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

Objections of: PHILLIP R. LOPEZ)
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To the Nomination) No.: 24-EB-SBD-011
Papers of: FELIPE "PHIL" LUNA JR.	
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Candidate for the office of Member of the)
Chicago Board of Education, 7th District)
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FINDINGS AND DECISION

The duly constituted Electoral Board, consisting of the Board of 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 PHILLIP R. LOPEZ ("Objector") to the nomination papers ("Nomination Papers") of FELIPE "PHIL" LUNA JR., candidate for the office of Member of the Chicago Board of Education for the 7th District ("Candidate") at the General Election to be held on Tuesday, November 5, 2024, having convened on Tuesday, July 9, 2024, at 10:30 a.m., 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 legally constituted under 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 service was waived and service by email was authorized.

- 4. A public hearing held on these Objections commenced on Tuesday, July 9, 2024 and was continued from time to time. The Electoral Board assigned this matter to Hearing Officer James Rosas for further hearings and proceedings.
- 5. The Objector and the Candidate were directed by the Electoral Board to appear before the Hearing Officer on the date and at the time designated in the Hearing Schedule. On such date and time, the Hearing Officer called the case by calling aloud the case number, the name of the Objector and the name of the Candidate. The following persons, among others, answered and were present at such hearing: The Objector, PHILLIP R. LOPEZ and/or his Attorneys, KEVIN MORPHEW, STEVEN H. FINE, MICHAEL KRELOFF, AND MICHAEL J. KASPER.
- 6. The Candidate, FELIPE "PHIL" LUNA JR., did not answer to the call nor did he appear at the hearing. The case was called again at least two more times at least 15 minutes apart on Tuesday, July 9, 2024, and at no time did the Candidate or any person purporting to represent the Candidate appear.
- 7. The Hearing Officer called for a second hearing to be held on July 15, 2024, and notice of that hearing was published at the Board's offices and on its website. Nonetheless, the Candidate also failed to appear for this second hearing.
- 8. The Hearing Officer found that an Electoral Board Service Waiver and Authorization To Receive Notice Of Objection(S) By Mail was filed on behalf of the Candidate signed and dated June 24, 2024.

- 9. The Electoral Board finds that the Candidate, FELIPE "PHIL" LUNA JR. did not appear at any of the duly called meetings and hearings conducted in this matter, and therefore finds the Candidate to be in default.
- 10. The Electoral Board further finds that the Objector's petition, on its face, contains sufficient allegations, if accepted as true, to invalidate the Candidate's Nomination Papers.
- 11. Therefore, the Electoral Board finds that the Candidate, FELIPE "PHIL" LUNA JR. is in default, that the Objections are sustained, and that the Candidate's Nomination Papers are invalid.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the Objections of PHILLIP R. LOPEZ to the Nomination Papers of FELIPE "PHIL" LUNA JR., candidate for the office of Member of the Chicago Board of Education, 7th District, are hereby SUSTAINED and said Nomination Papers are hereby declared INVALID and the name of FELIPE "PHIL" LUNA JR. SHALL NOT be printed on the official ballot for the General Election to be held on Tuesday, November 5, 2024.

Dated: Chicago, Illinois, on Friday, July 26, 2024.

Marisel A. Hernandez, Chair

William L.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 of 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.