

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

Objections of: Norma Jean Clark)	
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To the Nomination)	No.: 16-EB-RGA-06
Papers of: Andre Smith)	
)	Rel.: 16-EB-RGA-04
Candidate for the nomination of the)	
Democratic Party for the office of)	
Representative in the General Assembly for the)	
5th Representative District, State of Illinois)	

FINDINGS AND DECISION

The duly constituted Electoral Board, consisting of Board of Election Commissioners for the City of Chicago Commissioners Marisel A. Hernandez, Langdon D. Neal, and William J. Kresse, organized by law in response to a Call issued by Marisel A. Hernandez, Chairman of said Electoral Board, for the purpose of hearing and passing upon objections (“Objections”) of Norma Jean Clark (“Objector”) to the nomination papers (“Nomination Papers”) of Andre Smith, candidate for the nomination of the Democratic Party for the office of Representative in the General Assembly for the 5th Representative District in the State of Illinois (“Candidate”) to be elected at the General Primary Election to be held on March 15, 2016, having convened on December 14, 2015, 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 14, 2015 and was continued from time to time.

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

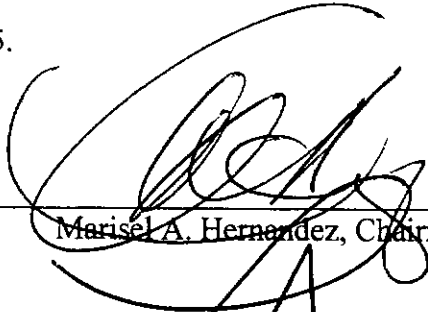
6. The Objector and the Candidate were directed by the Electoral Board to appear before the Hearing Officer on the date and at the time designated in the Hearing Schedule. The following persons, among others, were present at such hearing: the Objector, Norma Jean Clark, by her attorney, Randy Crumpton; and the Candidate, Andre Smith, pro se.

7. The Electoral Board finds that on December 15, 2015 the Objector moved to withdraw her Objections against the Candidate's Nomination Papers. The Electoral Board grants the Objector's motion to withdraw the Objections and the Objections are withdrawn.

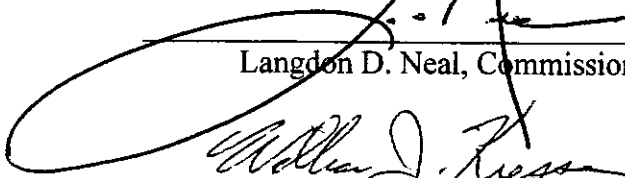
8. The Electoral Board further finds that there is another objection filed against the Candidate's Nomination Papers in Rel.: 16-EB-RGA-04, the results of which will determine whether the Candidate's Nomination Papers are valid or invalid.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the Objections of Norma Jean Clark are withdrawn and this case is dismissed as moot.

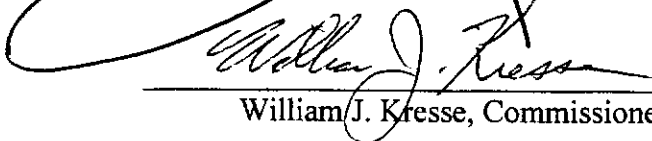
Dated: Chicago, Illinois, on December 22, 2015.



Marisel A. Hernandez, Chairman



Langdon D. Neal, Commissioner



William J. Kresse, Commissioner

NOTICE: Pursuant to Section 10-10.1 of the Election Code (10 ILCS 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.