

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

Objections of: THOMAS J. FABER)
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To the Nomination) No. 08-EB-WC-47
Papers of: LONNIE LEDFORD)
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Candidate for the office of Ward)
Committeeman for the 50th Ward of the)
City of Chicago, Republican 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 THOMAS J. FABER ("Objector") to the nomination papers ("Nomination Papers") of LONNIE LEDFORD, candidate for election to the office of Ward Committeeman for the 50th Ward of the City of Chicago, Republican 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 Electoral Board assigned this matter to Hearing Examiner Rodney Stewart for further hearings and proceedings.

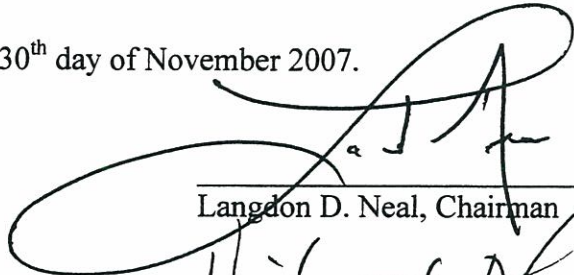
6. The Objector and the Candidate were directed by the Electoral Board to appear before the Hearing Examiner for a hearing on the date and at the time designated on the Electoral Board's docket. The following persons, among others, were present at such hearing: the Candidate, LONNIE LEDFORD, appearing by counsel, Christine Svenson. The Objector did not appear or otherwise answer at the initial call of the hearing or when the case was recalled a second and third time, nor did anyone appear on behalf of the Objector.

7. The Electoral Board finds that the Objector was served with a copy of the Electoral Board's Call to the November 26, 2007 hearing by substituted service by a deputy Cook County Sheriff's service on November 20, 2007 at 9:19 p.m. upon Sharon Patrick at 2820 W. Jarlath Street, Chicago, Illinois.

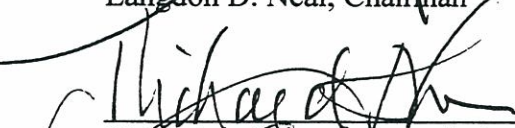
8. The Electoral Board finds that notwithstanding the fact that the Objector was served with a copy of the Electoral Board's Call, the Objector failed to appear at the scheduled hearing in this cause and is in default.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the Objections of THOMAS J. FABER to the Nomination Papers of LONNIE LEDFORD, candidate for election to the office of Ward Committeeman for the 50th Ward of the City of Chicago, Republican Party, are hereby OVERRULED and said Nomination Papers are hereby declared VALID and the name of LONNIE LEDFORD, candidate for election to the office of Ward Committeeman for the 50th Ward of the City of Chicago, Republican Party, SHALL be printed on the official ballot for the General Primary Election to be held on February 5, 2008.

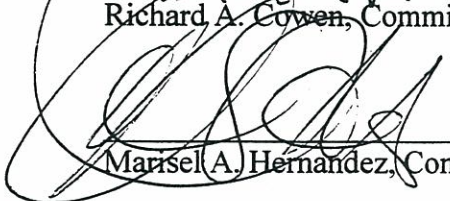
Dated: Chicago, Illinois, this 30th day of November 2007.



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.

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BEFORE THE CHICAGO BOARD OF ELECTIONS COMMISSIONERS

In Re:
Thomas J. Faber,
Objector,
Vs
Lonnie Ledford,
Candidate.

No. 08-EB-WC-47

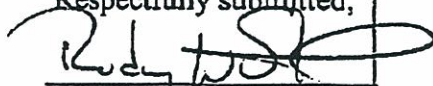
Hearing Examiner's Recommended Findings

The matter was first called for the initial hearing on November 26, 2007 at 1:10 p.m. Service was obtained on the Objector, Thomas J. Faber by substitute service on Sharon Patrick, noted to be his mother, November 20, 2007. Notice is proper. The Objector was not present. The Candidate was present thru legal counsel, Cristine Svenson.

The matter was initially passed after being called the first time. It was recalled a second time at 1:24 p.m. and again for a third time at 1:40 p.m. Objector never appeared. The Candidate moved to default the Objector for his failure to appear.

It is the recommendation of the Hearing Officer that a default Order be entered in favor of the Candidate and against the Objector due to the Objector's failure to appear at the initial hearing.

Respectfully submitted,



Rodney W. Stewart
Hearing Officer

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