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

Objections of: Richard Munnich)
To the Nomination))) No.: 16-EB-WC-27
Papers of: William Antonio Moore III) 10.10-EB- WC-27
Candidate for the office of Republican Party Ward Committeeman for the 16th 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, 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 Richard Munnich ("Objector") to the nomination papers ("Nomination Papers") of William Antonio Moore III, candidate for the office of Republican Party Ward Committeeman for the 16th 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 Maurice Sone 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, Richard Munnich, by his attorney, Laura Jacksack; and the Candidate, William Antonio Moore III, 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 found:
 - A. The Objector's Petition alleges that the nominating petitions on their face contain less than the statutory minimum of 52 signatures
 - B. The Candidate filed a motion to strike and dismiss the Objector's Petition arguing that the Objector's Petition did not present proof of this claim.
 - C. The Hearing Officer found that the Objector's Petition substantially complies with the requirements of Section 10-8 of the Election Code and is a valid Petition.
 - D. Furthermore, the Hearing Officer found that a review of the Candidate's Nomination Papers reveals that the Candidate filed only 49 signatures, confirming

that the Candidate failed to file a sufficient number of signatures for placement on the ballot.

- 8. The Hearing Officer recommends, therefore, that the Objections be sustained and that the Candidate's Nomination Papers be declared invalid.
- 9. 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.
- 10. For the reasons stated above, the Electoral Board finds that the Candidate's Nomination Papers are invalid.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the Objections of Richard Munnich to the Nomination Papers of William Antonio Moore III, candidate for the office of Republican Party Ward Committeeman for the 16th Ward of the City of Chicago, are hereby SUSTAINED and said Nomination Papers are hereby declared INVALID and the name of William Antonio Moore III, candidate for the office of Republican Party Ward Committeeman for the 16th Ward of the City of Chicago, SHALL NOT be printed on the official ballot for the General Primary Election to be held on March 15, 2016.

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

Marisel A. Hernander, 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.