

STATE OFFICERS ELECTORAL BOARD
Wednesday, January 30, 2013

MINUTES

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

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

The meeting convened at 3:04 p.m. via videoconference with Members Gowen, Rice, Schneider and Chairman McGuffage present in Chicago; Members Byers and Vice Chairman Smart present in Springfield; and Members Coffrin and Scholz connected via telephone.

Chairman McGuffage presented the minutes of the January 18 State Officers Electoral Board meeting. Vice Chairman Smart moved to approve the minutes as presented. Member Rice seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

The General Counsel presented for consideration objections to two candidates nominating petitions for the February 26, 2013 Special Primary Election in the 2nd Congressional District. Mr. Sandvoss noted that in the matter of *Cochrane & Moore v. Washington*, the objector has withdrawn the objection. He reviewed the hearing officer recommendation and concurred with that ruling. Member Gowen moved to adopt the recommendation of the hearing officer and General Counsel and the matter be dismissed and the candidate be certified to the ballot. Vice Chairman Smart seconded the motion which passed by roll call vote of 8-0.

The General Counsel presented *Holloway & Foster v. Beale* and reviewed the hearing officer recommendation. Andrew Finko was present on behalf of the objector. Matt Welch was present on behalf of the candidate. The hearing officer found there were 1,598 presumably valid signatures which is 342 above the minimum necessary. The hearing officer recommended the Rule 9 motion and the objection be overruled and the candidate be certified to the ballot. The General Counsel concurred with the recommendation. Discussion ensued on Mr. Finko's allegation that the petitions represent a pattern of fraud. Member Scholz moved to adopt the recommendation of the hearing officer and General Counsel. Vice Chairman Smart seconded the motion which passed by roll call vote of 8-0.

Chairman McGuffage presented five objections to candidate nominating petitions for the April 9 Consolidated Election for Regional Office of School Trustees. Jon Zahn was present as the objector. The General Counsel indicated that all five objections and recommendations thereto were the same and suggested taking them as a group. The

General Counsel concurred with the hearing officer's recommendation that the objections be sustained on the grounds that case law provides that the office must be specified on petitions. In this case a full term, 2 year unexpired term or 4 year unexpired term should have been included. Member Schneider moved to adopt the recommendation of the hearing officer and sustain the objection. Member Byers seconded the motion which passed by roll call vote of 8-0.

With there being no further business Member Schneider moved to recess until the call of the Chairman. Member Byers seconded the motion which passed unanimously. The meeting recessed at 3:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca L. Glazier, Asst. to Executive Director



Rupert T. Borgsmiller, Executive Director