

**BOARD OF ELECTION COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF CHICAGO
AS A DULY CONSTITUTED ELECTORAL BOARD**

Objections of: WILLIAM TAYLOR)
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To the Nomination) No.: 15-EB-ALD-100
Papers of: STEPHANIE RODDY)
) Rel. ALD-158, ALD-173
Candidate for the office of)
Alderman of the 7th Ward, City of Chicago)

FINDINGS AND DECISION

The duly constituted Electoral Board, consisting of Board of Election Commissioners of the City of Chicago Commissioners Langdon D. Neal, Richard A. Cowen, and Marisel A. Hernandez, organized by law in response to a Call issued by Langdon D. Neal, Chairman of said Electoral Board, for the purpose of hearing and passing upon objections (“Objections”) of WILLIAM TAYLOR (“Objector”) to the nomination papers (“Nomination Papers”) of STEPHANIE RODDY, candidate for the office of Alderman of the 7th Ward of the City of Chicago (“Candidate”) to be elected at the Municipal General Election to be held on February 24, 2015, having convened on December 8, 2014, at 9:00 a.m., in Room 800, 69 West Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois, and having heard and determined the Objections to the Nomination Papers in the above-entitled matter, finds that:

1. Objections to the Nomination Papers of the Candidate herein were duly and timely filed.
2. The said Electoral Board has been legally constituted according to the laws of the State of Illinois.

3. A Call to the hearing on said Objections was duly issued by the Chairman of the Electoral Board and served upon the members of the Electoral Board, the Objector and the Candidate, by registered or certified mail and by Sheriff's service, as provided by statute.

4. A public hearing held on these Objections commenced on December 8, 2014, and was continued from time to time.

5. The Electoral Board assigned this matter to Hearing Officer Thomas Quinn for further hearings and proceedings.

6. The Objector and the Candidate were directed by the Electoral Board's Call served upon them to appear before the Hearing Officer on the date and at the time designated in the Hearing Schedule. The following persons, among others, were present at such hearing: the Objector, WILLIAM TAYLOR, by his attorney, Randy Crumpton; and the Candidate, STEPHANIE RODDY, pro se.

7. The Hearing Officer has tendered to the Electoral Board a report and recommended decision. Based upon the evidence presented, the Hearing Officer recommends that the Objections be sustained and that the Candidate's Nomination Papers be declared invalid.

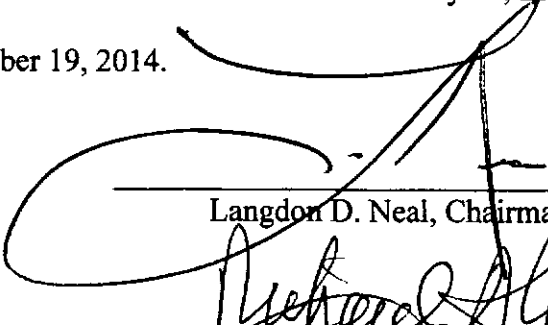
8. The Electoral Board, having considered the evidence and arguments tendered by the parties and the Hearing Officer's report of recommended findings and conclusions of law, hereby adopts the Hearing Officer's recommended findings and conclusions of law. A copy of the Hearing Officer's report is attached hereto and is incorporated herein and made a part of the Electoral Board's decision in this case.

9. For the reasons stated above, the Electoral Board sustains the Objections filed in this matter and further finds that the Candidate's Nomination Papers are invalid.

10. The Electoral Board further finds that there are other objections filed against the Candidate's Nomination Papers in related cases ALD-158 and ALD-173, but that the ruling in this case renders those objections moot.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the Objections of WILLIAM TAYLOR to the Nomination Papers of STEPHANIE RODDY, candidate for election to the office of Alderman of the 7th Ward of the City of Chicago, are hereby SUSTAINED and said Nomination Papers are hereby declared INVALID and the name of STEPHANIE RODDY, candidate for election to the office of Alderman of the 7th Ward of the City of Chicago, SHALL NOT be printed on the official ballot for the Municipal General Election to be held on February 24, 2015.

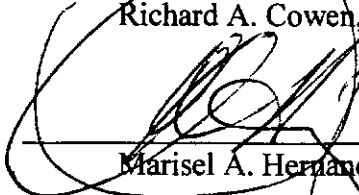
Dated: Chicago, Illinois, on December 19, 2014.



Langdon D. Neal, Chairman



Richard A. Cowen, Commissioner



Marisel A. Hernandez, Commissioner

NOTICE: Pursuant to Section 10-10.1 of the Election Code (10 PLCS 5/10-10.1) a party aggrieved of this decision and seeking judicial review of this decision must file a petition for judicial review with the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Cook County within 5 days after service of the decision of the Electoral Board.

12, 2014, the Candidate addresses paragraph 10 of the Objector's Petition and states "Paragraph 10 - Statement of Economic Interest filed in timely manner, which was proven at preliminary hearing". At the hearing on December 15, 2014, however, the Candidate stated, for the first time, that when she filed the Statement with the Board of Elections, she was told by a Board employee that she was also required to file the Statement with the Cook County Clerk. The Candidate now states that, pursuant to the directive of the Board's employee, she immediately went to the County Clerk's Office and filed another Statement of Economic Interests at that Office. She says that she did not receive a receipt for this latter filing and that she did not possess an additional copy of the Statement that could be file stamped by the County Clerk. The Candidate did not return to the Board of Elections after this alleged second filing of the Statement.

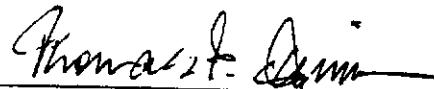
7. The Objector's attorney, Mr. Crumpton, produced an email from an employee of the County Clerk's Office which states that a statement of economic interests has not been filed by the Candidate with the County Clerk's Office. When I asked if this employee will testify, Mr. Crumpton left the hearing room to speak with the employee. Mr. Crumpton returned and said that the employee required a subpoena for her attendance. Mr. Crumpton stated that he was just given a copy of a Statement of Economic Interests, which he produced, that was filed by the Candidate with the County Clerk's Office immediately before the instant hearing.

8. One might conclude from the embellishment of the Candidate's original position that her Statement of Economic Interests filed with the Board of Elections was fully compliant to her current position that she also filed her Statement with the County Clerk (albeit, that she has no proof of this) might be the result of a belated realization that her Nomination Papers might be deficient. The question now becomes whether it is necessary to bring in employees from the

11. An evidentiary hearing is not necessary in the instant case because no receipt of a timely filed Statement of Economic Interests with the County Clerk has ever been produced. Even if an evidentiary hearing were necessary, one has not been requested by the Candidate. It would be incumbent upon the Candidate to make such a request because, based on the Nomination Papers, it could only be concluded that the Candidate filed her Statement of Economic Interests with the Board of Elections and not with the County Clerk.

Accordingly, the Hearing Officer recommends that the name of Stephanie Roddy of 8037 S. Exchange Ave., Chicago, IL, NOT be printed on the ballot for the Office of Alderman of the 7th Ward, City of Chicago.

December 16, 2014



Thomas P. Quinn | Hearing Officer