

BEFORE THE DULY CONSTITUTED ELECTORAL BOARD FOR THE HEARING AND PASSING UPON OF NOMINATION OBJECTIONS TO NOMINATION PAPERS OF CANDIDATES FOR ELECTION TO THE OFFICE OF MEMBER OF THE CHICAGO BOARD OF EDUCATION

James Hudson,)	
Petitioner-Objector,)	
v.	24-EB-SBD-005	
Andre Smith,)	
Respondent-Candidate.)	
	OBJECTOR'S PETITION	CHGO BOARD OF ELI

INTRODUCTION

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James Hudson, hereinafter sometimes referred to as the Objector, states as follows:

- 1. The Objector resides at 55 E. Erie St., Apartment 3903, Chicago, Illinois, Zip Code 60611, in the 6th District of the Chicago Board of Education, City of Chicago, State of Illinois and is a duly qualified, legal and registered voter at that address.
- 2. The Objector's interest in filing this Petition is that of a voter desirous that the laws governing the filing of nomination papers for the office of Member of the Chicago Board of Education for the 6th District of the Chicago Board of Education are properly complied with, and that only qualified candidates appear on the ballot for said office.

OBJECTIONS

- 3. The Objector makes the following objections to the purported nomination papers ("Nomination Papers") of Andre Smith ("Candidate") as a candidate for the office of Member of the Chicago Board of Education for the 6th District of the Chicago Board of Education, City of Chicago, State of Illinois ("Office") to be voted for at the General Election on November 5, 2024 ("Election"). The Objector states that the Nomination Papers are insufficient in fact and law for the following reasons:
- 4. Pursuant to State law, nomination papers for the Office to be voted for at the Election must contain the signatures of not fewer than 1,000 duly qualified, registered and legal voters of the 6th District of the Chicago Board of Education, City of Chicago, State of Illinois, collected in the manner prescribed by law. In addition, nomination papers must truthfully allege the qualifications of the candidate, be gathered and presented in the manner provided for in the Illinois Election Code and the School Code, and otherwise executed in the form provided by law. The Nomination Papers purport to contain the signatures of in excess of 1,000 such voters, and further purport to have been

gathered, presented and executed in the manner provided by the Illinois Election Code and the School Code.

- 5. Pursuant to the Election Code and the School Code, nomination papers are not valid if a candidate for the office to be voted for at the Election fails to file a Statement of Economic Interests pursuant to the Illinois Governmental Ethics Act in relation to his candidacy with the appropriate officer by the end of the period for the filing of nomination papers. The Candidate has failed to file a Statement of Economic Interests pursuant to the Illinois Governmental Ethics Act in relation to his candidacy for the office sought. Therefore, the nomination papers are invalid in their entirety.
- 6. Pursuant to the Illinois Election Code and the School Code, candidates for the Office to be voted for at the Election must file a receipt evidencing the filing of the "Statement of Economic Interest" in relation to the candidacy sought pursuant to the Illinois Governmental Ethics Act. The Candidate's nomination papers do not contain a receipt evidencing the filing of the Statement of Economic Interest, and the Candidate has failed to timely file a receipt evidencing the filing of the Statement of Economic Interest within the filing period. The Candidate's failure to comply with this mandatory requirement of the Election Code and the School Code renders his nomination papers invalid in their entirety. As a result, the nomination papers are invalid in their entirety.
- 7. Pursuant to the Illinois Election Code and the School Code, candidates for the Office to be voted for at the Election must sign a sworn Statement of Candidacy under oath that truthfully set forth certain facts that establish the candidate's qualifications for the office sought. Here, the Candidate has filed a Statement of Candidacy that states under oath that "I have filed (or I will file before the close of the petition filing period) a Statement of Economic Interests as required by the Illinois Governmental Ethics Act ..." Contrary to his sworn Statement of Candidacy, the Candidate failed to file a Statement of Economic Interests in relation to the office sought. Therefore, the Statement of Candidacy is false, and the nomination papers are invalid in their entirety.
- 8. The Nomination Papers contain petition sheets with the names of persons who are not registered voters, or who are not registered voters at the addresses shown opposite their respective names, as is set forth specifically in the Appendix-Recapitulation attached hereto and incorporated herein, under the heading Column a., "Signer Not Registered at Address Shown," in violation of the Illinois Election Code and the School Code.
- 9. The Nomination Papers contain petition sheets with the names of persons who did not sign the papers in their own proper persons, and such signatures are not genuine and are forgeries, as is set forth specifically in the Appendix-Recapitulation attached hereto and incorporated herein under the heading, Column b., "Signer's Signature Not Genuine," in violation of the Illinois Election Code and the School Code.
- 10. The Nomination Papers contain petition sheets with the names of persons for whom the addresses stated are not in the 6th District of the Chicago Board of Education, City of Chicago, State of Illinois, and such persons are not registered voters in the 6th District of the Chicago Board of Education, as is set forth specifically in the Appendix-Recapitulation attached hereto and

incorporated herein, under the heading, Column c., "Signer Resides Outside District," in violation of the Illinois Election Code and School Code.

- 11. The Nomination Papers contain petition sheets with the names of persons for whom the addresses given are either missing entirely or are incomplete, as is set forth specifically in the Appendix-Recapitulation attached hereto and incorporated herein, under the heading, Column d., "Signer's Address Missing or Incomplete," in violation of the Illinois Election Code and the School Code.
- 12. The Nomination Papers contain petition sheets with the names of persons who have signed the Nomination Papers more than one time as is set forth specifically in the Appendix-Recapitulation attached hereto and incorporated herein, under the heading, Column e., "Signer Signed Petition More Than Once at Sheet/Line Indicated," in violation of the Illinois Election Code and the School Code.
- 13. The Nomination Papers contain less than 1,000 validly collected signatures of qualified and duly registered legal voters of the 6th District of the Chicago Board of Education, City of Chicago, State of Illinois signed by such voters in their own proper person with proper addresses, below the number required under Illinois law, as is set forth by the objections recorded in the Appendix-Recapitulation attached hereto and incorporated herein.
- 14. The Appendix-Recapitulation is incorporated herein, and the objections made therein are a part of this Objector's Petition.

WHEREFORE, the Objector requests: a) a hearing on the objections set forth herein; b) an examination by the aforesaid Electoral Board of the official records relating to voters in the 6th District of the Chicago Board of Education, City of Chicago, State of Illinois, to the extent that such examination is pertinent to any of the matters alleged herein; c) a ruling that the Nomination Papers are insufficient in law and fact, and d) a ruling that the name of Andre Smith shall not appear and not be printed on the ballot for election to the office of Member of the Chicago Board of Education of the 6th District for the Chicago Board of Education, City of Chicago, State of Illinois, to be voted for at the Election to be held November 5, 2024.

James Hudson

OBJECTOR

Address: 55 E. Erie St., Apt. 3903 Chicago, IL 60611

VERIFICATION

1, JAMES HUDSON	, being first duly sworn on oath, state that I
have read the foregoing Verified Objectors'	Petition and that the statements therein are true
and correct to the best of my knowledge an	d belief.

OFJECTOR

Signed and sworn to before me, by

NOTARY PUBLIC

OFFICIAL SEAL
MICHAEL ALLEN KRELOFF
Notary Public, State of Illinois
Commission No 992548
My Commission Expires June 20, 2028

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