

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

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Objections of: LILLIE YARBER )  
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To the Nomination ) No.: 19-EB-ALD-040  
Papers of: LINDA HUDSON )  
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Candidate for the office of )  
Alderman of the 8th Ward of the City of )  
Chicago )

**FINDINGS AND DECISION**

The duly constituted Electoral Board, consisting of the Board of Election Commissioners of 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, Chair of said Electoral Board, for the purpose of hearing and passing upon objections (“Objections”) of LILLIE YARBER (“Objector”) to the nomination papers (“Nomination Papers”) of LINDA HUDSON, candidate for the office of Alderman of the 8th Ward of the City of Chicago (“Candidate”) to be elected at the Municipal General Election to be held on February 26, 2019, having convened on December 10, 2018, at 8:30 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 were duly timely filed.
2. The Electoral Board was legally constituted under the laws of the State of Illinois.
3. A Call to the hearing on said Objections was duly issued by the Chair 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 or service was waived.

4. A public hearing held on these Objections commenced on December 10, 2018, and was continued from time to time.

5. The Electoral Board assigned this matter to Hearing Officer David J. Shestokas for further hearings and proceedings.

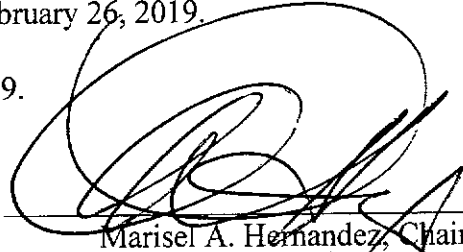
6. The Objector and the Candidate were directed by the Electoral Board's Call served upon them to appear before the Hearing Officer on the date and at the time designated in the Hearing Schedule. The following persons, among others, were present at such hearing: the Objector, LILLIE YARBER and/or her Attorney, JAMES E HARTMANN; and the Candidate, LINDA HUDSON and/or her Attorney, ED Mullen.

7. The Electoral Board finds that on January 6, 2019 the Objector moved to withdraw her Objections against the Candidate's Nomination Papers. The Electoral Board grants the motion to withdraw the Objections and the Objections are withdrawn.

8. The Electoral Board further finds that there are no additional Objections filed against the Candidate's Nomination Papers.

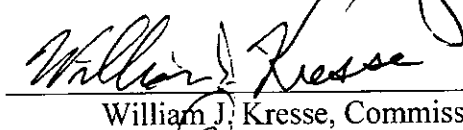
IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that, the Objections having been withdrawn and there being no other objections to the Candidate's Nomination Papers, the Nomination Papers are legally valid and the name of LINDA HUDSON, candidate for election to the office of Alderman of the 8th Ward of the City of Chicago, SHALL be printed on the official ballot for the Municipal General Election to be held on February 26, 2019.

Dated: Chicago, Illinois, on January 12, 2019.



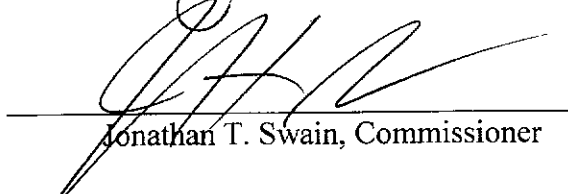
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Marisel A. Hernandez, Chair



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William J. Kresse, Commissioner



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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.

**BEFORE THE DULY CONSTITUTED ELECTORAL BOARD  
FOR THE HEARING AND PASSING UPON OF NOMINATION OBJECTIONS TO  
NOMINATION PAPERS OF CANDIDATES FOR ELECTION TO THE  
OFFICE OF ALDERMAN OF THE 8th WARD OF THE  
CITY OF CHICAGO, STATE OF ILLINOIS**

Yarber,	)	
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Petitioner-Objector,	)	
	)	
v.	)	Case: 19 EB ALD 040
	)	
Hudson,	)	
	)	
Respondent-Candidate.	)	

**HEARING OFFICER'S REPORT AND RECOMMENDED DECISION**

This matter was first heard on December 10, 2018. At that time, Objector indicated that there would be no motions and the only further proceedings would be a records exam. The matter was continued to December 18, 2018 for status on the Records Exam. On December 18, 2018 the Records Exam had not begun. The matter was continued to January 5, 2019.


A hearing was held on January 5, 2019. The Records Exam had begun on January 2, 2019, and the preliminary report was available indicating Candidate had submitted sufficient signatures prior to Handwriting Review. At that time, there remained Handwriting Expert review for a final report and a new date was to be determined pending the Handwriting Review. On January 6, 2019 Counsel for Objector filed a *Motion to Withdraw*.

A review of current cases outstanding before the Board reveals there are no other objections to the Nominating Papers of Candidate Linda Hudson.

**CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATION**

In light of the foregoing, it is my recommendation that:

1. Objector's *Motion to Withdraw* be granted.
2. Any further scheduled Handwriting Review of Candidate's Nomination Papers be cancelled.
3. That the Nomination Papers of Linda Hudson be found valid and her name be printed on the ballot as Candidate for Alderman of the 8<sup>th</sup> Ward in the election to be held on April 2, 2019.

  
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David J. Shestokas  
Hearing Officer  
January 7, 2019