

STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS
Regular Meeting
Thursday, January 11, 2018

MINUTES

PRESENT: William J. Cadigan, Chairman
John R. Keith, Vice Chairman
Andrew K. Carruthers, Member
William M. McGuffage, Member
Katherine S. O'Brien, Member
Charles W. Scholz, Member
Casandra B. Watson, Member

ABSENT: Ian K. Linnabary, Member

ALSO PRESENT: Steven S. Sandvoss, Executive Director
Bernadette Matthews, Asst. Exec. Director
Kenneth R. Menzel, General Counsel
Amy L. Calvin, Administrative Assistant III

The meeting convened at 9:05 a.m. via videoconference with seven Members present in Chicago. Member Linnabary was absent and Member Carruthers held his proxy. Member McGuffage held Member Watson's proxy until her arrival at 9:10 a.m.

Chairman Cadigan opened the meeting by leading everyone in the pledge of allegiance.

The Board unanimously consented to recess the State Board of Elections and reconvene as the State Officers Electoral Board. The meeting recessed at 9:06 a.m. and reconvened at 12:35 p.m. with the same attendance as noted in the initial roll call.

General Counsel Menzel presented a motion for reconsideration for agenda item 3.a.1, *SBE v. Citizens for Tim Durkee*, 23280, 17JQ068 and recommended the motion be denied. No one was present on behalf of the committee. Member Carruthers moved to adopt the recommendation of the General Counsel. Member Scholz seconded the motion which passed by roll call vote of 8-0.

Mr. Menzel presented a motion for reconsideration for agenda item 3.a.2, *SBE v. Curtis*, 26065, 17JQ100 and an appeal of campaign disclosure fines for agenda item 3.a.4, *SBE v. Citizens for Curtis*, 26065, 16JQ105 & 17DQ086 and reviewed the matters. He indicated that Mr. Curtis offered to pay the late filing fines and sought relief from the violation of the board order. Mr. Menzel recommended the motion be denied for item 2 and accept the settlement offer of \$675 for item 4, which did not apply to the new assessment of \$375. No one was present on behalf of the committee. Member Scholz moved to accept the recommendation of the General Counsel for both matters. Vice Chairman Keith seconded the motion which passed by roll call vote of 8-0.

Mr. Menzel presented a settlement offer for agenda item 3.a.3, *SBE v. Friends of Frank McPartlin*, 22548, 16CD024 and reviewed the matter. He indicated that the committee was administratively terminated in August of 2016 and recommended acceptance of the \$250 settlement offer. Mr. McPartlin was present and stated he planned to run for county commissioner. Vice Chairman

Keith moved to accept the settlement offer. Member Scholz seconded the motion which passed by roll call vote of 8-0.

Mr. Menzel presented a settlement offer for agenda item 3.a.5, *SBE v. Friends of Becky Anderson*, 29505, 16MA013 and reviewed the matter. He recommended acceptance of the \$5,000 settlement offer. Charles Wilkins was present on behalf of the committee said payment would be made today. Member Scholz moved to accept the settlement offer. Member McGuffage seconded the motion which passed by roll call vote of 8-0.

Mr. Menzel presented a settlement offer for agenda item 3.a.6, *SBE v. Friends of Eddie Johnson*, 31950, 17MQ129 and recommended acceptance of the \$508 offer. No one was present on behalf of the committee. Member Carruthers moved to accept the settlement offer. Member O'Brien seconded the motion which passed by roll call vote of 8-0.

Mr. Menzel presented a settlement offer for agenda item 3.a.7, *SBE v. The Committee to Elect Michael Strange*, 32073, 17MQ132 and reviewed the matter. He recommended the \$192.50 offer be rejected because it did not fall within the Settlement Policy Guidelines for contemplation of an offer less than 50%. Mr. Strange was present and offered \$335 to settle the fines. Vice Chairman Keith moved to accept the \$335 settlement offer. Member Scholz seconded the motion which passed by roll call vote of 8-0.

Mr. Menzel presented a settlement offer for agenda item 3.a.8, *SBE v. Friends of Cecilia O'Brien*, 32336, 17MA043 and reviewed the matter. He recommended acceptance of the \$118.16 offer but noted that offer did not include the \$2,500 fine that was recently assessed. No one was present on behalf of the committee. Member Carruthers moved to accept the settlement offer noting it did not include the recent assessment in December. Member Scholz seconded the offer which passed by roll call vote of 8-0.

Mr. Menzel presented a settlement offer for agenda item 3.a.9, *SBE v. Citizens for Kevin Suggs*, 32476, 17MA061 and reviewed the matter. He recommended denial of the \$14 offer because it was excessively low. No one was present on behalf of the committee. Member Carruthers moved to deny the settlement offer. Member O'Brien seconded the motion which passed by roll call vote of 6-2. Members McGuffage and Watson voted in the negative.

Mr. Menzel presented a settlement offer for agenda item 3.a.10, *SBE v. Friends of Mike Strick*, 31954, 17MA911 and recommended acceptance of the \$400 offer. Mr. Strick was present and stated that the committee is closed, however, he is on the ballot as a candidate for precinct committeeman. Vice Chairman Keith moved to accept the \$400 settlement offer. Member Carruthers seconded the motion which passed by roll call vote of 8-0.

Executive Director Sandvoss presented the certification of the March 20, 2018 General Primary Election ballot and noted that the certification will not contain the name of John Schmidt due to his recent passing. Vice Chairman Keith moved to certify the ballot as presented by Mr. Sandvoss and amended to confirm the action taken by the State Officers Electoral Board this morning. Member Carruthers seconded the motion which passed by roll call vote of 8-0.

The fiscal reports and two year plan of staff activity was presented for informational purposes.

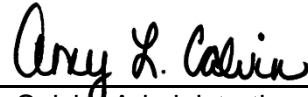
Member Scholz moved to recess to executive session to consider a complaint following closed hearing. Member Carruthers seconded the motion which passed by roll call vote of 8-0. The

meeting recessed at 1:05 p.m. and reconvened at 1:15 p.m. with the same attendance as noted in the initial roll call.

As to agenda item 3.a.13, *Andrews v. Friends of Michael Hayes Committee*, 17CD129, Member Carruthers moved to adopt the recommendation of the hearing officer and General Counsel and find that the complaint was filed on justifiable grounds as to each allegation and the matter proceed to public hearing regarding the alleged late filing of the Statement of Organization; that the matter not proceed to public hearing on the allegation relating to the failure to verify the statements information given the filing of the subsequent Statement of Organization; that the matter not proceed to public hearing on the allegation relating to the failure to timely file an A-1 report, but instead refer the matter to staff for the assessment of the appropriate penalty; that the matter proceed to public hearing regarding the alleged attribution of source failures and the alleged failure to disclose all of the financial activity on the third quarter 2017 report. Vice Chairman Keith seconded the motion which passed by roll call vote of 8-0.

With there being no further business before the Board, Member Scholz moved to adjourn until Wednesday, February 21, 2018 in Chicago or call of the Chairman, whichever occurs first. Vice Chairman Keith seconded the motion which passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 1:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Amy L. Calvin, Administrative Assistant III



Steven S. Sandvoss, Executive Director