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

Objections of: TANYA E. MORRIS and BRANDON E. MCGILL-WARE	)	
To the Nomination Papers of: ROBERT JONES	)	No.: 24-EB-SBD-022
Candidate for the office of Member of the Chicago Board of Education, 10th District	)	

FINDINGS AND DECISION

The duly constituted Electoral Board, consisting of the Board of Election Commissioners of the City of Chicago, Commissioners Marisel A. Hernandez, William J. Kresse, and June A. Brown, 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 TANYA E. MORRIS and BRANDON E. MCGILL-WARE ("Objectors") to the nomination papers ("Nomination Papers") of ROBERT JONES, candidate for the office of Member of the Chicago Board of Education, 10th District in the City of Chicago ("Candidate") to be elected at the General Election to be held on Tue, November 5, 2024, having convened on Tuesday, July 9, 2024, at 10:30 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 were duly timely filed.

2. The Electoral Board was constituted under 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 Objectors and the Candidate, by registered or certified mail and by Sheriff's service, as provided by statute, or service was waived and service by email was authorized.

4. A public hearing held on these Objections commenced on Tuesday, July 9, 2024, and was continued from time to time.

5. The Electoral Board assigned this matter to Hearing Officers Mathias Delort and subsequently to Barbara Goodman for further hearings and proceedings.

6. The Objectors 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 Objectors, TANYA E. MORRIS and BRANDON E. MCGILL-WARE, by Attorney SCOTT B ERDMAN; and the Candidate, ROBERT JONES, by his Attorney STEVEN FINE.

7. On Wednesday, July 17, 2024, Hearing Officer Delort submitted his "Final Report and Recommendations of Hearing Officer". On July 18, 2024, the Objectors, by and through their attorney, submitted the "OBJECTORS' RULE 20 MOTION FOR REVIEW OF HEARING OFFICER'S OPINION OF JULY 17, 2024". The Electoral Board heard the "Rule 20" arguments at its meeting on Friday, July 26, 2024, and thereafter issued a "RULE 23 ORDER: DISPOSITION OF OBJECTORS' RULE 20 MOTION" granting the Objector's' Rule 20 Motion for reasons stated on the record and remanding the matter to the Hearing Officer for further proceedings consistent with the ruling.

8. The Electoral Board finds that on Wednesday, August 7, 2024, the Objectors moved to withdraw their Objections against the Candidate's Nomination Papers. The Electoral Board hereby grants the motion to withdraw the Objections and the Objections are withdrawn.

9. The Electoral Board further finds that there are no additional Objections filed against the Candidate's Nomination Papers.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that, the Objections having been withdrawn and there being no other objections to the Candidate's Nomination Papers, the Nomination Papers are legally valid and the name of ROBERT JONES, candidate for election to the office of Member of the Chicago Board of Education, 10th District of the City of Chicago, SHALL be printed on the official ballot for the General Election to be held on Tuesday, November 5, 2024.

Dated: Chicago, Illinois, on August 13, 2024.

Marisel A. Hernandez, Chair

William J. Kresse, Commissioner

June A. Brown, 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.