

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

Objections of: LINDA STEWARD)	
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To the Nomination)	No.: 07-EB-MUN-015
Papers of: SYRON M. SMITH)	(rel. 07-EB-MUN-008, MUN-
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Candidate for the office of)	
Mayor of 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 and Richard A. Cowen, 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 LINDA STEWARD (“Objector”) to the nomination papers (“Nomination Papers”) of SYRON M. SMITH, candidate for the office of Mayor of the City of Chicago (“Candidate”) to be elected at the Municipal General Election to be held on February 27, 2007, having convened on January 2, 2007, at 10:00 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 January 2, 2007 and was continued from time to time.

5. The Electoral Board assigned this matter to Hearing Examiner Barbara Goodman 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 Examiner on the date and at the time designated in the Call. The following persons, among others, were present at such hearing: the Objector, LINDA STEWARD, by her attorney Sidney B. Smith; and the Candidate, SYRON M. SMITH, *pro se*.

7. The Hearing Examiner's review of the Candidate's Nomination Papers revealed that the papers contained no more than 1,475 signatures of voters. The Candidate conceded this fact.

8. Nomination petitions for candidates for the office of Mayor of the City of Chicago must contain not less than 12,500 signatures of registered voters residing in the City of Chicago. (65 ILCS 20/21-28(b))

9. The Hearing Examiner found that the Objection stated a justifiable basis for invalidating the Candidate's Nomination Papers in that the total number of signatures submitted by the Candidate totaled no more than 1,475, well short of the 12,500 required by law.

10. The Hearing Examiner has recommended that the Objections be sustained and that the Candidate's Nomination Papers be declared invalid.

11. The Electoral Board hereby adopts the recommended findings and conclusions of the Hearing Examiner in this matter.

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

13. There are two other objections filed against the Candidate's Nomination Papers in cases 07-EB-MUN-008 and 07-EB-MUN-012, which cases are now moot.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the Objections of LINDA STEWARD to the Nomination Papers of SYRON M. SMITH, candidate for election to the office Mayor of the City of Chicago, are hereby SUSTAINED and said Nomination Papers are hereby declared INVALID and the name of SYRON M. SMITH, candidate for election to the office of Mayor of the City of Chicago, SHALL NOT be printed on the official ballot for the Municipal General Election to be held on February 27, 2007.

Dated: Chicago, Illinois, this 9th day of January 2007.



Langdon D. Neal, Chairman



Richard A. Cowen, 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.