

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

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Objections of: Wilbon Brown )  
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To the Nomination ) No.: 11-EB-ALD-006  
Papers of: Khaliq Muhammad )  
 ) Related Case: 11-EB-ALD-254  
Candidate for the office of )  
Alderman of the 7th Ward, City of Chicago )

**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 Wilbon Brown (“Objector”) to the nomination papers (“Nomination Papers”) of Khaliq Muhammad, candidate for the office of Alderman of the 7th Ward of the City of Chicago (“Candidate”) to be elected at the Municipal General Election to be held on February 22, 2011, having convened on December 6, 2010, at 9:00 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 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 December 6, 2010 and was continued from time to time.

5. The Electoral Board assigned this matter to Hearing Officer William J. Kresse 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 on the date and at the time designated in the Hearing Schedule. The following persons, among others, were present at such hearing: the Objector, Wilbon Brown, by attorney, and the Candidate, Khaliq Muhammad, pro se.

7. The Objector alleges that the nominating papers were not properly bound as required by Section 10-4 of the Election Code because they were held together only by a rubber band.

8. Section 10-4 provides in pertinent part that nomination papers "shall be neatly fastened in book form, by placing the sheets in a pile and fastening them together at one edge in a secure and suitable manner.

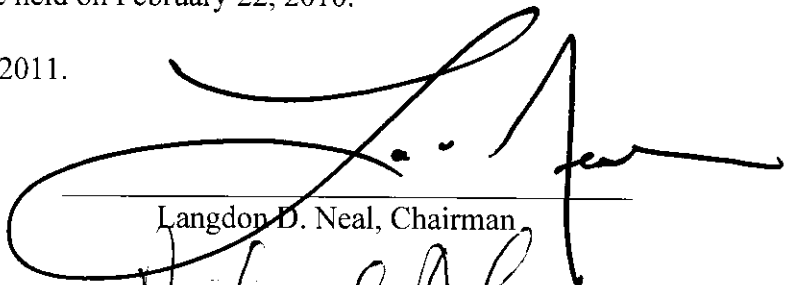
9. The Hearing Officer has tendered to the Electoral Board a report and recommended decision. Based upon the evidence presented, the Hearing Officer found that fastening the nominating papers with only a rubber band did not comply with the requirements of Section 10-4 of the Election Code.

10. The Electoral Board, having considered the evidence and arguments tendered by the parties and the Hearing Officer's report of recommended findings and conclusions of law, hereby adopts the Hearing Officer's recommended findings and conclusions of law.

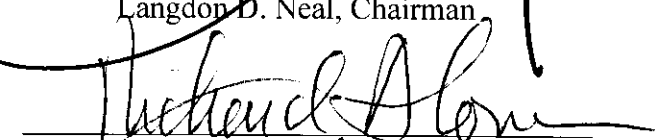
11. For the reasons stated above, the Electoral Board finds that the Candidate's Nomination Papers are invalid.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the Objections of Wilbon Brown to the Nomination Papers of Khaliq Muhammad, candidate for election to the office of Alderman of the 7th Ward of the City of Chicago, are hereby SUSTAINED and said Nomination Papers are hereby declared INVALID and the name of Khaliq Muhammad, candidate for election to the office of Alderman of the 7th Ward of the City of Chicago, SHALL NOT be printed on the official ballot for the Municipal General Election to be held on February 22, 2010.

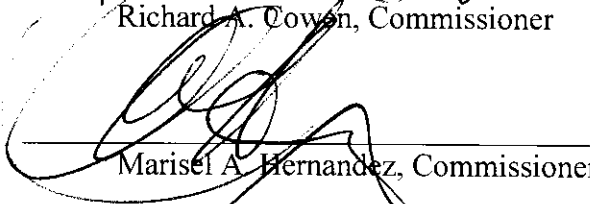
Dated: Chicago, Illinois, on January 7, 2011.



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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 5 days after service of the decision of the Electoral Board.**