

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

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Objections of: Richard Barnett )  
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To the Nomination ) No. 10-EB-RES-03  
Papers of: Ronnie McKenzie )  
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Candidate for the office of Representative )  
in the General Assembly, 9th )  
Representative District, State of Illinois, )  
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 Richard Barnett ("Objector") to the nomination papers ("Nomination Papers") of Ronnie McKenzie, candidate for the nomination of the Republican Party for the office of Representative in the General Assembly, 9th Representative District, State of Illinois ("Candidate"), having convened on May 3, 2010, 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 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 May 3, 2010 and was continued from time to time.

5. The Electoral Board assigned this matter to Hearing Officer Gerald B. Mullin 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 Officer for a hearing on the date and at the time designated on the Electoral Board's Initial Hearing Schedule.

7. The following persons, among others, were present at such hearing: the Objector, Richard Barnett, appearing by counsel, Michael J. Kasper; and the Candidate, Ronnie McKenzie, appearing by counsel, John G. Fogarty, Jr.

8. The Electoral Board finds that the parties stipulated that the Candidate's nominating petition sheets contained on their face only 307 purportedly valid signatures of registered voters in the 9<sup>th</sup> Representative District. By law, candidates for the office in question are required to submit nominating petitions containing at least 500 valid signatures of registered voters in the district.

9. The Electoral Board finds, therefore, that the Candidate's Nomination Papers are insufficient as a matter of law.

10. The Electoral Board sustains the Objections filed in the matter and finds that the Candidate's Nomination Papers are invalid.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the Objections of Richard Barnett to the Nomination papers of Ronnie McKenzie, candidate for nomination of the Republican Party for the office of Representative in the General Assembly, 9th Representative District, State of Illinois, are hereby SUSTAINED and said Nomination Papers are hereby declared INVALID and the name of Ronnie McKenzie, candidate for nomination of the Republican Party for the office of Representative in the General Assembly, 9th Representative District, State of Illinois, SHALL NOT be printed on the official ballot for the General Election to be held on November 2, 2010.

Dated: Chicago, Illinois, on June 4, 2010.



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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.