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

Objections of: Cort D. Chubko)
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To the Nomination) No.: 12-EB-WC-18
Papers of: Rosa Pritchett)
Candidate for the office of Republican Party)
Ward Committeeman for the 15th Ward, City)
of Chicago)

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 Cort D. Chubko ("Objector") to the nomination papers ("Nominating Papers") of Rosa Pritchett, candidate for the office of Republican Party Ward Committeeman for the 15th Ward of the City of Chicago ("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 Frank Tedesso 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, Cort D. Chubko, pro se; the Candidate, Rosa Pritchett, pro se.
- 7. The Hearing Officer has tendered to the Electoral Board his report and recommended decision. The Hearing Officer recommends that the Objections to the Candidate's Nomination Papers be overruled and that the Nomination Papers be declared valid.
- 8. The Electoral Board, having reviewed the record of proceedings in this matter and having considered the report and recommendations of the Hearing Officer, as well as all argument and evidence submitted by the parties, hereby adopts the Hearing Officer's recommended findings and conclusions of law. A copy of the Hearing Officer's report and recommendations is attached hereto and is incorporated herein as part of the decision of the Electoral Board.
- 9. For the reasons stated above, the Electoral Board overrules the Objections to the Candidate's Nomination Papers and finds that the Candidate's Nomination Papers are valid.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the Objections of Cort D. Chubko to the Nomination Papers of Rosa Pritchett, candidate for the office of Republican Party Ward Committeeman for the 15th Ward of the City of Chicago, are hereby OVERRULED and said Nomination Papers are hereby declared VALID and the name of Rosa Pritchett, candidate for the office of Republican Party Ward Committeeman for the 15th Ward of the City of Chicago, SHALL 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. 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 5 days after service of the decision of the Electoral Board.