

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

Objections of: MELVIN GUNN and)
KARISHA CARRIEL)
)
To the Nomination) No.: 19-EB-MUN-013
Papers of: DOROTHY A. BROWN COOK)
) Rel.: 19-EB-MUN-007
Candidate for the Office of)
Mayor of the City of Chicago, 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 MELVIN GUNN and KARISHA CARRIEL (“Objectors”) to the nomination papers (“Nomination Papers”) of DOROTHY A. BROWN COOK, candidate for the office of Mayor of the City of Chicago 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 and 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 Objectors 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 Rodney Stewart for further hearings and proceedings.

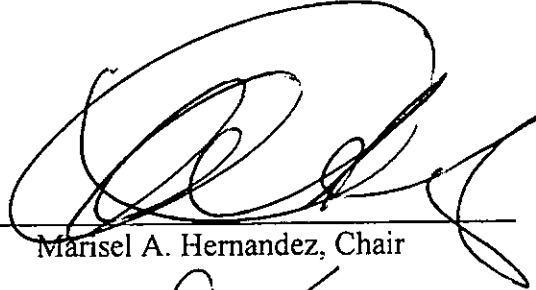
6. The Objectors and the Candidate were directed by the Electoral Board's Call served upon them to appear before the Hearing Officer on the date and at the time designated in the Hearing Schedule. The following persons, among others, were present at such hearing: the Objectors, MELVIN GUNN and KARISHA CARRIEL and/or their, Attorney, ANDREW FINKO, and the Candidate, DOROTHY A. BROWN COOK and/or her Attorneys, MABLE TAYLOR, KEITH L. SPENCE and MICHAEL S. GLATT.

7. The Electoral Board finds that on January 15, 2019 the Objectors moved to withdraw their Objections against the Candidate's Nomination Papers. The Electoral Board finds that said withdrawal may have been requested for purposes of judicial economy in consideration of the preliminary results of related case 19-EB-MUN-007. The Electoral Board therefore grants the motion to withdraw the Objections and the Objector's Petition is withdrawn.

8. The Electoral Board further finds that another Objectors' Petition was timely filed against the Candidate's Nomination Papers and that matter remains pending before the Board (Rel.: 19-EB-MUN-007). Due to the other pending objection, the Board is not able in the present matter to determine whether the Candidate's Nomination Papers are valid.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the Objections of MELVIN GUNN and KARISHA CARRIEL are withdrawn and this case is dismissed as moot.

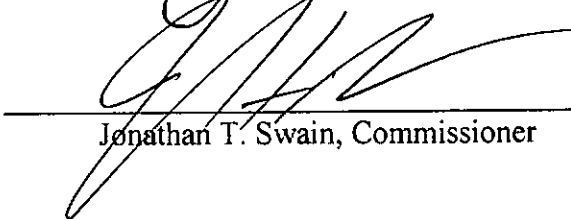
Dated: Chicago, Illinois, on January 22, 2019.



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.