

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

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Objections of: Melissa L. Williams and	)	
Sharmaine D. Hendrix-Miller	)	
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To the Nomination	)	No. 10-EB-RGA-10
Papers of: Arthur Turner	)	
	)	( rel.RGA - 09 )
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Candidate for the office of Representative	)	
in the General Assembly, 9th	)	
Representative 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 Melissa L. Williams and Sharmaine D. Hendrix-Miller ("Objectors") to the nomination papers ("Nomination Papers") of Arthur Turner, candidate for nomination of the Democratic Party for the office of Representative in the General Assembly, 9th Representative District, State of Illinois ("Candidate"), having convened on November 16, 2009, 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 16, 2009 and was continued from time to time.

5. The Electoral Board assigned this matter to Hearing Officer Ernesto D. Borges, Jr. for further hearings and proceedings.

6. The Objectors and the Candidate were directed by the Electoral Board 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. The following persons, among others, were present at such hearing: the Objectors, Melissa L. Williams and Sharmaine D. Hendrix-Miller, appearing *pro se*; and the Candidate, Arthur Turner, appearing by counsel, Michael J. Kasper.

7. The Hearing Officer ordered that an examination of the registration records be conducted by clerks and agents under the Board's direction and supervision, in accordance with the laws of Illinois and the rules of the Board.

8. The Hearing Officer directed all parties to appear and be present, either personally and/or by their authorized representatives during the records examination.

9. The Candidate or his duly authorized representative(s) were present during the examination of the registration records.

10. The Objectors or their duly authorized representative(s) were present during the examination of the registration records.

11. The examination of the registration records of the Board was terminated on November 22, 2009 after examining 99 petition sheets. It was determined that the Candidate's Nomination Papers contained at least 637 valid signatures, in excess of the 500 minimum number of signatures required by law for the office in question.

12. The Electoral Board has considered all evidence and arguments tendered by the parties, as well as the report and recommended findings and conclusions of law of the Hearing Officer.

13. The Electoral Board finds that the number of valid signatures appearing on the Candidate's nominating petition exceeds the minimum number of valid signatures required by law to be placed upon the official ballot as a candidate for nomination of the Democratic Party for the office of Representative in the General Assembly, 9th Representative District, State of Illinois.

14. There were other objections filed against a second set of nomination papers filed by the Candidate. Those objections were filed in case 10-EB-RGA-09. However, the Candidate withdrew the other set of nomination papers at the State Board of Elections. Consequently, the objectors in case 10-EB-RGA-09 withdrew their objections in that case.

15. The Electoral Board finds, therefore, that the Objections are overruled and that the Nomination Papers of Arthur Turner are valid.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the Objections of Melissa L. Williams and Sharmaine D. Hendrix-Miller to the Nomination Papers of Arthur Turner, candidate for



nomination of the Democratic Party for the office of Representative in the General Assembly, 9th Representative District, State of Illinois, are hereby OVERRULED and said Nomination Papers are hereby declared VALID and the name of Arthur Turner, candidate for nomination of the Democratic Party for the office of Representative in the General Assembly, 9th Representative District, State of Illinois, SHALL be printed on the official ballot for the General Primary Election to be held on February 2, 2010.

Dated: Chicago, Illinois, on December 1, 2009.



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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.