

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

Objections of: LARRY G. NELSON)	
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To the Nomination)	No. 08-EB-WC-29
Papers of: REVA WILLIAMS)	
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Candidate for the office of Ward)	
Committeeman for the 24th Ward of the)	
City of Chicago, 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 LARRY G. NELSON ("Objector") to the nomination papers ("Nomination Papers") of REVA WILLIAMS, candidate for the office of Ward Committeeman for the 24th Ward of the City of Chicago, Democratic Party ("Candidate"), having convened on November 26, 2007, at 10:00 a.m., at 69 W. Washington Street, 8th 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 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 November 26, 2007 and was continued from time to time.

5. The following persons, among others, were present at such hearing: the members of the Electoral Board, the Objector, LARRY G. NELSON; and the Candidate, REVA WILLIAMS.

6. The Electoral Board assigned this matter to Hearing Examiner William J. Cadigan for further hearings and proceedings.

7. The Objector 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 Objector, LARRY G. NELSON, appearing pro se; and the Candidate, REVA WILLIAMS, appearing pro se.

8. At the initial hearing, the Candidate requested a continuance for the purpose of engaging legal counsel. The Hearing Examiner granted the Candidate's request.

9. Prior to the date of the next scheduled hearing, the Candidate called the Chicago Board of Election Commissioners to report that she would not be appearing at the continued hearing. The hearing proceeded in her absence.

10. The Objector alleges that the Candidate failed to file a Statement of Candidacy as part of her Nomination Papers filed in support of her candidacy.

11. Section 7-10 of The Election Code (10 ILCS 5/7-10) provides that each petition must include as a part thereof, a statement of candidacy for each candidate filing and that each statement of candidacy setting out the name and address of the candidate, the office for which he or she is a candidate, and a statement that the candidate is a qualified primary voter of the party to which the petition relates, is qualified for the office specified and that the candidate has filed (or will file before the end of the filing period) a statement of economic interests as required by the Illinois Governmental Ethics Act. The statement of candidacy shall request that the candidate's name be placed upon the official ballot and shall be in substantially the form set forth in Section 7-10 and shall be subscribed and sworn to by the candidate before some officer authorized to take acknowledgments of deeds in the State of Illinois.

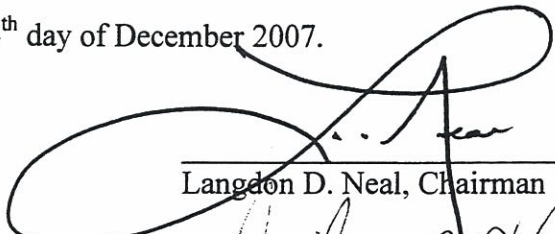
12. The Electoral Board finds that the Candidate did not file a Statement of Candidacy with her Nomination Papers as required by Section 7-10 of The Election Code.

13. The Electoral Board finds that the failure to file a statement of candidacy renders the Candidate's nomination papers invalid. *Purnell v. Alcozer*, 95-EB-ALD-28, CBEC, 1995; *Hernandez v. Alcozer*, 95-EB-ALD-39, CBEC, 1995; *Mobley v. Beard*, 95-EB-MUN-07, CBEC, 1995; *Lacy v. Sias*, 92-EB-WC-35, CBEC, 1992.

14. The Electoral Board therefore sustains the Objections and finds that the Candidate's Nomination Papers are invalid.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED, that the Objections of LARRY G. NELSON to the Nomination papers of REVA WILLIAMS, candidate for the election to the office of Ward Committeeman for the 24th Ward of the City of Chicago, Democratic Party are hereby SUSTAINED and said Nomination Papers are hereby declared INVALID and the name of REVA WILLIAMS, candidate for election to the office of Ward Committeeman for the 24th Ward of the City of Chicago, Democratic Party, SHALL NOT be printed on the official ballot for the General Primary Election to be held on February 5, 2008.

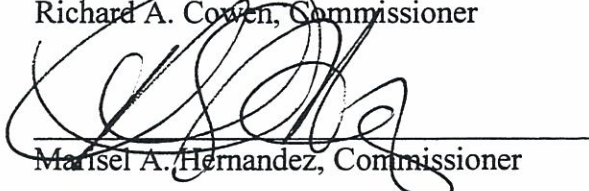
Dated: Chicago, Illinois, this 4th day of December 2007.



Langdon D. Neal, Chairman



Richard A. Cowen, Commissioner



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.