

STATE OFFICERS ELECTORAL BOARD  
Thursday, January 16, 2014

MINUTES

PRESENT: Jesse R. Smart, Chairman  
Charles W. Scholz, Vice Chairman  
Harold D. Byers, Member  
Betty J. Coffrin, Member  
Ernest L. Gowen, Member  
William M. McGuffage, Member  
Bryan A. Schneider, Member  
Casandra B. Watson, Member

ALSO PRESENT: Rupert Borgsmiller, Executive Director  
Jim Tenuto, Assistant Executive Director  
Steve Sandvoss, General Counsel  
Rebecca L. Glazier, Assistant to Executive Director

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The meeting convened at 1:00 p.m. with eight Members present. Chairman Smart, Vice Chairman Scholz, and Member Byers were present in the Springfield office. Members Gowen, McGuffage, Schneider and Watson were present in the Chicago office. Member Coffrin was connected via telephone.

Chairman Smart presented the minutes of the December 30, 2014 State Officers Electoral Board meeting. Vice Chairman Scholz moved to approve the December 30 minutes. Member Byers seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Chairman Smart noted that in the matter of *Wharton, Smith & Wang v. Hardiman & Donald*, the objection was withdrawn and removed from the agenda.

Chairman Smart presented *Gray, Jr. v. Madonia*. Kent Gray was present pro se. John Fogerty was present on behalf of the candidate. The General Counsel reviewed the basis for the objection noting there were numerous counts but two main issues: 1) the designation of the candidate's address and 2) the identification and description of the office the candidate seeks. Mr. Sandvoss agreed with the hearing officer's recommendation to deny the candidate's motion to strike and dismiss and with the exception of the challenge to page 113, the objection be dismissed and the candidate be certified to the ballot.

Mr. Gray noted his disagreement with the recommendations as he believed the petition was flawed in that an incorrect address was listed on the petition as it was actually within the boundaries of Leland Grove and not Springfield and the description of the office sought was incorrect. He asked that the Board not adopt the hearing officer and General Counsel's recommendations and remove the candidate from the ballot.

Mr. Fogerty indicated there were 19 defects listed on the objection that were not legal defects at all. He felt the issues regarding the residency and name of the office were

adequately addressed in the hearing and that technical errors should not keep a candidate off of the ballot. He asked the Board to accept the recommendations as presented.

Discussion ensued on the allegations in the objection with conversation returning to the residency and description of the office sought.

Chairman Smart commended the hearing officer, David Herman, for a very thorough and detailed report. Member McGuffage then moved to accept the recommendation of the hearing officer and General Counsel and deny the objection and certify the candidate John "Mo" Madonia to the ballot. Ms. Watson seconded the motion which passed by roll call vote of 8-0.

General Counsel Sandvoss presented for informational purposes a listing of objections/candidates withdrawn noting that the candidates listed were not included on the January 9 certification.

Member Byers moved to recess as the State Officers Electoral Board and reconvene as the State Board of Elections. Vice Chairman Scholz seconded the motion. The meeting recessed at 1:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Rebecca L. Glazier, Asst. to Executive Director



Rupert T. Borgsmiller, Executive Director