

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

Objections of: ALENDA YOUNG-CURTIS)
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 To the Nomination)
 Papers of: FREDDRENNA M. LYLE) No.: 03-EB-ALD-139
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 Candidate for the office of)
 Alderman of the Sixth Ward,)
 City of Chicago)

FINDINGS AND DECISION

The duly constituted Electoral Board, consisting of Board of Election Commissioners of the City of Chicago Commissioners Langdon D. Neal, Theresa M. Petrone, and Richard A. Cowen, organized by law in response to a Call issued by Langdon D. Neal, Chairman of said Electoral Board, for the purpose of hearing and passing upon objections (“Objections”) of ALENDA YOUNG-CURTIS (“Objector”) to the nomination papers (“Nomination Papers”) of FREDDRENNA M. LYLE, candidate for the office of Alderman of the Sixth Ward of the City of Chicago (“Candidate”) to be elected at the Municipal General Election to be held on February 25, 2003, having convened on December 30, 2002, at 10:00 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 herein 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 Chairman 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 December 30, 2002 and was continued from time to time.
5. The Electoral Board assigned this matter to Hearing Examiner JOHN R. 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 Examiner on the date and at the time designated in the

Call. The following persons, among others, were present at such hearing; the Objector, ALENDA YOUNG-CURTIS, by counsel; and the Candidate, FREDDRENNA M. LYLE, by counsel.

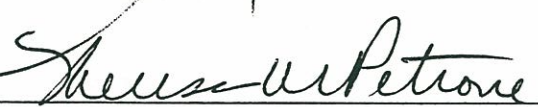
7. The Objections challenge each and every signature on the Candidate's 73 petition sheets on the grounds that the "Signer's Signature Not Genuine" (appearing in Column A of the Appendix-Recapitulation sheets attached to the Objector's Petition) and "Signer Not Registered at Address Shown" (appearing in Column B of the same Appendix-Recapitulation sheets). The first sheet of the Objector's Appendix-Recapitulation sheets, labeled "Sheet Number 1," has an "X" typed on every line of the 25 lines for that sheet under both Column A and Column B. The same for Sheet Number 2. Sheets 3 through 7 of the Appendix-Recapitulation have hand printed "X"s on every line of the 25 lines for those sheets under both Column A and Column B. Sheets 8 through 73 of the Appendix-Recapitulation appear to be photocopies of Sheet 1 or Sheet 2 of the Appendix-Recapitulation, except that hand printed "X"s also appear to be affixed in various columns throughout these sheets.
8. The Hearing Examiner has made a recommendation that Objector's entire petition be stricken and dismissed. The Objector's counsel did not object to this recommendation.
9. The Electoral Board finds that it appears that the objections were not made as the result of a reasonable inquiry or investigation of the facts and were not made in good faith. Accordingly, the Electoral Board hereby strikes and dismisses the Objector's Petition.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the Objections of ALENDA YOUNG-CURTIS to the Nomination Papers of FREDDRENNA M. LYLE, candidate for election to the office of Alderman of the Sixth Ward of the City of Chicago, are hereby STRICKEN AND DISMISSED and said Nomination Papers are hereby declared VALID and the name of FREDDRENNA M. LYLE, candidate for election to the office of Alderman of the Sixth Ward of the City of Chicago, SHALL be printed on the official ballot for the Municipal General Election to be held on February 25, 2003.

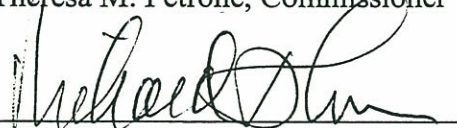
Dated: Chicago, Illinois, this Thirty-First day of January, 2003.



Langdon D. Neal, Chairman



Theresa M. Petrone, Commissioner



Richard A. Cowen, 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 10 days after the decision of the Electoral Board.