

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

Objections of: HECTOR ESCARZAGA)
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To the Nomination) No.: 19-EB-MUN-024
Papers of: PATRICIA HORTON)
) Rel.: 19-EB-MUN-020
Candidate for the Office of)
City Clerk of the City of Chicago)
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FINDINGS AND DECISION

The duly constituted Electoral Board, consisting of 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 HECTOR ESCARZAGA (“Objector”) to the nomination papers (“Nomination Papers”) of PATRICIA HORTON, candidate for the office of City Clerk 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 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 December 10, 2018, and was continued from time to time.

5. The Electoral Board assigned this matter to Hearing Officer John Ashenden 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, HECTOR ESCARZAGA pro se; and the Candidate, PATRICIA HORTON and/or her Attorneys Jan Kowalski McDonald and Frank Avila.

7. The Electoral Board finds that on December 10, 2018 the Objector moved to withdraw his 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 another Objector's Petition was timely filed against the Candidate's Nomination Papers and that matter remains pending before the Board (Rel.: 19-EB-MUN-020). 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 HECTOR ESCARZAGA are withdrawn and this case is dismissed.

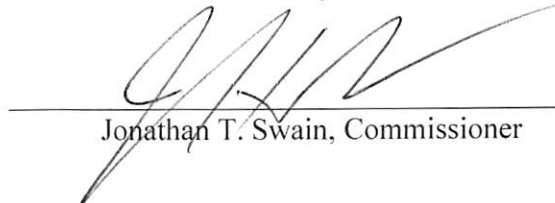
Dated: Chicago, Illinois, on December 20, 2018.



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.