

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

Objections of: JOAN HOLLINGSWORTH)
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To the Nomination) No.: 19-EB-ALD-079
Papers of: STEVEN MCCLELLAN)
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Candidate for the office of)
Alderman of the 43rd 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 JOAN HOLLINGSWORTH (“Objector”) to the nomination papers (“Nomination Papers”) of STEVEN MCCLELLAN, candidate for the office of Alderman of the 43rd 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 Frank Tedesso for further hearings and proceedings.

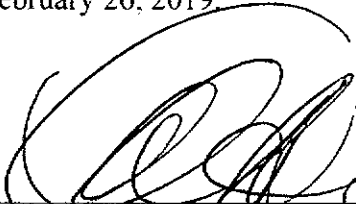
6. The Objector and the Candidate were directed by the Electoral Board's Call served upon them to appear before the Hearing Officer on the date and at the time designated in the Hearing Schedule. The following persons, among others, were present at such hearing: the Objector, JOAN HOLLINGSWORTH and/or her Attorneys, STEVEN M. LADUZINSKY and TARA O'MAHONEY; and the Candidate, STEVEN MCCLELLAN and/or his Attorney, ANISH PARIKH.

7. The Electoral Board finds that on December 31, 2018 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.

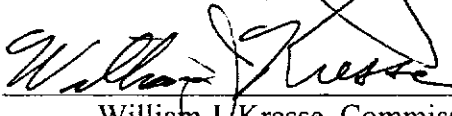
8. The Electoral Board further finds that there are no additional Objections filed against the Candidate's Nomination Papers.

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 STEVEN MCCLELLAN, candidate for election to the office of Alderman of the 43rd 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.

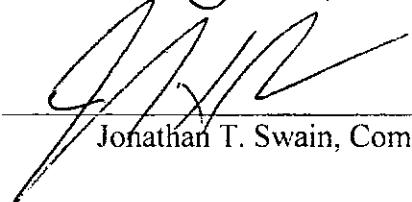
Dated: Chicago, Illinois, on January 08, 2019.



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.

BEFORE THE DULY CONSTITUTED ELECTORAL BOARD FOR THE HEARING AND PASSING UPON OF OBJECTIONS TO NOMINATION PAPERS OF CANDIDATES FOR ELECTION TO THE OFFICE OF ALDERMAN OF THE FORTY-THIRD WARD (43RD) OF THE CITY OF CHICAGO, COUNTY OF COOK, STATE OF ILLINOIS TO BE VOTED UPON AT THE FEBRUARY 26, 2019 MUNICIPAL GENERAL ELECTION

JOAN HOLLINGSWORTH,)	
Petitioner – Objector,)	
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v.)	Case No. 19-EB-ALD-079
)	
STEVEN MCCLELLAN,)	
Respondent – Candidate.)	

HEARING OFFICERS RECOMMENDED DECISION

1. The Respondent – Candidate, STEVEN MCCLELLAN, filed Nomination Papers for election to the Office of Alderman of the Forty Third (43rd) Ward of the City of Chicago, to be voted upon at the Municipal General Election to be held on February 26, 2019.

2. Petitioner – Objector, JOAN HOLLINGSWORTH, filed a timely petition objecting to the Nomination Papers of the Candidate.

3. On December 10, 2018 this matter appeared on the Board’s Initial Trial Call. The Hearing Officer received the following Board Group Exhibits into evidence: Board Group Exhibit A consisting of the Candidate’s Nomination Papers; Board Group Exhibit B consisting of the Objector’s Petition and Attachments; Board Group Exhibit C consisting of a copy of the call and proof of service; and Group Exhibit D consisting of the parties’ appearances. The parties acknowledged service and waived any and all issues regarding service. The Respondent indicated they would not file a Motion to Dismiss. The Hearing Officer signed a directive for a Records Examination pursuant to Rule 6 and continued the matter until December 20, 2018 for status on the completion of the records examination.

4. On December 20, 2018, the matter was continued until December 31, 2018 for status on the Records Examination and the setting of any Rule 8 evidentiary hearings.

5. On December 31, 2018, Objector's Attorney filed a withdrawal of the Objector's Petition.

6. There being no other objections pending, it is the Hearing Officer's Recommendation that the Candidate Steven McClellan appear on the February 26, 2019 Municipal General Election Ballot as a candidate for the Office of Alderman of the 43rd Ward of the City of Chicago.

Frank A. Tedesso, Hearing Officer