

STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS
Special Board Meeting Via Videoconference
Friday, December 21, 2007

MINUTES

PRESENT: Albert S. Porter, Chairman
Bryan A. Schneider, Vice Chairman
Patrick A. Brady, Member
John R. Keith, Member
William M. McGuffage, Member
Wanda L. Rednour, Member
Jesse R. Smart, Member
Robert J. Walters, Member

ALSO PRESENT: Daniel W. White, Executive Director
Steve Sandvoss, General Counsel
Amy Calvin, Administrative Specialist II

The special meeting of the State Board of Elections was called to order via videoconference means at 10:35 a.m. with seven members present. Members Keith, Smart and Walters were present in the Springfield office and Chairman Porter, Vice Chairman Schneider, and Member McGuffage present in the Chicago office. Member Rednour was connected via teleconference call and Member Brady arrived at the meeting at 10:40 a.m.

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

The Chairman asked for a motion to recess the State Board of Elections and reconvene as the State Officers Electoral Board. Vice Chairman Schneider made the motion, seconded by Member McGuffage which passed unanimously. The meeting recessed at 10:36 a.m. and reconvened at approximately 1:10 p.m. A second roll call was taken with seven members present. Member Smart was absent and Vice Chairman Schneider held his proxy.

Director White presented pending candidate withdrawals. Five withdrawals have been received from the following candidates: Dick Versace, 18th District Representative in Congress; Maritza Martinez, Judge of the 1st District Appellate Court, Burke Vacancy; Sharon Finegan Patterson, Judge of the Circuit Court of Cook County, Glowacki Vacancy; Anne Marie Belanger, Judge of the Circuit Court, 8th Subcircuit; and Marlene Leahy Delehanty, Judge of the Circuit Court, 3rd Subcircuit, Donnersberger Vancancy. Mark Mossman, Director of Election Information stated that the election authorities within the 18th Congressional district did not oppose accepting the withdrawal for Dick Versace but encouraged the Board to not approve other withdrawals after the certification. The other election authorities in the judicial subcircuits indicated if the Board approved the withdrawals they would recognize them but Chicago Board of Elections indicated no changes to their ballots would occur after

today in terms of future withdrawals. Member Keith moved to accept the withdrawals of the named candidates. Vice Chairman Schneider seconded the motion with passed by roll call vote of 8-0.

The next item on the agenda was to Certify the Republican Presidential Candidate and Delegates/Alternate Delegates for the February 5, 2008 General Primary Election. Vice Chairman Schneider moved to approve the certification. Member McGuffage seconded the motion which passed by roll call vote of 8-0.

The Chairman noted that the Hurst petition matter would be carried over to the January 22, 2008 meeting.

The General Counsel indicated that a letter had been received in the Springfield office from the Chairman of the National Republican Party seeking the confirmation from the Chairman that their interpretation of the Election Code is correct with respect to certifying the ballot or the State Board of Elections receiving the certification from the Republican Party following their National Nominating Convention next September. The General Counsel drafted a response and asked for permission the affix the Chairman's signature, which was given by Chairman Porter. Vice Chairman Schneider agreed that the letter properly explains the law in Illinois

With there being no further business before the Board, Member Brady moved to adjourn until Friday, December 28, 2007 at 10:30 a.m. or until call of the Chairman, whichever occurs first. Vice Chairman Schneider seconded the motion which passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Calvin, Administrative Specialist II

Daniel W. White, Executive Director