

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

Objections of: Elizabeth Rodriquez)
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To the Nomination) No.: 12-EB-IND-02
Papers of: Joseph W. Sneed, Jr.)
) (Rel. Case No. 12EB-IND-01)
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Independent candidate for the office of)
Representative in the General Assembly for the)
10th Representative 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 Elizabeth Rodriquez (“Objector”) to the nomination papers (“Nomination Papers”) of Joseph W. Sneed, Jr., Independent candidate for the office of Representative in the General Assembly for the 10th Representative District of the State of Illinois (“Candidate”) at the General Election to be held on November 6, 2012, having convened on July 10, 2012 at 4:00 p.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 July 10, 2012 and was continued from time to time.


5. The Electoral Board assigned this matter to Hearing Officer Barbara Goodman 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, Elizabeth Rodriguez, by attorney James P. Nally PC; and the Candidate, Joseph W. Sneed, Jr. by attorney Ivan Tomic.

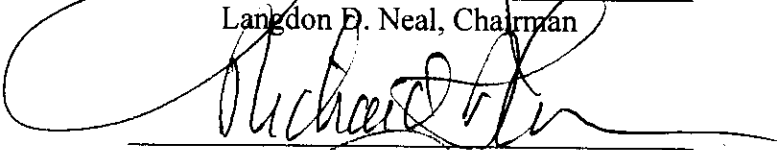
7. The Board finds that on July 30, 2012, the Candidate filed papers with the State Board of Elections withdrawing as a candidate for election and requesting that his name not be printed upon the ballot, thus rendering the Objections moot.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the name of Joseph W. Sneed, Jr., Independent candidate for the office of Representative in the General Assembly for the 10th Representative District of the State of Illinois, SHALL NOT be printed on the official ballot for the General Election to be held on November 6, 2012.

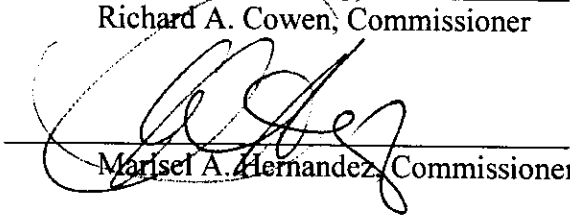
Dated: Chicago, Illinois, on August 7, 2012.



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.