

STATE OFFICERS ELECTORAL BOARD  
Special Meeting  
Monday, September 17, 2012

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  
James Tenuto, Assistant Executive Director  
Steve Sandvoss, General Counsel  
Amy Calvin, Administrative Assistant II

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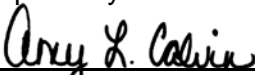
The special meeting of the State Officers Electoral Board was called to order via videoconference at 10:40 with all Members present. Chairman McGuffage, Vice Chairman Smart and Members Byers, Coffrin, Gowen and Scholz were present in Springfield and Members Rice and Schneider were present in Chicago.

The General Counsel presented the Rules of Procedure for the State Officers Electoral Board and indicated only minor changes were incorporated to accommodate this hearing. Member Byers moved to approve the Rules of Procedure as presented. Member Coffrin seconded the motion which passed by roll call vote of 8-0.

Next was consideration of objections to candidate nomination for the November 6, 2012 General Election for the following matters: *Martin v. Obama*, 12SOEBGE111; *Freeman v. Obama*, 12SOEBGE112; and *Jackson v. Obama*, 12SOEBGE113. The General Counsel reviewed the matters and indicated that the basis of objections were to the natural born citizenship of the current President Barack Obama. Counsel for the candidate filed three motions to dismiss based on the premise that similar objections previously filed by Mr. Freeman and Mr. Jackson have been litigated and dismissed based on the hearing officer recommendation that the candidate submitted proper documentation establishing his natural born citizenship. The General Counsel recommended to invoke Rule 3 of the Rules of Procedure and grant the motion to strike and dismiss the objections for those reasons stated in the motion. Chairman McGuffage moved to accept the recommendation of the General counsel and dismiss the objections. Member Byers seconded the motion which passed by roll call vote of 8-0.

With there being no further business before the State Officers Electoral Board, Chairman McGuffage moved to recess until October 16, 2012 at 10:30 a.m. Member Scholz seconded the motion which passed unanimously. The meeting recessed at 10:48 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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Amy Calvin, Administrative Assistant II

  
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Rupert Borgsmiller, Executive Director