

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

Objections of: MATTIE B. LACY)
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 To the Nomination) No.: 19-EB-ALD-103
 Papers of: DARVA WATKINS)
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 Candidate for the office of)
 Alderman of the 3rd 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 MATTIE B. LACY (“Objector”) to the nomination papers (“Nomination Papers”) of DARVA WATKINS, candidate for the office of Alderman of the 3rd Ward of the City of Chicago 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 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.

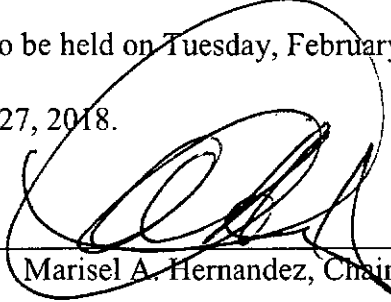
5. The Electoral Board assigned this matter to Hearing Officer Edmundo Cuevas for further hearings and proceedings.

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, MATTIE B. LACY, by her attorney JAMES P. NALLY.

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.

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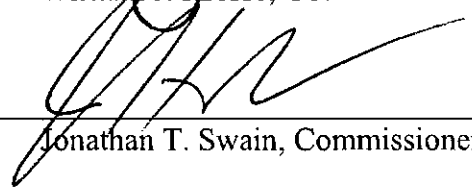
IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the name of DARVA WATKINS, candidate for the office of Alderman for the 3rd Ward of the City of Chicago, SHALL NOT be printed on the official ballot for the General Municipal Election to be held on Tuesday, February 26, 2019.
Dated: Chicago, Illinois, on Thursday, December 27, 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.