

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

Objections of: NICHOLAS GEORGE)	
DIRSCHERL)	
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To the Nomination)	No.: 19-EB-ALD-041
Papers of: BETSY JOVAN WATKINS)	
)	Rel.: 19-EB-ALD-002
Candidate for the office of)	
Alderman of the 23rd Ward,)	
City of Chicago)	
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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 NICHOLAS GEORGE DIRSCHERL (“Objector”) to the nomination papers (“Nomination Papers”) of BETSY JOVAN WATKINS, candidate for the office of Alderman of the 23rd Ward in 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 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 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 Monday, December 10, 2018 and was continued from time to time.

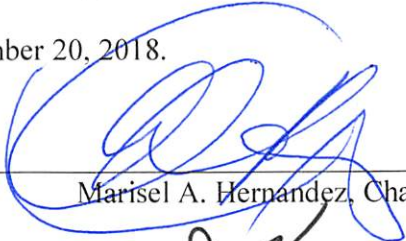
5. The Electoral Board assigned this matter to Hearing Officer Linda R. Crane for further hearings and proceedings.

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, NICHOLAS GEORGE DIRSCHERL, and/or his Attorney JAMES E HARTMANN; and the Candidate, BETSY JOVAN WATKINS pro se.


7. The Electoral Board finds that on Monday, December 10, 2018, the Candidate filed papers withdrawing as a candidate for election and requesting that her name not be printed upon the ballot, thus rendering the Objections moot.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the name of BETSY JOVAN WATKINS, candidate for the office of Alderman for the 23rd Ward, SHALL NOT be printed on the official ballot for the General Municipal Election to be held on Tuesday, February 26, 2019.

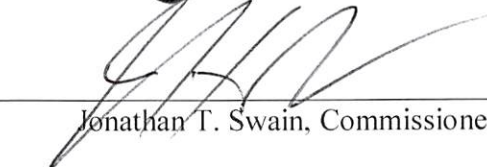
Dated: Chicago, Illinois, on Thursday, December 20, 2018.



Marisel A. Hernandez, Chair



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.