

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

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Objections of: VERLESTEL BRANCH )  
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To the Nomination ) No.: 19-EB-ALD-070  
Papers of: CHRIS TALIAFERRO )  
) Rel.: 19-EB-ALD-021, 19-EB-ALD-069  
Candidate for the office of Alderman for the )  
29th Ward of the City of Chicago )

**FINDINGS AND DECISION**

The duly constituted Electoral Board, consisting of the 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, Chair of said Electoral Board, for the purpose of hearing and passing upon objections (“Objections”) of VERLESTEL BRANCH (“Objector”) to the nomination papers (“Nomination Papers”) of CHRIS TALIAFERRO, candidate for the office of Alderman for the 29th Ward of the City of Chicago (“Candidate”) at the General Municipal Election to be held on Tuesday, February 26, 2019, having convened on Monday, 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 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.

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 Yamil E. Colón 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 Candidate, CHRIS TALIAFERRO, and/or his Attorney PERICLES ABBASI.

7. The Hearing Officer has tendered to the Electoral Board his report and recommended decision. The Hearing Officer recommends the Objections to the Candidate's Nomination Papers be dismissed because the Objector is not a resident or legal voter at the address designated in the Objector's Petition. This is a violation of the pleading requirements set forth in 10 ILCS 5/10-8 and is proper grounds for dismissal of this action with prejudice. *Pochie v. Cook County Officers Elec. Bd.*, 289 Ill.App.3d 585, 682 N.E.2d 258 (1<sup>st</sup> Dist. 1997).

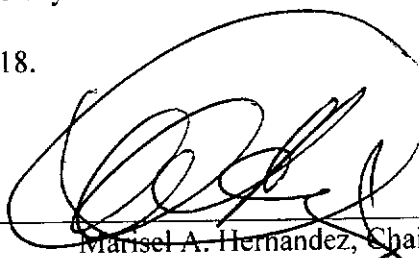
8. The Electoral Board, having reviewed the record of proceedings in this matter and having considered the report and recommendations of the Hearing Officer, as well as all argument and evidence submitted by the parties, hereby adopts the Hearing Officer's recommended findings and conclusions of law.

9. The Electoral Board further finds that objections to the Candidate's Nomination Papers were filed in related case(s) Rel.: 19-EB-ALD-021, 19-EB-ALD-069, that objections in

case 19-EB-ALD-021 are still pending and they will determine whether the Candidate's Nomination Papers are valid or invalid.


IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the Objections of ANTHONY HARRIS to the Nomination Papers of CHRIS TALIAFERRO, candidate for election to the office of Alderman of the 29th Ward of the City of Chicago, are hereby DISMISSED.

Dated: Chicago, Illinois, on December 27, 2018.



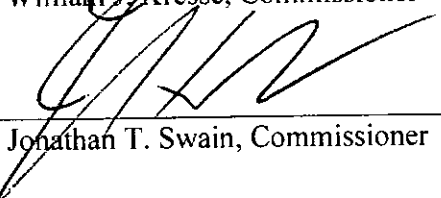
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Marisel A. Hernandez, Chairwoman



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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.