

## **FINDINGS AND DECISION**

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 8, 2014 and was continued from time to time.

5. The Electoral Board assigned this matter to Hearing Officer Terence E. Flynn 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, EMMA JEAN ROBINSON, by her attorney, James P. Nally P.C.; and the Candidate, WILLIE McGILL, pro se.

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, by the Candidate's own admission, his Nomination Papers contain probably about 345 signatures of registered voters, below the minimum 473 signatures required by statute for candidates for the office Alderman of the 28<sup>th</sup> Ward.

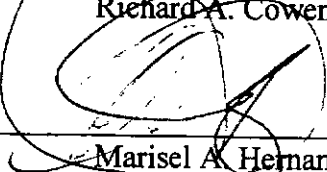
8. The Electoral Board, having considered the evidence and arguments tendered by the parties and the Hearing Officer's report of recommended findings and conclusions of law, hereby adopts the Hearing Officer's recommended findings and conclusions of law.

9. For the reasons stated above, the Electoral Board finds that the Candidate's Nomination Papers contain fewer than 473 signatures of legal voters of the 28<sup>th</sup> Ward, which is

the minimum number of signatures required to qualify as a candidate for the ballot in such ward, and such Nomination Papers are, therefore, invalid.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the Objections of EMMA JEAN ROBINSON to the Nomination Papers of WILLIE MCGILL, candidate for election to the office of Alderman of the 28th Ward of the City of Chicago, are hereby SUSTAINED and said Nomination Papers are hereby declared INVALID and the name of WILLIE MCGILL, candidate for election to the office of Alderman of the 28th Ward of the City of Chicago, SHALL NOT be printed on the official ballot for the Municipal General Election to be held on February 24, 2015.

Dated: Chicago, Illinois, on December 19, 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.