

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

Objections of: JERMAINE B. SHEPPARD)
and IRIS L. HEARD)
)
To the Nomination) **No.: 07-EB-ALD-121**
Papers of: WILLIE B. COCHRAN)
)
Candidate for the office of)
Alderman of the Twentieth 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 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 JERMAINE B. SHEPPARD and IRIS L. HEARD, (“Objector(s)”) to the nomination papers (“Nomination Papers”) of WILLIE B. COCHRAN, candidate for the office of Alderman of the Twentieth Ward in the City of Chicago (“Candidate”) to be elected at the Municipal General Election to be held on February 27, 2007, having convened on January 2, 2007, 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 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(s) 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 January 2, 2007 and was continued from time to time.

5. The Electoral Board assigned this matter to Hearing Examiner Rodney Stewart for further hearings and proceedings.


6. The Objector(s) 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(s), JERMAINE B. SHEPPARD and IRIS L. HEARD, by counsel, Michael E. Lavelle; and the Candidate, WILLIE B. COCHRAN, by counsel, Richard K. Means.

7. The Electoral Board finds that on January 17, 2007, the Objectors withdrew their Objections against the Candidate's Nomination Papers. The Electoral Board grants the Objectors' motion to withdraw the Objections and the Objections are withdrawn.

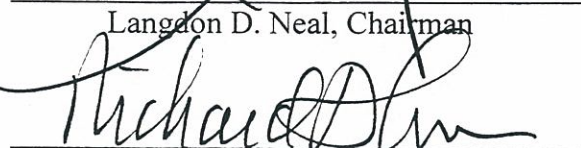
8. The Electoral Board further finds that there are no additional Objections filed against the Candidate's Nomination Papers.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the name of WILLIE B. COCHRAN, candidate for election to the office of Alderman of the Twentieth Ward of the City of Chicago, SHALL be printed on the official ballot for the Municipal General Election to be held on February 27, 2007.

Dated: Chicago, Illinois, this 23rd day of January, 2007.



Langdon D. Neal, Chairman



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.