

**BOARD OF ELECTION COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF CHICAGO
AS THE DULY CONSTITUTED ELECTORAL BOARD
FOR THE HEARING AND PASSING UPON OBJECTIONS
TO NOMINATION PAPERS OF CANDIDATES
FOR THE FEBRUARY 23, 1999 MUNICIPAL GENERAL ELECTION
FOR MAYOR, CLERK, TREASURER AND ALDERMAN
IN THE CITY OF CHICAGO**

Objections of: TAMMY A. TAYLOR)
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To the Nomination)
Papers of: JOE BANKS, JR.) No.: 99-EB-MUN-05
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Candidate for the office of)
Mayor in the City of Chicago)

FINDINGS AND DECISION

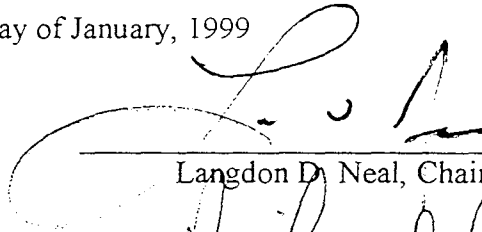
The duly constituted Electoral Board, consisting of Board of Election Commissioners of the City of Chicago Commissioners Langdon D. Neal, Richard A. Cowen, and Theresa M. Petrone, organized by law in response to a Call issued by Langdon D. Neal, Chairman of said Electoral Board, for the purpose of hearing and passing upon objections ("Objections") of TAMMY A. TAYLOR to the nomination papers ("Nomination Papers") of JOE BANKS, JR., candidate for the office of Mayor in the City of Chicago ("Candidate"), having convened on December 28, 1998, at 9:00 a.m., in the City Council Chambers, City Hall, 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(s) 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 28, 1998 and was continued from time to time.
5. The following persons, among others, were present at such hearing: the members of the Electoral Board, the Objector, TAMMY A. TAYLOR, by counsel.

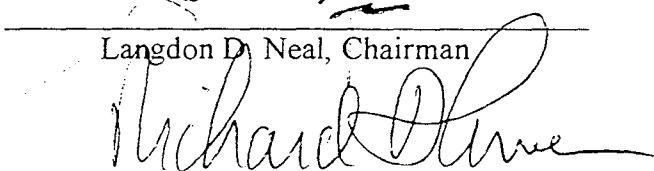
6. The Electoral Board assigned this matter to Hearing Examiner ANTHONY IOSCO for further hearings and proceedings. The Candidate, JOE BANKS, JR., did not appear at the hearing on this matter before the Hearing Examiner, although he had appeared at an earlier hearing before the same Hearing Examiner in the matter of objections filed against his Nomination Papers by Mark Vanecko, 99-EB-MUN-002.
7. The Board finds that the Candidate failed to appear at said hearing but the Board finds further that this case is rendered moot by the Electoral Board's decision in 99-EB-MUN-002 declaring the Candidate's Nomination Papers invalid and ordering that the Candidate's name not be printed on the official ballot for the February 23, 1999 Municipal General Election for Mayor, City Clerk, City Treasurer and Alderman in the City of Chicago.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED, that the name of JOE BANKS, JR., candidate for election to the office of Mayor in the City of Chicago, SHALL NOT be printed on the official ballot for the Municipal General Election for Mayor, City Clerk, City Treasurer and Alderman to be held on February 23, 1999.

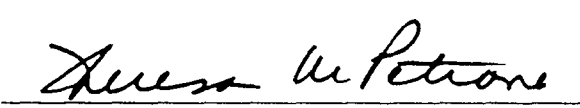
Dated: Chicago, Illinois, this Eighth day of January, 1999



Langdon D. Neal, Chairman



Richard A. Cowen, Commissioner



Theresa M. Petrone, 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 10 days after the decision of the Electoral Board.