

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

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<b>Objections of: VIRGIL E. JONES</b>	)
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<b>To the Nomination</b>	) <b>No.: 07-EB-ALD-145</b>
<b>Papers of: VESTA LEWIS DIXON</b>	) <b>(rel. 07-EB-ALD-018)</b>
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<b>Candidate for the office of</b>	)
<b>Alderman of the Fifteenth Ward,</b>	)
<b>City of Chicago</b>	)

**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 VIRGIL E. JONES (“Objector”) to the nomination papers (“Nomination Papers”) of VESTA LEWIS DIXON, candidate for the office of Alderman of the Fifteenth Ward of 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 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 January 2, 2007 and was continued from time to time.

5. The Electoral Board assigned this matter to Hearing Examiner William Jones 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, VIRGIL E. JONES, *pro se*; the Candidate, VESTA LEWIS DIXON, by counsel, J. Chris Goodman.

7. The Objections allege that the Candidate failed to comply with Chapter 2-164 of the City of Chicago Municipal Ordinance, which imposes upon candidates for office in the City of Chicago certain filing requirements. Objector alleges that the Candidate's failure to comply with such requirements invalidates his Nomination Papers.

8. The Hearing Examiner has tendered to the Electoral Board his report and recommended decision. The Hearing Examiner recommends that the Objections to the Candidate's Nomination Papers be overruled and that the Nomination Papers be found valid.

9. The Electoral Board, having reviewed the record of proceedings in this matter and having considered the report and recommendations of the Hearing Examiner, as well as all argument and evidence submitted by the parties, hereby adopts the Hearing Examiner's recommended findings and conclusions of law.

10. The Chicago City Council has adopted Chapter 2-164 of the Chicago Municipal Ordinance that imposes certain obligations on candidates for municipal office in the City of Chicago, which obligations have been become part of the City of Chicago's ethics ordinance administered and enforced by the City of Chicago Board of Ethics.

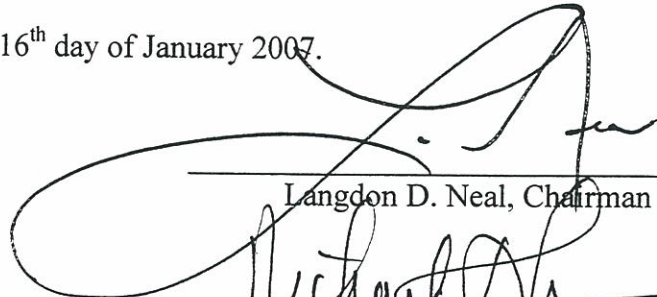
11. The Electoral Board finds that any failings with regard to the filing of ethics statements with the City of Chicago Board of Ethics as required by City ordinance does not invalidate the Candidate's Nomination Papers since the Electoral Board has no jurisdiction over enforcement of the ordinance and compliance or non-compliance with the ordinance does not affect ballot access. *Jones v. Love*, 03-EB-ALD-157, CBEC, February 5, 2003; *Smith v. Sherman*, 95-EB-ALD-20 (CBEC 1995). Therefore, the Electoral Board overrules the objections as to alleged non-compliance with the City of Chicago's ethics ordinance.

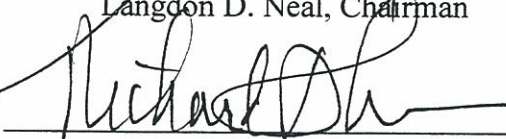
12. For the reasons stated above, the Electoral Board finds that the Candidate's Nomination Papers are valid.

13. The Electoral Board further finds that another objection filed against the Candidate's Nomination Papers in 07-EB-ALD-018 were withdrawn.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the Objections of VIRGIL E. JONES to the Nomination Papers of VESTA LEWIS DIXON, candidate for election to the office of Alderman of the Fifteenth Ward of the City of Chicago, are hereby OVERRULED and said Nomination Papers are hereby declared VALID and the name of VESTA LEWIS DIXON, candidate for election to the office of Alderman of the Fifteenth 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 16<sup>th</sup> day of January 2007.

  
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Langdon D. Neal, Chairman

  
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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.