

STATE OFFICERS ELECTORAL BOARD
Special Meeting
Friday, January 26, 2018

MINUTES

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

ABSENT: Casandra B. Watson, 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 11:41 a.m. via videoconference with seven Members present. Chairman Cadigan and Members Linnabary, McGuffage and O'Brien were present in Chicago. Members Carruthers and Scholz were present in Springfield. Vice Chairman Keith was present via telephone for participation but not for purpose of a quorum and Member Scholz held his proxy. Member Watson was absent and Member McGuffage held her proxy.

General Counsel Menzel presented an objection to established party candidate nominating petitions, *Anderson v. Jhingan*, 17SOEBGP528 and reviewed the matter. Anish Parikh was present on behalf of the objector and Jeffrey Meyer was present on behalf of the candidate. The objection alleged an insufficient number of signatures and some circulator issues. A records exam was conducted and 832 signatures were ruled upon. It was found that a total of 1,337 signatures were valid, which was 785 signatures above the required 552 minimum number of signatures. An evidentiary hearing was held and testimony was heard. The hearing officer found that testimony from four circulators lacked credibility and recommended that the sheets that they circulated be stricken in their entirety. After striking those pages, an additional 854 signatures would be removed from the petition, reducing the valid signature count from 1,337 to 481, which was 71 signatures below the 552 minimum required. Mr. Menzel concurred with the hearing officer recommendation that the objection be sustained and the name of the candidate not appear on the primary election ballot. Counsel for both parties presented their arguments and discussion ensued. Member Scholz moved to adopt the recommendation of the hearing officer and General Counsel. Member Carruthers seconded the motion which passed by roll call vote of 5-3. Members McGuffage, Watson and Chairman Cadigan voted in the negative.


The following objection/candidate withdrawn was presented for informational purposes: *Tucker v. Atteberry*, 17SOEBGP112 – candidacy withdrawn.

With there being no further business before the State Officers Electoral Board, Member Scholz moved to recess until February 21, 2018 or until the call of the Chairman. Member Carruthers seconded the motion which passed unanimously. The meeting recessed at 12:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Amy L. Calvin, Administrative Assistant III



Steven S. Sandvoss, Executive Director