

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

Objections of: ANDRE THAPEDI)	
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To the Nomination)	
Papers of: SYRON M. SMITH)	No.: 10-EB-RGA-21
)	
Candidate for the Office of)	(rel. RGA - 22)
Representative in the General Assembly, 32nd)	
Representative District, State of Illinois, Democratic)	
Party)	

FINDINGS AND DECISION

The duly constituted Electoral Board, consisting of Board of Election Commissioners of the City of Chicago 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 ANDRE THAPEDI (“Objector(s)”) to the nomination papers (“Nomination Papers”) of SYRON M. SMITH, candidate for the nomination of the Democratic Party for the office of Representative in the General Assembly, 32nd Representative District, State of Illinois (“Candidate”), to be nominated at the General Primary Election to be held February 2, 2010, having convened on November 16, 2009 at 10:00 a.m., in Room 800, 69 West Washington Street, 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(s) 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 at 10:00 a.m.

5. The Electoral Board assigned this matter to Hearing Officer Casandra B. Watson for further hearings and proceedings.

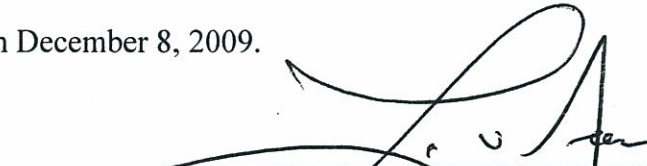
6. The Objector(s) and the Candidate were directed by the Electoral Board's Call served upon them to appear before the Hearing Officer on the date and at the time designated in the Call.

7. The Board finds that on December 1, 2009 the Candidate filed papers with the State Board of Elections withdrawing as a candidate and requesting that his name not be printed upon the ballot, thus rendering the Objections moot.

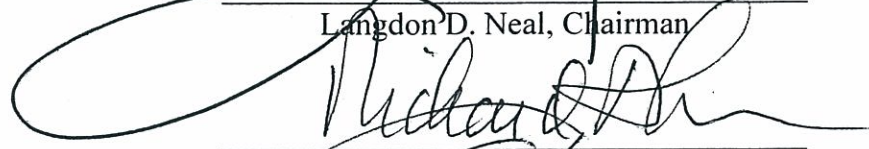
8. Additional objections were filed against the Candidate's Nomination Papers in case 10-EB-RGA-22, but the Candidate's withdrawal renders those objections moot as well.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the name of SYRON M. SMITH, candidate for nomination of the Democratic Party for the office of Representative in the General Assembly, 32nd Representative District, State of Illinois, SHALL NOT be printed on the official ballot for the General Primary Election to be held on February 2, 2010.

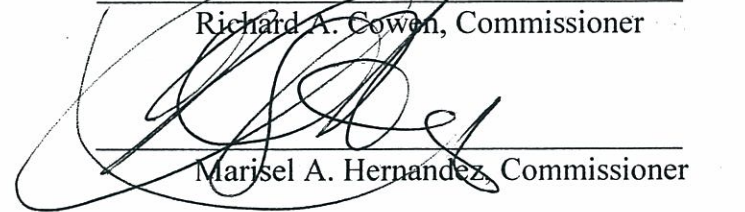
Dated: Chicago, Illinois, on December 8, 2009.



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.