

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

Objections of: Fred McGee)
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To the Nomination) No.: 16-EB-WC-23
Papers of: Rosa Pritchett)
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Candidate for the office of Republican Party)
Ward Committeeman for the 15th Ward, City)
of Chicago)

FINDINGS AND DECISION

The duly constituted Electoral Board, consisting of Board of Election Commissioners for the City of Chicago Commissioners Marisel A. Hernandez, William J. Kresse and Jonathan T. Swain, 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 Fred McGee (“Objector”) to the nomination papers (“Nominating Papers”) of Rosa Pritchett, candidate for the office of Republican Party Ward Committeeman for the 15th Ward of the City of Chicago (“Candidate”) 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 Richard Zulkey 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. On such date and time, the Hearing Officer called the case by calling aloud the case number, the name of the Objector and the name of the Candidate. The following persons, among others, answered and were present at such hearing: the Objector, Fred McGee, pro se; and the Candidate, Rosa Pritchett, by her attorney John G. Fogarty.

7. A record examination was ordered, after which the Candidate has 29 signatures fewer than the statutory minimum for the office sought. The Candidate filed a timely Rule 8 motion contesting the results of the records examination.

8. A hearing on the Rule 8 motion was set for January 7, 2016. The Objector failed to appear. The Objector also failed to appear at the prior hearing. The Hearing Officer further noted that the Objector, Fred McGee, was also the candidate in case 16-EB-WC-24, *Pritchett v. McGee*, but he failed to appear at hearings in those cases after the initial hearing and, after his records examination, he failed to file appear or to file a Rule 8 motion and his nomination papers were declared invalid.


9. The Hearing Officer recommends that the Objector be defaulted for failing to appear at scheduled and properly noticed hearings in this case and that the Objections be dismissed.

10. The Electoral Board finds that the Objector, Fred McGee, did not appear at two duly called meetings and hearings conducted in this matter.

11. Therefore, the Electoral Board finds that the Objector, Fred McGee, is in default, that the Objections are dismissed, and that there being no other objections to the Candidate's Nomination Papers, such papers are valid.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the Objections of Fred McGee to the Nomination Papers of Rosa Pritchett, candidate for the office of Republican Party Ward Committeeman for the 15th Ward of the City of Chicago, are hereby DISMISSED and said Nomination Papers are hereby declared VALID and the name of Rosa Pritchett, candidate for the office of Republican Party Ward Committeeman for the 15th Ward of the City of Chicago, SHALL be printed on the official ballot for the General Primary Election to be held on March 15, 2016.

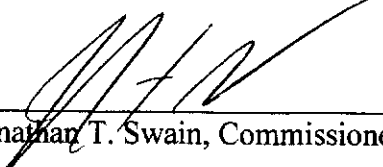
Dated: Chicago, Illinois, on January 12, 2016.



Marisel A. Hernandez, Chairman



William J. Kresse, Commissioner



Jonathan T. Swain, 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.