

STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS
State Officers Electoral Board Meeting
Friday, August 11, 2006

MINUTES

PRESENT:

Jesse R. Smart, Chairman
Wanda L. Rednour, Vice Chairman
Patrick A. Brady, Member
John R. Keith, Member
William M. McGuffage, Member
Albert S. Porter, Member
Bryan A. Schneider, Member
Robert J. Walters, Member

ALSO PRESENT:

Daniel W. White, Executive Director
Steve Sandvoss, General Counsel
Bill Biederman, Administrative Specialist

The special meeting of the State Officers Electoral Board was called to order at 10:06 am. Member Keith moved to accept the same role call taken previously as the State Board of Elections. Member McGuffage seconded the motion which passed unanimously. Seven Members were present. Vice Chairman Rednour was delayed in joining the meeting and Member Keith held her proxy until her arrival at 10:18 a.m.

The Chairman presented the minutes from the July 5 and 11 State Officers Electoral Board meeting. The Executive Director noted some minor revisions regarding the July 5 minutes as suggested by Member Brady. Member McGuffage moved to approve the minutes as corrected. Member Keith seconded the motion which passed by roll call vote of 8-0.

The General Counsel presented *Keats, Gerson v. Shinn, et al., 06SOEBGE501* and indicated that the objection was filed against the candidates of the Independence party based on insufficient signatures on the petition. The General Counsel concurred with the finding of the hearing officer that there were insufficient signatures and that the candidates not be certified for the November 7 General Election ballot. Andrew Raucci, present on behalf of the objectors, also concurred. Member Keith moved to adopt the recommendation of the hearing officer and General Counsel. Member McGuffage seconded the motion which passed by roll call vote of 8-0.

The General Counsel presented *Keats, Gerson v. Stufflebeam, et al., 06SOEBGE502* and indicated that the objection was filed against the candidates of the Constitutional Party based on insufficient signatures on the petition. The General Counsel agreed with the recommendation of the hearing officer that the objection be sustained and the candidates not be certified for the November 7 General Election ballot. Andrew Raucci, present on behalf of the objectors, also concurred. Member

Porter moved to adopt the recommendation of the hearing officer and the General Counsel. Member McGuffage seconded the motion which passed by roll call vote of 8-0.

The General Counsel presented *Lietz, Dreher, v. Parnarauskis, 06SOEBGE503* and noted that this matter was a status update only and no Board action was required at this time. The General Counsel indicated the objection was filed against the candidate of the Socialist Equality Party and that a hearing was set for next Thursday at 10:30 a.m.

The General Counsel presented *Williams, Bailey v. Whitney, et al., 06SOEBGE504* and explained that this matter was a status update only and no Board action was required. The General Counsel indicated that this objection was filed against the candidates of the Green Party and that a hearing was set for Monday, August 14, 2006 at 9:00 a.m. to discuss challenges to the rulings made by State Board of Elections staff during the records examination. Member Brady mentioned a newspaper article that indicated the results of the records check were that the Green Party had in excess of 25,000 signatures. The General Counsel verified the results tallied showed approximately 3,000 signatures above the 25,000 minimum required. Michael Kasper, present on behalf of the objectors, indicated they were in the process of gathering evidence regarding incorrect rulings made during the records examination.

With there being no further discussion, Member McGuffage moved to recess the State Officers Electoral Board until the call of the Chairman and reconvene as the State Board of Elections. Member Keith seconded the motion which passed by roll call vote of 8-0. The meeting recessed at 10:19 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Biederman, Administrative Specialist I

Amy Calvin, Administrative Specialist II

Daniel W. White, Executive Director