

STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS
Special Board Meeting Via Videoconference
Tuesday, January 17, 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 10:05 a.m. with all Members present. Chairman McGuffage and Members Gowen, Rice and Schneider were present in Chicago. Vice Chairman Smart and Members Byers and Coffrin were present in Springfield. Member Scholz was present via teleconference.

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

The Executive Director presented the certification of established party Congressional candidates for the March 20, 2012 General Primary Election. Member Schneider moved to approve the certification. Member Coffrin 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 10:07 a.m. and reconvened at 10:40 a.m.

Upon reconvening a second roll call was taken with the same attendance as noted in the first roll call.

The General Counsel presented a proposed supplement to the Consent Decree between the State Board of Elections and the Department of Justice. He noted that this was approved at the November Board meeting and what is being presented today included some minor changes relating to reporting dates and training material. Member Gowen moved to approve the Consent Decree as presented. Member Schneider seconded the motion which passed by roll call vote of 8-0.

A pending candidate withdrawal following certification was presented from Thomas J. Carroll, Cook County 3rd Subcircuit, Moore vacancy. The affected jurisdictions were contacted and they did not object to the withdrawal. Member Schneider moved to accept the candidate withdrawal noting that there was no objection from Cook County or the Chicago Board of Elections. Vice Chairman Smart seconded the motion which passed by roll call vote of 8-0.

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With there being no further business before the Board, Vice Chairman Smart moved to adjourn until Tuesday, January 24, 2012 at 11:00 a.m. or until call of the Chairman whichever occurs first. Member Byers seconded the motion which passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Amy Calvin, Administrative Assistant II



Rupert Borgsmiller, Executive Director