

STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS
Special Board Meeting Via Videoconference
Tuesday, January 24, 2012

MINUTES

PRESENT: William M. McGuffage, Chairman
Jesse R. Smart, Vice Chairman
Harold D. Byers, Member
Betty J. Coffrin, Member
Ernest L. Gowen, Member
Judith C. Rice, Member
Bryan A. Schneider, Member
Charles W. Scholz, Member

ALSO PRESENT: Rupert Borgsmiller, Executive Director
Steve Sandvoss, General Counsel
Amy Calvin, Administrative Assistant II

The special meeting of the State Board of Elections was called to order via videoconference at 11:00 a.m. with all Members present. Chairman McGuffage and Members Byers, Gowen, Rice and Schneider were present in Chicago. Vice Chairman Smart was present in Springfield and Members Coffrin and Scholz were present via teleconference.

The Chairman opened the meeting by leading everyone in the pledge of allegiance.

The minutes from the December 20 and January 3 meetings were presented. Member Byers moved to approve the minutes. Vice Chairman Smart seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Member Schneider moved to recess the State Board of Elections and reconvene as the State Officers Electoral Board. Member Byers seconded the motion which passed unanimously. The meeting recessed at 11:05 a.m. and reconvened at 1:20 p.m. Member Gowen left the meeting at 12:20 p.m. and Member Schneider held his proxy. Member Scholz left the meeting at 1:30 p.m. and Chairman McGuffage held his proxy.

The following pending candidate withdrawals following certification were presented for Agenda items 12.a-g: a) Patricia "Teesha" Hanson – 28th Representative District; b) James J. Taylor – 28th Representative District; c) John Hu – 5th Representative District; d) Martin D. Reggi – Cook County, 4th Subcircuit A Vacancy; e) Pamela Raves-Harris – Cook County, 7th Subcircuit, Vacancy of Lawrence W. Terrell; f) Sherby J. Miller – 7th Representative District; and g) John P. Tully - 1st Supreme Court, Vacancy of Thomas R. Fitzgerald. The General Counsel said all of the affected election authorities were notified and none had any issue with the SBE transmitting an amended certification reflecting said withdrawals. Member Byers moved to accept the candidate withdrawals. Member Coffrin seconded the motion which passed by roll call vote of 8-0.

The General Counsel presented a motion to settle civil penalty assessments from *Friends of Sherman Jones*. Attorney Richard Means was present on behalf of the committee. He said the committee was now in full compliance with the previously issued Board order requiring the Committee to file amended reports and asked the Board for a 50% reduction from the assessed

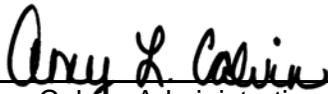
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amount of \$11,352.00. The General Counsel concurred with the reduced amount of \$5,676.00. Vice Chairman Smart moved to accept the settlement offer. Member Byers seconded the motion which passed by roll call vote of 8-0.

The Executive Director reminded the Board of a special Board meeting scheduled for Thursday, February 2 and it was agreed to convene at 11:00 a.m.

With there being no further business before the Board, Member Byers moved to adjourn until Thursday, February 2, 2012 at 11:00 a.m. or until call of the Chairman whichever occurs first. Vice Chairman Smart seconded the motion which passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Amy Calvin, Administrative Assistant II



Rupert Borgsmiller, Executive Director