

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

Objections of: Jane Garcia and Elliot Franco)	
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To the Nomination)	No.: 16-EB-WC-47
Papers of: Oscar R. Ortiz)	
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Candidate for the office of Democratic Party)	
Ward Committeeman for the 26th 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 Jane Garcia and Elliot Franco ("Objectors") to the nomination papers ("Nominating Papers") of Oscar R. Ortiz, candidate for the office of Democratic Party Ward Committeeman for the 26th 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 Objectors 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.

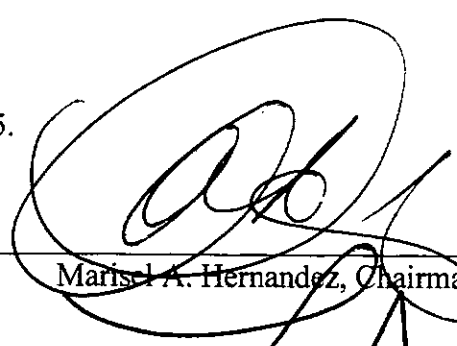
5. The Electoral Board assigned this matter to Hearing Officer Martin Greene for further hearings and proceedings.

6. The Objectors 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 Objectors, Jane Garcia and Elliot Franco, by their attorney, Thomas A. Jaconetty; and the Candidate, Oscar R. Ortiz, by his attorney, Andrew Finko.

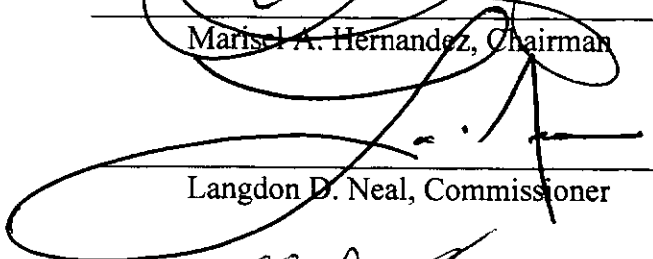
7. The Board finds that on December 15, 2015, the Candidate filed papers with the office in which the Candidate filed his nomination papers withdrawing as a candidate for election and requesting that his name not be printed upon the ballot, thus rendering the Objections moot.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the name of Oscar R. Ortiz, candidate for the office of Democratic Party Ward Committeeman for the 26th 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.

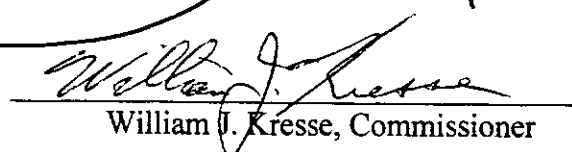
Dated: Chicago, Illinois, on December 22, 2015.



Marisel A. 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.