

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

Objections of: Michael Straughn)	
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To the Nomination)	No.: 14-EB-RGA-20
Papers of: David Sarama)	
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Candidate for the nomination of the)	
Republican Party for the office of)	
Representative in the General Assembly for the)	
19th 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 Michael Straughn (“Objector”) to the nomination papers (“Nomination Papers”) of David Sarama, candidate for the nomination of the Republican Party for the office of Representative in the General Assembly for the 19th Representative District of the State of Illinois (“Candidate”) at the General Primary 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 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 16, 2013 and was continued from time to time.

5. The Electoral Board assigned this matter to Hearing Officer Mary C. Meehan 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, Michael Straughn, by his attorney, Michael J. Kasper; and the Candidate, David Sarama, by his attorney, John G. Fogarty.

7. The Hearing Officer has tendered to the Electoral Board a report and recommended decision. Based upon the evidence presented, the Hearing Officer found that:

A. The minimum number of valid signatures required by law for placement on the ballot for the office in question is 500 (10 ILCS 5/8-8);

B. The number of signatures submitted by the Candidate on the nominating papers filed is 37.

C. The number of signatures appearing on the Candidate's nominating papers clearly falls short of the minimum numbers of signatures required by law to be

placed on the official ballot as a candidate for the office of Representative in the General Assembly for the 19th Representative District in the State of Illinois.

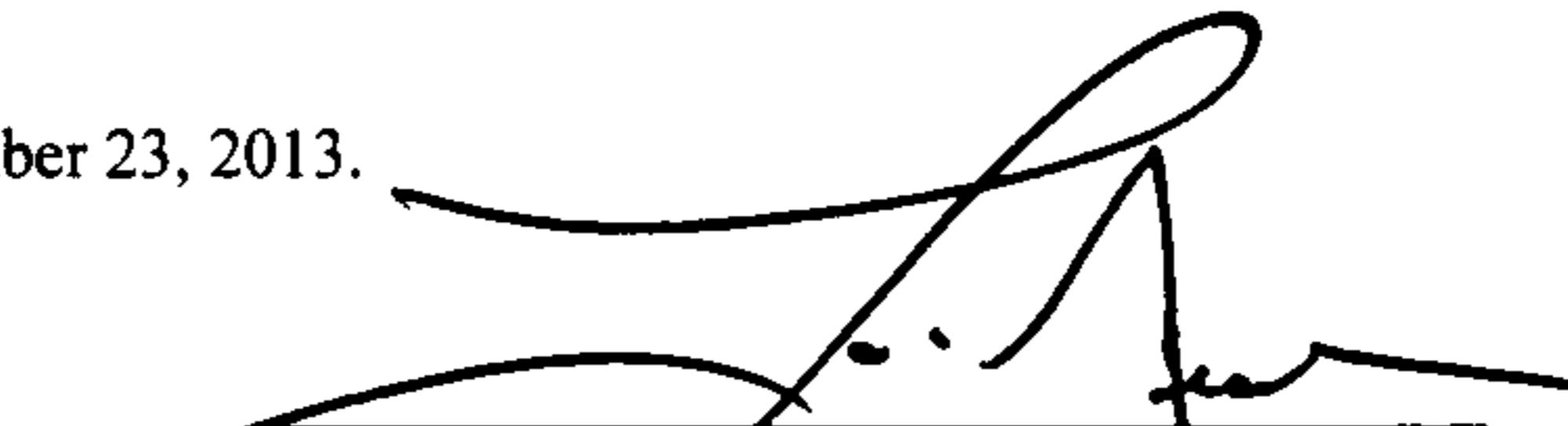
D. At the hearing, the attorney for the Candidate stipulated that the Candidate had an insufficient number of signatures to qualify for a place on the ballot for the office in question.

8. 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.

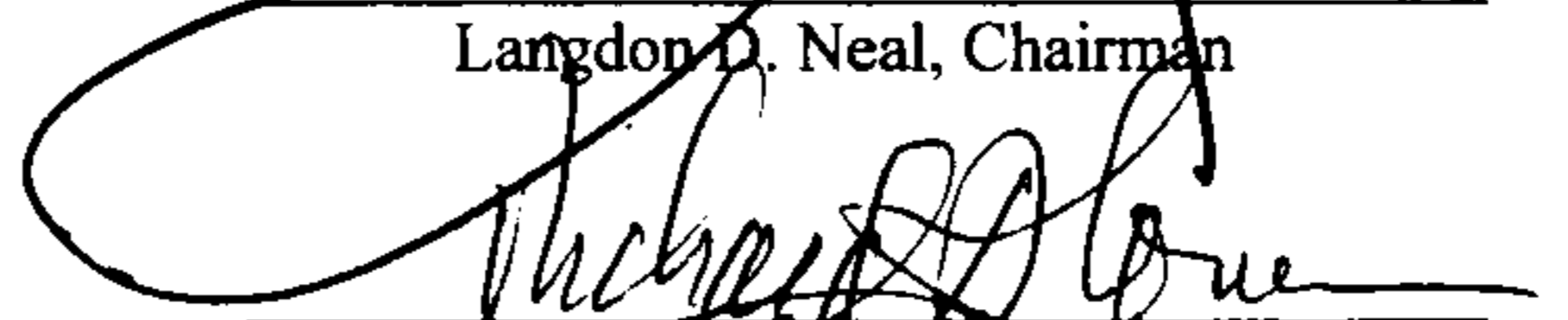
9. For the reasons stated above, the Electoral Board finds that the Candidate's Nomination Papers are invalid.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the Objections of Michael Straughn to the Nomination Papers of David Sarama, candidate for the nomination of the Republican Party for the office of Representative in the General Assembly for the 19th Representative District of the State of Illinois, are hereby SUSTAINED and said Nomination Papers are hereby declared INVALID and the name of David Sarama, candidate for the nomination of the Republican Party for the office of Representative in the General Assembly for the 19th Representative District of the State of Illinois, SHALL NOT be printed on the official ballot for the General Primary to be held on March 18, 2014.

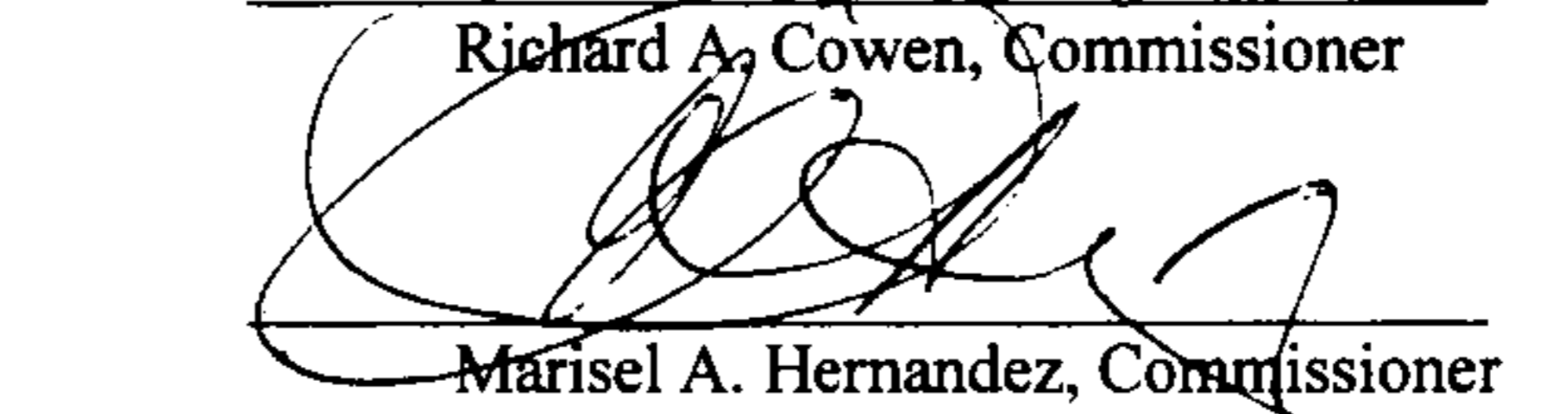
Dated: Chicago, Illinois, on December 23, 2013.



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.