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

Objections of: TAWANA J. "TJ" ROBINSON	)	
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To the Nomination	)	No.: 20-EB-RGA-014
Papers of: JUSTIN Q. SLAUGHTER	)	
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Candidate for the nomination of the	)	
Democratic Party for the office of	)	
Representative in the General Assembly, 27th	)	
Representative District, State of Illinois.	)	

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 Jonathan T. Swain, 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 TAWANA J. "TJ" ROBINSON ("Objector") to the nomination papers ("Nominating Papers") of JUSTIN Q. SLAUGHTER, candidate for the nomination of the Democratic Party for the office of Representative in the General Assembly, 27th Representative District of the State of Illinois ("Candidate") at the General Primary Election to be held on March 17, 2020, having convened on December 16, 2019, at 9:00 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 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 held on these Objections commenced on December 16, 2019 and was continued from time to time.

5. The Electoral Board assigned this matter to Hearing Officer Martin Greene for further hearings and proceedings.

6. 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 Hearing Schedule. On such date and time, the Hearing Officer called the case by calling aloud the case number, the name of the Objector and the name of the Candidate. The following persons, among others, answered and were present at such hearing: the Candidate, JUSTIN Q. SLAUGHTER, by Attorney MICHAEL J. KASPER.

7. The Objector, TAWANA J. "TJ" ROBINSON, did not answer to the call nor did she appear at the hearing. The case was called again at least two more times at least 15 minutes apart on December 16, 2019, and at no time did the Objector or any person purporting to represent the Objector appear.

8. The Electoral Board finds that the Cook County Sheriff attempted to serve the Objector with a copy of the Call to the December 16, 2019 hearing in this cause on December 13, 2019. The return of the Sheriff's office indicated that the reason that the Objector was not

served was "No Contact." The Objector was also sent a copy of the Call to the December 16, 2019 meeting by certified mail, but a signed receipt acknowledging receipt of the certified mail item has not yet been returned by the Postal Service.

9. The initial hearing was continued to December 23, 2019 to allow for additional service upon the Objector of a notice of hearing. However, on December 17, 2019, the Objector signed a *Receipt of Call and Other Electoral Board Documents and Waiver of Statutory Service* form, confirming that the Objector was aware that her case was being heard by this Electoral Board and making further attempts at statutory service unnecessary.

10. The Electoral Board finds that the Objector, TAWANA J. "TJ" ROBINSON, did not appear at the duly called initial hearing on December 16, 2019, nor at the continued hearing on December 23, 2019, which was subsequent to her submission of a waiver of statutory service.

11. Therefore, the Electoral Board finds that the Objector, TAWANA J. "TJ" ROBINSON, is in default, that the Objections are therefore dismissed, and that the Candidate's Nomination Papers are valid.

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IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the Objections of TAWANA J. "TJ" ROBINSON to the Nomination Papers of JUSTIN Q. SLAUGHTER, candidate for the nomination of the Democratic Party for the office of Representative in the General Assembly, 27th Representative District of the State of Illinois, are hereby DISMISSED and said Nomination Papers are hereby declared VALID and the name of JUSTIN Q. SLAUGHTER, candidate for the nomination of the Democratic Party for the office of Representative in the General Assembly, 27th Representative District of the State of Illinois, SHALL be printed on the official ballot for the General Primary Election to be held on March 17, 2020.

Dated: Chicago, Illinois, on December 31, 2019.

Marisel A. Hernandez, Chair

William J. Kresse, Commissioner

Jonathan T. Swain, 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.