

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

Objections of: CHARLES SCHUTT)
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To the Nomination) No.: 23-EB-ALD-043
Papers of: NATHAN BEAN)
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Candidate for the office of Alderperson 44th)
Ward)

FINDINGS AND DECISION

The duly constituted Electoral Board, consisting of the Board of Election Commissioners for the City of Chicago, Commissioners Marisel A. Hernandez, William J. Kresse, and June A. Brown, organized by law in response to a Call issued by Marisel A. Hernandez, Chair of said Electoral Board, for the purpose of hearing and passing upon objections (“Objections”) of CHARLES SCHUTT (“Objector”) to the nomination papers (“Nomination Papers”) of NATHAN BEAN, candidate for the office of Alderperson of the 44th Ward (“Candidate”) at the Municipal General and Alderperson Elections to be held on Tuesday, February 28, 2023, having convened on Friday, December 9, 2022, at 4:00 p.m., 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 were duly and timely filed.
2. The Electoral Board was legally constituted under the laws of the State of Illinois.
3. A Call to the hearing on said Objections was duly issued by the Chair 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 or service was waived.

4. A public hearing held on these Objections commenced on Friday, December 9, 2022 and was continued from time to time. The Electoral Board assigned this matter to Hearing Officer Linda R. Crane for further hearings and proceedings.

5. 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, CHARLES SCHUTT, and his attorney, JAMES E HARTMANN and MICHAEL KASPER; and the Candidate, NATHAN BEAN.

6. The Hearing Officer has tendered to the Electoral Board a report and recommended decision. Based upon the evidence presented, the Hearing Officer found that the Candidate's Motion to Dismiss failed to provide a sufficient basis to dismiss the Objector's Petition recommended that the motion to be denied.

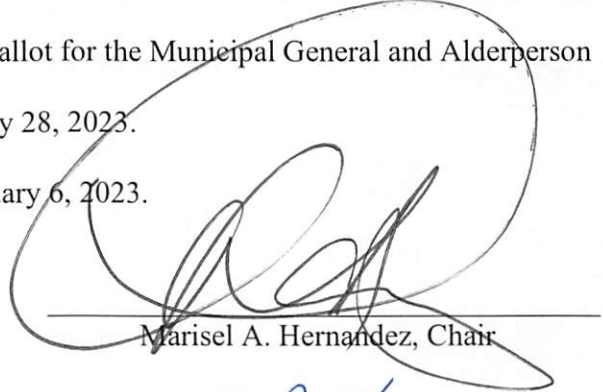
7. The Hearing Officer further found that the Candidate failed to file a Statement of Economic Interests. The Hearing Officer found, therefore, that the Candidate's Nomination Papers are invalid.

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 and incorporates the Hearing Officer's recommended findings and conclusions of law.

9. For the reasons stated above, the Electoral Board finds that the Objections filed in this matter should be sustained and that the Candidate's Nomination Papers are invalid.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the Objections of CHARLES SCHUTT to the Nomination Papers of NATHAN BEAN, candidate for the office of Alderperson of the 44th Ward, are hereby SUSTAINED and said Nomination Papers are hereby declared INVALID and the name of NATHAN BEAN, candidate for the office of Alderperson for the 44th Ward, SHALL NOT be printed on the official ballot for the Municipal General and Alderperson Elections to be held on Tuesday, February 28, 2023.

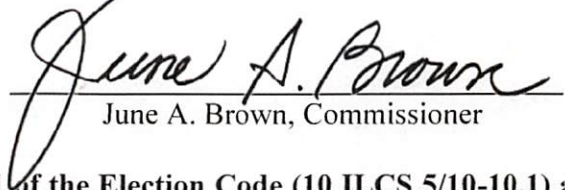
Dated: Chicago, Illinois, on Friday, January 6, 2023.



Marisel A. Hernandez, Chair



William J. Kresse, Commissioner



June A. Brown, 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.