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**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: BEVERLY J. CATHERINE and FLORENCE V. STREETER	)	
	)	No.: 99-EB-ALD-112
To the Nomination Papers of: TASHEMA R. LINDSEY	)	
Candidate for the office of Alderman of the 20th Ward	)	

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 BEVERLY J. CATHERINE and FLORENCE V. STREETER to the nomination papers ("Nomination Papers") of TASHEMA R. LINDSEY, candidate for the office of Alderman of the 20th Ward for 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 Objectors 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.

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5. The following persons, among others, were present at such hearing: the members of the Electoral Board, the Objector, BEVERLY J. CATHERINE and FLORENCE V. STREETER, by counsel. The Candidate, TASHEMA R. LINDSEY, did not appear at the hearing.

6. The Electoral Board assigned this matter to Hearing Examiner RICHARD GIRARD for further hearings and proceedings.

7. The Hearing Examiner conducted an initial hearing of this case on December 28, 1998 at 12:45 P.m. The Objectors were present by counsel. The Candidate did not respond to the call of the case on three occasions and was not otherwise present.

8. The Electoral Board finds that the Cook County Sheriff's office twice attempted to serve the Candidate, TASHEMA R. LINDSEY, with a copy of the Objector's petition and a copy of the Electoral Board's Call to the December 28, 1998 meeting. On both occasions, the deputy Cook County Sheriff returned a service of summons form indicating that the Candidate was not served and that she was "not listed" and that there was no apartment number in her name at 6124 S. Kimbark Ave, Chicago, Illinois, the address shown by her Nomination Papers . The Board also attempted to serve the Candidate, TASHEMA R. LINDSEY, with a copy of the Objector's petition and with a copy of the Call to the December 28, 1998 meeting by certified mail, return receipt requested, addressed to the Candidate at 6124 S. Kimbark, Chicago, IL 60637, and mailed on December 22, 1998. The U.S Postal Service returned the mailed item to the Board with the outside of the envelope stamped "Moved Left No Address."

9. The Electoral Board finds that the Candidate, TASHEMA R. LINDSEY, did not appear at the duly called meeting and hearing conducted in this matter and that the Board attempted to serve the Candidate with a copy of the Objector's petition and a copy of the Electoral Board Call in accordance with law.

10. The Electoral Board further finds that the Objector's petition, on its face, contains sufficient allegations, if accepted as true, to invalidate the Candidate's Nomination Papers.

11. Therefore, the Electoral Board finds that the Candidate, TASHEMA R. LINDSEY, is in default, that the Objections are sustained, and that the Candidate's Nomination Papers are invalid.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED, that the Objections of BEVERLY J. CATHERINE and FLORENCE V. STREETER to the Nomination Papers of TASHEMA R. LINDSEY, candidate for election to the office Alderman of the 20th Ward for the City

of Chicago are hereby SUSTAINED and said Nomination Papers are hereby declared INVALID and the name of TASHEMA R. LINDSEY, candidate for election to the office of Alderman of the 20th Ward for 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.