

**STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS**  
**Special Board Meeting Via Videoconference**  
**Friday, December 28, 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

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

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The special meeting of the State Board of Elections was called to order via videoconference means at 10:30 a.m. with all Members present. Members Keith and Smart were present in the Springfield office and Chairman Porter, Vice Chairman Schneider, and Member McGuffage present in the Chicago office. Members Brady, Rednour and Walters were connected via teleconference call.

The Chairman presented the Certification of the 14<sup>th</sup> Congressional District Candidates for the February 5, 2008 Special Congressional Primary Election. The Executive Director explained this was a vacancy created by the resignation of Congressman Hastert and two Republican candidates, Chris Lauzen and Jim Oberweis, and three Democratic candidates, Bill Foster, John Laesch and Jotham Stein had filed for this office. Director White noted that no Green party candidates had filed petitions and then asked for a motion to approve the certification. Vice Chairman Schneider moved to approve the certification of the 14<sup>th</sup> Congressional District Candidates. Member Keith seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

The next item on the agenda was consideration of pending candidate withdrawals following certification. Director of Election Information, Mark Mossman, indicated that staff received a withdrawal of candidacy from Kevin Burns, Republican candidate for the 14<sup>th</sup> Congressional District for the February 5, 2008 General Primary Election. He further stated that all nine election authorities in the 14<sup>th</sup> Congressional District were contacted and none were opposed to the Board accepting the withdrawal and amending the certification. Vice Chairman Schneider moved to accept the withdrawal of Kevin Burns. Member McGuffage seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

The Chairman inquired about the deadline to submit new legislation. The Executive Director indicated the Board's legislative package will be on the January 22 meeting agenda for consideration and adoption.

The next item on the agenda was executive session to discuss pending litigation. Member Schneider moved to recess into executive session. Member Rednour seconded the motion which passed unanimously. The meeting recesses at 10:45 a.m. and reconvened at 11:30 a.m.

Member Keith moved to ratify the actions taken in executive session regarding the possible litigation relative to the special general election for the 14<sup>th</sup> Congressional District, responding to the grand jury subpoena that was before us and addressing the appellate case in the First District that was discussed. Member Smart seconded the motion which passed by roll call vote of 8-0.

With there being no further business before the Board, Member Keith moved to adjourn until 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, January 22, 2008 in Springfield, or until call of the Chairman, whichever occurs first. Vice Chairman Schneider seconded the motion which passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 11:35 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Amy Calvin, Administrative Specialist II

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Daniel W. White, Executive Director