement of the parties may be received into evidence. Vice Chairman Schneider moved to approve the Rules of Procedure with Chairman Porter's changes. Member McGuffage seconded the motion which passed by roll call vote of 8-0.

The Chairman indicated that Richard Mayers was now in attendance in the Chicago office and presented the following objections to candidates' nominating petitions for the General Primary Election: *Mayers v. Mesplay*, 07SOEBGP100; *Mayers v. Ball*, 07SOEBGP101; *Mayers v. Biden*, 07SOEBGP102; *Mayers v. Kucinich*, 07SOEBGP103; *Mayers v. Dodd*, 07SOEBGP104; *Mayers v. Edwards*, 07SOEBGP105; and *Mayers v. Hill*, 07SOEBGP106. The General Counsel indicated the only action needed today was to accept appearances and refer to the Hearing Examiners as required. Vice Chairman Schneider moved to refer the cases included in agenda items 3A thru G to the Hearing Examiner as selected by the General Counsel. Member McGuffage seconded the motion which passed by roll call vote of 8-0.

Chairman Porter asked for a motion to authorize the General Counsel to appoint Hearing Examiners as required. Member Rednour made the motion, seconded by Member Brady which passed by roll call vote of 8-0.

With there being no further discussion, Vice Chairman Schneider moved to recess the State Officers Electoral Board until Monday, November 19, 2007 at 10:30 a.m. or call of the Chairman, whichever occurs first and reconvene as the State Board of Elections. Member McGuffage seconded the motion which passed unanimously. The meeting recessed at 10:22 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Amy Calvin, Administrative Specialist II

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Daniel W. White, Executive Director