

STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS  
Special Board Meeting  
Wednesday, January 30, 2013

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  
Jim Tenuto, Assistant Executive Director  
Steve Sandvoss, General Counsel  
Rebecca Glazier, Asst. to Executive Director

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The meeting convened at 3:00 p.m. via videoconference with Members Gowen, Rice, Schneider and Chairman McGuffage present in Chicago; Members Byers and Vice Chairman Smart present in Springfield; and Members Coffrin and Scholz connected via telephone.

The Chairman opened the meeting by leading everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

Chairman McGuffage presented the minutes of the January 18 special meeting. Vice Chairman Smart moved to approve the minutes as presented. Member Byers seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Member Byers moved to recess the State Board of Elections and convene as the State Officers Electoral Board. Vice Chairman Smart seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

The meeting recessed at 3:04 p.m. and reconvened at 3:35 p.m.

The General Counsel presented *Hajer-O'Connor v. Committee to Elect Robert Lovero*, a complaint following a public hearing noting that the matter has been continued to March 13 for additional proceedings so no action is necessary today.

The General Counsel presented two withdrawals for candidates running in the Special Primary Election in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Congressional District. Mr. Sandvoss discussed the two withdrawals and recommended the Board amend the certification as it pertains to the Democratic ballot, remove candidate Napoleon Harris from the certification based on his withdrawal, remove objection pending from candidates Joyce Washington and Anthony Beale, and inform the jurisdictions of the withdrawal of Republican Candidate James Taylor. Mr. Sandvoss noted that Mr. Taylor has asked to withdraw his request for withdrawal from the ballot but indicated there is no provision in the Election Code for

revoking a request to withdraw. Member Schneider then moved to amend the certification to remove Napoleon Harris from the Democratic ballot, remove objection pending by the names of candidates Joyce Washington and Anthony Beale, and accept Republican candidate James Taylor's withdrawal but leave his name on the certification. Chairman McGuffage seconded the motion which passed by roll call vote of 8-0.

With there being no further business before the Board, Member Byers moved to adjourn until February 20, 2012 or call of the Chairman, whichever occurs first. Member Schneider seconded the motion which passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Rebecca L. Glazier, Asst. to Executive Director



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Rupert T. Borgsmiller, Executive Director