

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

Objections of: Virgil E. Jones)
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To the Nomination) No. 10-EB-RGA-23
Papers of: Andre Thapedi)
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Candidate for the office of Representative)
in the General Assembly, 32nd)
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 Virgil E. Jones ("Objector") to the nomination papers ("Nomination Papers") of Andre Thapedi, candidate for the nomination of the Democratic Party for the office of Representative in the General Assembly, 32nd Representative District, State of Illinois ("Candidate"), having convened on November 16, 2009, 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 16, 2009 and was continued from time to time.

5. The Electoral Board assigned this matter to Hearing Officer Edwin Reyes 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, Virgil E. Jones, appearing *pro se*; and the Candidate, Andre Thapedi, appearing by counsel, Michael J. Kasper.

8. The Objector claims that the Candidate's receipt for statement of economic interests does not comply with the law. The Candidate's receipt identifies the office as, "Andre Thapedi Representative in the General Assembly."

9. The Electoral Board finds that the Candidate's Statement of Economic Interests receipt is in substantial compliance with the requirements of the law. See, e.g., *Johnson v. Galloway*, 92-EB-REP-27, February 10, 1992; *Derengowski v. Lamm*, 96-EB-RGA-1, 1995.


10. Therefore, the Electoral Board overrules the objections found in the Objector's Petition and finds that the Candidate's Nomination Papers are valid.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the Objections of Virgil E. Jones to the Nomination papers of Andre Thapedi, candidate for nomination of the Democratic Party for the office of Representative in the General Assembly, 32nd Representative District, State of Illinois, are hereby OVERRULED and said Nomination Papers are hereby declared VALID and the name of Andre Thapedi, candidate for nomination of the Democratic Party for the office of Representative in the General Assembly, 32nd 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.



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.