

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

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Objections of: Danielle R. Harris )  
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To the Nomination ) No.: 14-EB-RGA-12  
Papers of: Antwan D. Hampton )  
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Candidate for the nomination of the )  
Democratic Party 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 Danielle R. Harris (“Objector”) to the nomination papers (“Nomination Papers”) of Antwan D. Hampton, candidate for the nomination of the Democratic Party for the office of Representative in the General Assembly for the 10th Representative District in the State of Illinois (“Candidate”) at the General Primary Election to be held on March 18, 2014, having convened on December 16, 2013, 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 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 16, 2013 and was continued from time to time.

5. The Electoral Board assigned this matter to Hearing Officer Christopher B. Cohen 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, Danielle R. Harris, by her attorney, James P. Nally; the Candidate was not served and did not appear.

7. At the December 20, 2013 hearing both the Candidate and the Objector's attorney were present. The Candidate moved to strike and dismiss the Objector's Petition, alleging that it was insufficient in fact and law because the Objector's prayer for relief requested the name of someone other than the Candidate not be printed on the March 18, 2014 ballot. The Hearing Officer found that the Candidate's name was included in the caption and in all of the recapitulation sheets, so that the Candidate was on notice of the matter and there was no basis for confusion. Citing *Wollan v. Jacoby*, 274 Ill. App 3d 388 (1st Dist. 1995), the Hearing Officer concluded that the governing statute does not require precise identification of either the

candidate or the office because there was no prejudice or confusion. The Hearing Officer thus denied Candidate's motion to strike.

8. The Candidate did not appear for the hearing on January 7, 2014. Oral notice of the hearing was given on the record at the prior hearing. At the January 7, 2014 hearing the results of the record exam were made available and it was found that the Candidate had 258 valid signatures, 242 few than the minimum requirement of 500.

9. The Candidate did not file a Rule 8 Motion for an Evidentiary Hearing and also did not appear at the January 9, 2014 hearing, notice of which was also given orally on the record.

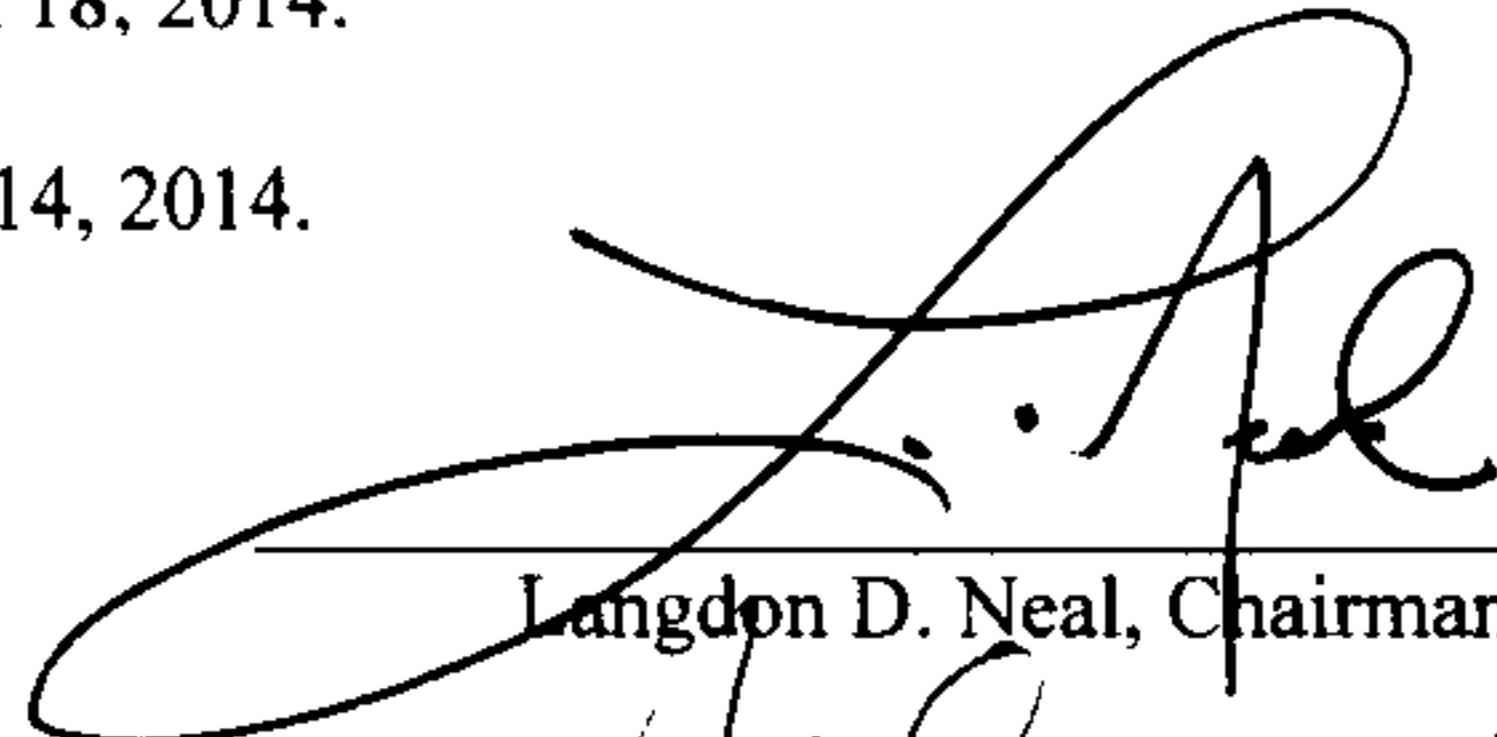
10. The Hearing Officer tendered a report recommending that the objections in the Objector's Petition be sustained and that the name Antwan D. Hampton not appear on the ballot for the office of Representative in the General Assembly for the 10<sup>th</sup> Representative District for the Democratic Party to be voted on at the March 18, 2014 General Primary Election.

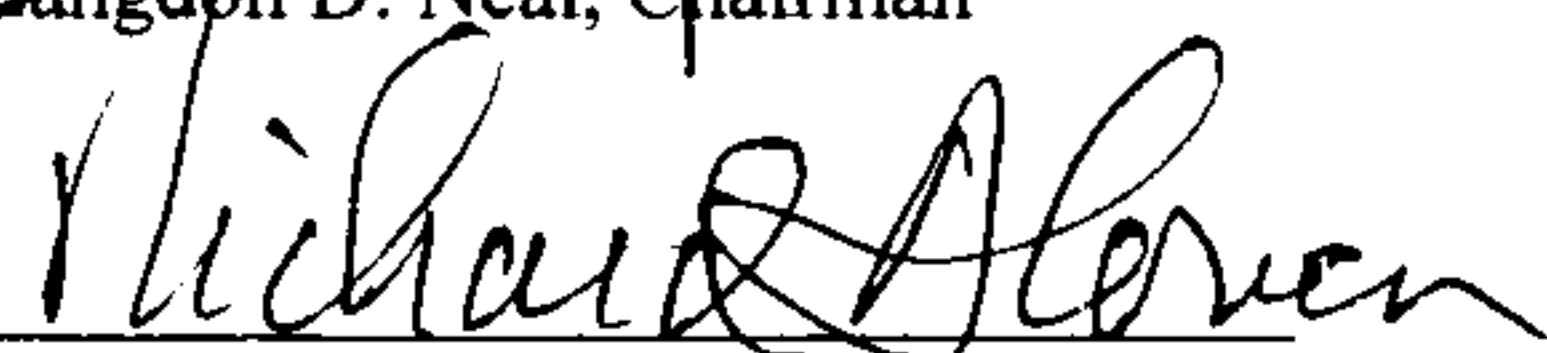
11. The Electoral Board finds that on January 13, 2014 the Objector filed a motion to withdraw his Objections against the Candidate's Nomination Papers. The Electoral Board grants the Objector's motion to withdraw the Objections and the Objections are withdrawn.

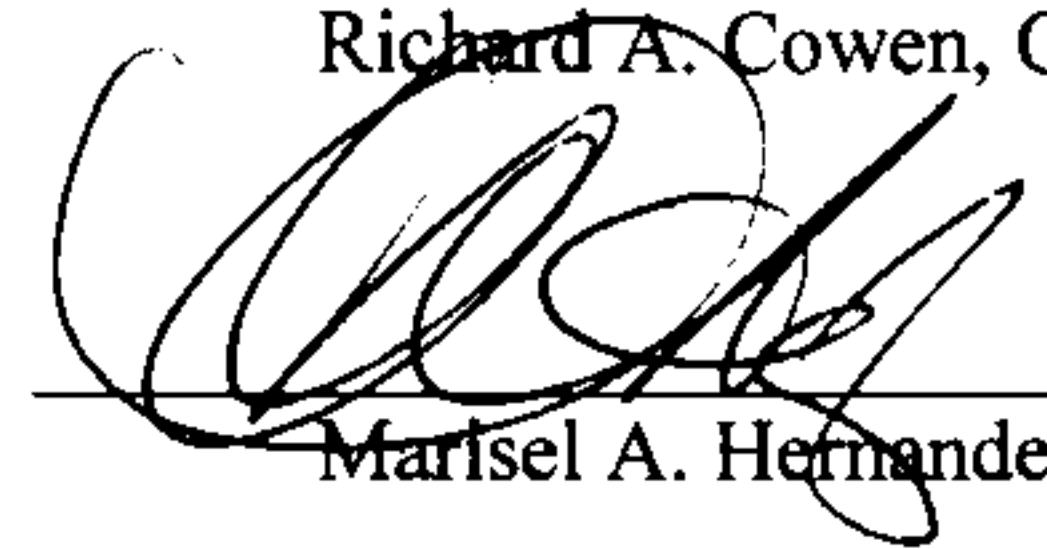
12. The Electoral Board further finds that there are no additional Objections filed against the Candidate's Nomination Papers and, in the absence of any objections thereto, such Nomination Papers are deemed valid.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the Nomination Papers of Antwan D. Hampton, candidate for the nomination of the Democratic Party for the office of Representative in the General Assembly for the 10th Representative District in the State of Illinois, are deemed VALID and the name of the Candidate SHALL be printed on the official ballot for the General Primary Election to be held on March 18, 2014.

Dated: Chicago, Illinois, on January 14, 2014.

  
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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.