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BEFORE THE DULY CONSTITUTED ELECTORAL BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF THE OBJECTIONS OF:

Bernard Brown & Maria Heard,

Objectors,

v.

Tameka Walton (f/k/a Tameka Lawson)

Candidate.

CASE NO. 26-EB-SBD-005

OBJECTORS' PETITION

NOW COME, Bernard Brown and Maria Heard (the "Objectors"), and pursuant to Section 10-8 of the Illinois Election Code, 10 ILCS 5/1-1, *et seq.*, state as follows:

Introduction

The Objectors, **Bernard Brown**, who resides at 1411 E. 72nd Place, in the City of Chicago, Zip Code 60619, County of Cook, State of Illinois, and **Maria Heard**, who resides at 1367 E. 48th Street, Zip Code 60615, in the City of Chicago, County of Cook, State of Illinois, state that they are duly qualified, registered, and legal voters within the Chicago Board of Education, Subdistrict 10A, in the City of Chicago, County of Cook, State of Illinois, the political district in which Candidate, **Tameka Walton (f/k/a Tameka Lawson)** (the "Candidate") is to be voted upon. Objectors state that their interest in filing the following objections is that of citizens desirous of seeing that the election laws governing the filing of nomination papers for the office of Member of the Chicago Board of Education, Subdistrict 10A, in the City of Chicago, County of Cook, State of Illinois, are properly complied with, and that only qualified candidates appear on the ballot for said office at the November 3, 2026, General Election (the "Election").

Therefore, the Objectors make the following objections, upon information and belief, to the Nomination Papers of **Tameka Walton (f/k/a Tameka Lawson)** as a candidate for the office of Member of the Chicago Board of Education, Subdistrict 10A, in the City of Chicago, County of Cook, State of Illinois, to be voted upon at the November 3, 2026, General Election.

1. Nomination Papers must truthfully allege the qualifications of the candidate, must contain the statutorily required minimum amount of true and genuine signatures of duly qualified, registered, and legal voters in the political subdivision or district in which the Candidate seeks nomination or election, must be gathered and presented in the manner provided for in the Illinois Election Code, and must be otherwise executed in the form provided by law.

2. The Candidate has filed Nomination Papers that purport to contain signatures of duly qualified, legal, and registered voters of the political subdivision or district in which the Candidate seeks elective office in excess of the statutory minimum and, further, purport to have been gathered, presented, and executed in the manner provided by the Illinois Election Code.
3. The laws pertaining to the securing of ballot access require that certain requirements be met as established by law. Filings made contrary to such requirements must be voided and found invalid, being in violation of the statutes, and/or established case law, in such cases made and provided. Statute and established case law hold these provisions to be mandatory and strictly construed; failing to comply with even one of them will result in the petitions' invalidation.
4. As set forth herein, the Nomination Papers are insufficient in law and fact for the following reasons:

Petition Signature Objections

5. The Objection and Appendix-Recapitulation Sheets attached hereto and incorporated herein as **"Group Exhibit A"** set out the following objections to the Candidate's nomination papers.
6. The Nomination Papers contain petition sheets with the names of persons who are not registered voters at the addresses shown opposite their respective names, as is set forth specifically in the Objection and Appendix-Recapitulation Sheet attached hereto and incorporated herein, under the heading, Column A., **"Signer not registered at address shown"**, in violation of the Illinois Election Code.
7. The Nomination Papers contain the names of persons who did not sign said papers in their own proper persons and said signatures are not genuine signatures of registered voters at the addresses shown opposite their names and are forgeries, as is set forth specifically in the Objection and Appendix-Recapitulation Sheet attached hereto and incorporated herein, under the heading, Column B., **"Signature not genuine signature of registered voter"**, in violation of the Illinois Election Code.
8. The Nomination Papers contain petition sheets with the names of persons for whom addresses are stated that are not in the Political Subdivision or District that the Candidate is seeking elective office and such signatures are not valid, as is set forth specifically in the Objection and Appendix-Recapitulation Sheet attached hereto and incorporated herein, under the heading, Column C., **"Signer resides outside political subdivision or district"**, in violation of the Illinois Election Code.
9. The Nomination Papers contain the names of persons for whom the signer's address is missing or incomplete, as is set forth specifically in the Objection and Appendix-Recapitulation Sheet attached hereto and incorporated herein, under the heading, Column D., **"Signer's address missing or incomplete"**, in violation of the Illinois Election Code.

10. The Nomination Papers contain the names of persons who have signed the Nomination Papers more than one time, as is set forth specifically in the Objection and Appendix-Recapitulation Sheet attached hereto and incorporated herein, under the heading, Column E., **“Signer signed more than once at sheet/line indicated”**, in violation of the Illinois Election Code.
11. The Objection and Appendix-Recapitulation sheets have designated “Sheet Numbers,” which reference the Candidate’s petition sheet numbers. An **“X”** or **“√”** placed on a line of the Appendix-Recapitulation indicates that an objection is made to the corresponding signature line of the referenced petition sheet for the reasons stated above, as well as other specific allegations made in this Objectors’ Petition.

Notary & Circulator Objections

12. In addition to the above-mentioned objections and those more fully set forth below, the Objection and Appendix-Recapitulation sets forth the following objections to the Candidate’s nomination papers related to purported circulators and notaries.
13. The Nomination Papers contain petition sheets where each and every signature on any particularly designated sheet, as noted in the Appendix-Recapitulation, attached hereto and made a part hereof, is objected to for such **REASON OR REASONS STATED BELOW IN THIS PARAGRAPH**, which are specifically noted or checked off on that page of the Appendix-Recapitulation. Those reasons for the objection so noted may be as follows:

- Circulator did not sign the petition	- Purported circulator’s signature not genuine
- Circulator does not reside at address shown	- Dates of circulation not given or incomplete
- Circulator’s address is incomplete or missing	- Purported Notary did not notarize sheet
- Circulator’s affidavit not properly notarized	- Sheet not notarized by A Notary or appropriate officer
- Circulator is not a U.S. Citizen	- Circulator did not appear before Notary
- Circulator circulated for another political party	- Circulator is under the legal age
- Purported circulator did not circulate sheet	
14. An **“X”** or **“√”** placed on a line at the bottom of the Objection and Appendix-Recapitulation Sheet indicates that an objection is made to all signatures on the referenced petition sheet for the reason specified next to the **“X”** and the corresponding reasons stated above.

Conclusion

15. This Objection and the Appendix-Recapitulation Sheets attached hereto, and each sheet thereof, as well as the Exhibits attached hereto, are incorporated herein, and the objections made therein are a part of this Objectors’ Petition.

16. Because of the above-listed irregularities and insufficiencies in the Candidate's Nomination Papers, said Nomination Papers contain fewer than the minimum number of signatures of qualified voters required by law and are invalid in their entirety.

WHEREFORE, the Objectors pray that the nomination papers of **Tameka Walton (f/k/a Tameka Lawson)** as a candidate for the office of Member for the Chicago Board of Education, Subdistrict 10A, in the City of Chicago, County of Cook, State of Illinois, to be voted upon at the November 3, 2026, General Election be declared to be insufficient and not in compliance with the laws of the State of Illinois, and that the Candidate's name be stricken and **NOT** appear on the November 3, 2026, General Election ballot, and that this Honorable Electoral Board enter its decision declaring that the name of **Tameka Walton (f/k/a Tameka Lawson)** as a candidate for the office of Member for the Chicago Board of Education, Subdistrict 10A, in the City of Chicago, County of Cook, State of Illinois, be **NOT** printed upon the official ballot for the General Election to be held on November 3, 2026.

Respectfully Submitted,
Bernard Brown & Maria Heard, Objectors

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