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

Objections of: MARIO COLLIER	)	
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To the Nomination	)	No.: 24-EB-WC-030
Papers of: STEPHEN F. BOULTON	)	
	)	related: 24-EB-WC-020
Candidate for election to the office of	)	
REPUBLICAN Party Ward Committeeperson	)	
of the 27th Ward, City of Chicago, State of	)	
Illinois	)	

FINDINGS AND DECISION

The duly constituted Electoral Board, consisting of the Board of the Election Commissioners for 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 MARIO COLLIER ("Objector") to the nomination papers ("Nomination Papers") of STEPHEN F. BOULTON, candidate for election to the office of REPUBLICAN Party Ward Committeeperson of the 27th Ward of the City of Chicago, State of Illinois ("Candidate"), at the General Primary Election to be held on Tuesday, March 19, 2024, having convened on December 18, 2023, at 9:30 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 and timely filed.

2. The Electoral Board was constituted according to 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 Objector and the Candidate, by registered or certified mail and by Sheriff's service, as provided by statute, or statutory service was waived and service by email was authorized and performed.

4. A public hearing held on these Objections commenced on December 18, 2023, and was continued from time to time. The Electoral Board assigned this matter to Hearing Officer Linda R. Crane for further hearings and proceedings.

5. The Objector and the Candidate were directed by the Electoral Board's Call to appear before the Hearing Officer on the date and at the time designated in the Hearing Schedule. An appearance was filed on behalf of the Candidate, STEPHEN F. BOULTON, by Attorney JOHN FOGARTY JR. The Objector, MARIO COLLIER, failed to appear.

6. The Electoral Board finds that on Monday, December 18, 2023, the Objector filed a motion to withdraw the Objections against the Candidate's Nomination Papers. The Electoral Board hereby grants the Objector's motion to withdraw the Objections, and the Objections are hereby withdrawn.

7. For the reasons stated above, the Electoral Board dismisses the Objections to the Candidate's Nomination Papers.

8. The Electoral Board further finds that objections to the Candidate's Nomination Papers were filed in the related case of *Roderick R. Jones v. Stephen F. Boulton*, 24-EB-WC-020, and that case was still pending at the time the Electoral Board entered this final decision in the present case. The final results of the other related matter, 24-EB-WC-020, shall therefore be determinative of whether the Candidate's Nomination Papers are valid.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the Objections of MARIO COLLIER to the Nomination Papers of STEPHEN F. BOULTON, candidate for election to the office of REPUBLICAN Party Ward Committeeperson of the 27th Ward, City of Chicago, State of Illinois, are hereby dismissed with prejudice.

Dated: January 5, 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 by 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.