

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

Objections of: JILL R BUSH)
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To the Nomination) No.: 23-EB-ALD-067
Papers of: COREY DOOLEY)
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Candidate for the office of Alderperson of the)
29th Ward, City of Chicago)
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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 JILL R BUSH (“Objector”) to the nomination papers (“Nomination Papers”) of COREY DOOLEY, candidate for the office of Alderperson of the 29th Ward (“Candidate”) at the Municipal General and Alderperson Elections to be held on Tuesday, February 28, 2023, having convened on 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 was held on these Objections commencing on December 9, 2022 and was continued from time to time. The Electoral Board assigned this matter to Hearing Officer Lynne Ostfeld for further hearings and proceedings.

5. The Objector and the Candidate were directed by the Electoral Board to appear before the Hearing Officer on the date and at the time designated in the Call. The following persons, among others, were present at or filed appearances during such hearing; the Objector, JILL R BUSH, through her attorney PERICLES ABBASI; and the Candidate, COREY DOOLEY, through his Attorney, ED MULLEN.

6. The Hearing Officer ordered that an examination of the voter registration records be conducted by clerks and agents under the Board's direction and supervision, in accordance with the laws of Illinois and the rules of the Board.

7. The Hearing Officer directed all parties to appear and be present, either personally and/or by their authorized representatives during this records examination.

8. The Candidate and/or his duly authorized representative was present during the examination of the registration records.

9. The Objector and/or her duly authorized representative was present during the examination of the registration records.

10. The examination of the registration records was completed and the Electoral Board hereby adopts and incorporates by reference the results of the records examination conducted by its clerks and agents. The written report of the result of the registration records

examination is contained in the Board's file in this case and a copy has been provided or made available to the parties.

11. The results of the records examination indicate that:

A. The minimum number of valid signatures required by law for placement on the ballot for the office in question is 473.

B. The number of purportedly valid signatures appearing on the nominating petition filed by the Candidate total 1,030.

C. The remaining number of signatures deemed valid as a result of the records examination total 565.

12. The Electoral Board finds that the number of valid signatures appearing on the Candidate's nominating petition following completion of the records examination exceeds the minimum number of valid signatures required by law to be placed upon the ballot as a candidate for the office of Alderperson for the 29th Ward.

13. No motions were filed pursuant to Rule 8 of the Board's Rules of Procedure and all other issues presented in the Objector's Petition were either withdrawn or moot as a result of the results of the records examination.

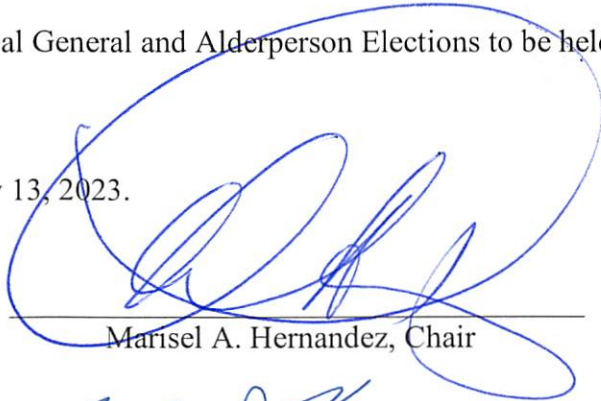
14. The Hearing Officer has tendered to the Electoral Board a report and recommended decision. Based upon the evidence presented, the Hearing Officer found that the Candidate's Nomination Papers contained 565 valid signatures, which exceeds the minimum number of valid signatures required by law to be placed upon the ballot as a candidate for the office of Alderperson for the 29th Ward, and that the Candidate's Nomination Papers should be found valid.

15. 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.

16. For the reasons stated above, the Electoral Board finds that the Candidate has a sufficient number of valid signatures on his nominating petitions and that the Nomination Papers of COREY DOOLEY are, therefore, valid.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the Objections of JILL R BUSH to the Nomination Papers of COREY DOOLEY, candidate for the office of Alderperson for the 29th Ward, are hereby OVERRULED and said Nomination Papers are hereby declared VALID and the name of COREY DOOLEY, candidate for the office of Alderperson for the 29th Ward, SHALL be printed on the official ballot for the Municipal General and Alderperson Elections to be held on Tuesday, February 28, 2023.

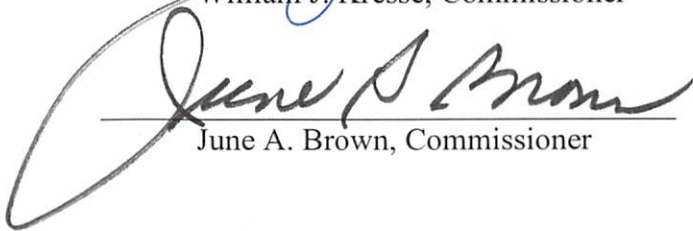
Dated: Chicago, Illinois, on Friday, January 13, 2023.



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.

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)	Lynne R. Ostfeld,
Candidate for the Office of)	Hearing Officer
Alderman of the 29th Ward)	
in the City of Chicago)	

RECOMMENDED DECISION

This matter having come before the Chicago Board of Election Commissioners (“CBOE”) on objections of Jill R. Bush (“Objector”) to the nomination papers of Corey Dooley (“Candidate”), Lynne R. Ostfeld, Esq., Hearing Officer, finds and recommends as follows:

1. The hearing was begun on December 12, 2022. In attendance at the hearing were the Objector, by her attorney Pericles Abbassi, and the Candidate, through his attorney Ed Mullen.
2. The Objector requested that Corey Dooley's name not be printed on the ballot for election to the office of Alderman of the 29th Ward, City of Chicago, because he does not have the requisite 473 signatures from validly registered voters, based on the following objections:
 - A. the nomination papers contained the names of persons who were not registered voters at the addresses shown;
 - B. the nomination papers contained the names of people who did not sign the papers in their own proper persons, whose signatures were not genuine;
 - C. the nomination papers contained sheets with the names of people whose addresses were not in the 29th ward;
 - D. the nomination papers contained petition sheets with addresses either missing or incomplete;
 - E. the nomination papers contained petition sheets where signers signed more than once;
 - F. Sheet 94 does not contain the signature or stamp of a notary public.
3. The Objector also claims that the candidate is not registered to vote at 6552 W. Shakespeare Ave. and is not a registered voter in the City of Chicago.
4. The Objector also alleges that the Candidate's legal surname is Dooley-Johnson and that

he has not used his full legal surname in his nomination materials, as is required by law.

5. The Objector also claims that the Candidate has not resided in the 29th Ward, nor in other wards which can be used for residency, for at least a year prior to the date of the election.

6. At a telephonic status hearing on December 16, 2022, the Candidate's attorney stated that he would provide copies of the Candidate's identification papers to the Objector, to show how the Candidate names himself. A record exam was ordered.

7. At a continued telephonic status hearing, on December 19, 2022, the Objector stated that he would not pursue the objections to the identification or residency issues, having been given copies of the Candidate's identification papers. The Objector stated that he would pursue the objection that the Candidate was not a registered voter at his address on the date that would qualify him to run for this office. The issue goes to whether a request to change his residency address at an office other than the Chicago Board of Elections is a re-registration as is required, and when it is effective.

8. The Objector timely submitted a request for issuance of three subpoenas: Illinois Secretary of State ("SOS") (a subpoena duces tecum) regarding the candidate's reregistration at an office of the SOS rather than at the CBOE; Keshia Forrest regarding the notarization of the Statement of Candidacy; the Candidate Corey Dooley.

9. The Candidate, through his attorney, did not object to the request. The Hearing Officer recommended to the Board of Election Commissioners that it grant the request.

10. The Objector also requested the attendance of a CBOE staff member at the next hearing, then scheduled for December 27, 2022 at 1:30 p.m., to address the time when a person is considered to be registered when the initial action is at an office other than the CBOE. The CBOE agreed to provide a staff member to testify at the hearing but not to testify in any manner which could be construed as a legal opinion as to when the candidate was registered.

11. Telephonic status hearings were held on December 22, 28, 30, 2022, and January 4, 2023, for the purpose of determining the parties' progress in obtaining relevant information necessary for an evidentiary hearing and, also, to learn the results of a record examination.

12. On continued hearing, by telephone, on January 5, 2023, the Hearing Officer received the report of the Record Examination Results, prepared by staff of the Chicago Board of Election Commissioners, and found the following:

Minimum signature requirement	473
Number of signatures on petitions	1030
Total number of objections	806
Total ruled on	806
Total sustained lines	465
Total overruled lines	166
For review (Candidate)	54
For Review (Objector)	0
Number of valid signatures	565
Total unchallenged signatures	399

The Candidate had 92 signatures greater than the required minimum.

13. The attorney for the Objector stated that she would stand on the results and not submit a Rule 8 request.

14. The Hearing Officer further reviewed the other objections with the parties and found the following:

A. As to the objection in paragraph 10 that sheet 94 did not contain the signature or stamp of a notary public in the Circulator's Affidavit and should be stricken, the Objector stated that this objection was moot inasmuch as there were only 10 signatures on the page and the Candidate was 92 signatures over the minimum number required.

B. As to the objections in paragraphs 12, 13 and 15 that the Candidate is not registered to vote at 6552 W. Shakespeare Ave., Chicago, had not been registered to vote in the 29th Ward for at least a year prior to the date of the election, and therefore is not legally qualified to hold the office of Alderperson, the Objector withdrew these objections because she had seen the Candidate's identification papers.

C. As to the objections in paragraph 14 as to the Candidate's legal surname, the Objector withdrew this objection having seen the Candidate's identification papers.

15. Given the fact that the Candidate had 92 signatures more than the 473 petition signatures required to appear on the ballot, the mootness of the objection in paragraph 10, and the withdrawal of the objections in paragraphs 12, 13 and 15, there remain no further objections to the Candidate's name being placed on the ballot for the Aldermanic Election, 29th Ward, City of Chicago, to be held on February 28, 2023.

16. The Hearing Officer recommends that this Board find that the Nomination Papers of **COREY DOOLEY** be declared to be VALID for the reasons stated above.

17. The Hearing Officer recommends that this Board order that the name of **COREY DOOLEY** BE printed on the ballot for the Aldermanic Election, 29th Ward, City of Chicago, to be held on February 28, 2023, for the reasons stated above.

Dated: Chicago, Illinois, this 5th day of January, 2023.

/S/ Lynne R. Ostfeld
Lynne R. Ostfeld, Hearing Officer