

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

Objections of: Midge Kimberly)
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To the Nomination) No.: 12-EB-SS-04
Papers of: Larry D. Craddieth)
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Candidate for the nomination of the)
Democratic Party for the office of State)
Senator for the 3rd Legislative District, State)
of Illinois)

FINDINGS AND DECISION

The duly constituted Electoral Board, consisting of Board of Election Commissioners for 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 Midge Kimberly (“Objector”) to the nomination papers (“Nomination Papers”) of Larry D. Craddieth, candidate for the nomination of the Democratic Party for the office of State Senator for the 3rd Legislative District of the State of Illinois (“Candidate”) at the General Primary Election to be held on March 20, 2012, having convened on December 19, 2011 at 8:30 AM, 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 19, 2011 and was continued from time to time.

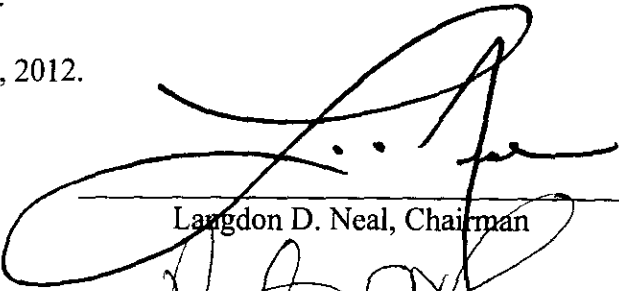
5. The Electoral Board assigned this matter to Hearing Officer John Ashenden for further hearings and proceedings.

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, Midge Kimberly, by attorney Michael J. Kasper; and the Candidate, Larry D. Craddieth pro se.

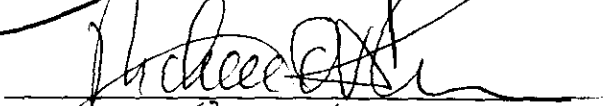
7. The Board finds that on December 28, 2011, the Candidate filed papers with the State Board of Elections withdrawing as a candidate for election and requesting that his name not be printed upon the ballot, thus rendering the Objections moot.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the name of Larry D. Craddieth, candidate for the nomination of the Democratic Party for the office of State Senator for the 3rd Legislative District of the State of Illinois, SHALL NOT be printed on the official ballot for the General Primary Election to be held on March 20, 2012.

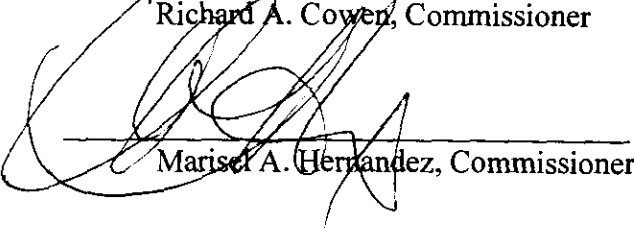
Dated: Chicago, Illinois, on January 4, 2012.



Langdon D. Neal, Chairman



Richard A. Cover, 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 5 days after service of the decision of the Electoral Board.