

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

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Objections of: YVETTE WILLIAMS and )  
VIRGIL E. JONES )  
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To the Nomination )  
Papers of: SYRON M. SMITH ) No. 08-EB-RGA-17  
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Candidate for the office of Representative in ) (rel. case RGA-20, RGA-22, RGA-26)  
the General Assembly, 32nd District, State of )  
Illinois, Democratic Party )

**FINDINGS AND DECISION**

The duly constituted Electoral Board, consisting of Chicago Board of Election Commissioners Langdon D. Neal, Richard A. Cowen, and Marisel A. Hernandez, 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 YVETTE WILLIAMS and VIRGIL E. JONES ("Objectors") to the nomination papers ("Nomination Papers") of SYRON M. SMITH, candidate for nomination of the Democratic Party to the office of Representative in the General Assembly for the 32nd District, State of Illinois ("Candidate"), having convened on November 20, 2007, at 10:00 a.m., at 69 W. Washington Street, 8<sup>th</sup> Floor Conference Room, 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 Objectors 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 November 20, 2007 and was continued from time to time.

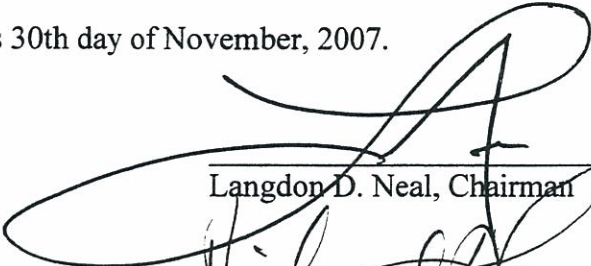
5. The Electoral Board assigned this matter to Hearing Examiner Lynne Ostfeld for further hearings and proceedings.

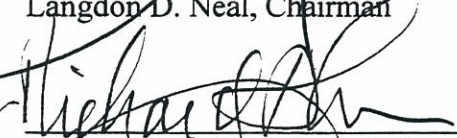
6. The Objectors and the Candidate were directed by the Electoral Board to appear before the Hearing Examiner for a hearing on the date and at the time designated on the Electoral Board's docket. The following persons, among others, were present at such hearing: the Objectors, YVETTE WILLIAMS and VIRGIL E. JONES, appearing pro se; and the Candidate, SYRON M. SMITH, appearing pro se.

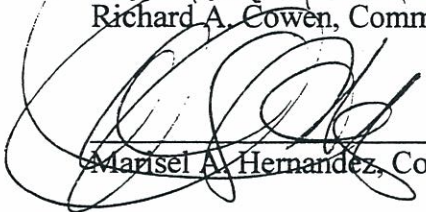
7. The Electoral Board finds that on November 29, 2007, the Candidate filed papers with the Illinois State Board of Elections withdrawing as a candidate and requesting that his name not be printed on the ballot, thus rendering the Objections moot.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the name of SYRON M. SMITH, candidate for the nomination of the Democratic Party to the office of Representative in the General Assembly for the 32nd Representative District, State of Illinois, SHALL NOT be printed on the official ballot for the General Primary Election to be held on February 5, 2008.

Dated: Chicago, Illinois, this 30th day of November, 2007.

  
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Langdon D. Neal, Chairman

  
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Richard A. Cowen, Commissioner

  
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Marisel A. Hernandez, 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.



# WITHDRAWAL OF CANDIDACY

I, Syron M. Smith (Name of Candidate) being first duly sworn, say that I reside at 6610 S. Albany in the ~~City~~ Village of Chicago County of Cook and State of Illinois; that I am the same person whose name is subscribed hereto in whose behalf nomination papers were filed for the office of Illinois General Assembly, 32<sup>nd</sup> district, Democratic Party, and I hereby withdraw as a candidate for said office and respectfully request that my name NOT be printed upon the official ballot as a candidate for the primary Election to be held on February 5, 2008 (date of election).

Syron M. Smith  
SIGNATURE OF CANDIDATE

STATE OF Illinois )  
COUNTY OF Cook ) SS.

I, ZENAIDA CERRILLO, a Notary Public, in and for said County and State aforesaid, do hereby certify that SYRON M. SMITH personally known to me to be the same person whose name is subscribed to in the foregoing withdrawal, appeared before me in person this day and acknowledged that he/she signed the said instrument as his free and voluntary act of his/her own will and accord.

Signed and sworn to (or affirmed) by SYRON M. SMITH before me on NOV 29, 2007  
(Name of Candidate)



Zenaida Cerrillo  
(Notary Public's Signature)

Withdrawal is filed with the office where original nominating petition or certificate of nomination was filed. Upon receipt, the local election official must issue amended certification to each election authority who prepares ballots for the political subdivision.



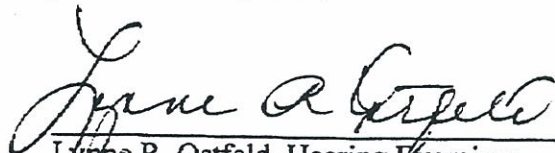


5. At the continuance of the hearing on November 29, 2007, one objector, Virgil E. Jones, was present but the candidate was not present. The Hearing Examiner announced the withdrawal of candidacy by Syron M. Smith and that she would accept it and recommend that the case be dismissed. The objector had no objection.

6. The Hearing Examiner recommends that this Board accept the Withdrawal of Candidacy of Syron M. Smith.

7. The Hearing Examiner recommends that this Board order that the name of SYRON M. SMITH NOT BE printed on the Democratic ballot for Illinois State Representative from the 32nd District, in the General Primary Election to be held on February 5, 2008.

Dated: Chicago, Illinois, this 30th day of November, 2007.

  
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Lynne R. Ostfeld, Hearing Examiner