

1 STATE OFFICERS ELECTORAL BOARD

2 SPECIAL BOARD MEETING

3 February 2, 2012

4 at

5 11:02 o'clock a.m.

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7 EXCERPT OF STENOGRAPHIC REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS

8 had in the above-entitled cause held at the
9 Thompson Center, 100 West Randolph Street, Room
10 14-100, Chicago, Illinois, MR. WILLIAM M. MCGUFFAGE,
11 presiding.

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13 BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

14 MR. WILLIAM M. MCGUFFAGE, Chairman

15 MR. JESSE R. SMART, Vice Chairman

16 Springfield

17 MR. HAROLD D. BYERS, Teleconference

18 MS. BETTY J. COFFRIN, Springfield

19 MR. ERNEST L. GOWEN

20 MS. JUDITH C. RICE

21 MR. BRYAN A. SCHNEIDER, Teleconference

22 MR. CHARLES W. SCHOLZ, Springfield

23 Reported By: Anna M. Morales, CSR, RMR

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1 (Whereupon, there were
2 proceedings had not herein
3 transcribed.)

4 CHAIRMAN MCGUFFAGE: The next matter is Freeman
5 v. Obama, and there's also Jackson v. Obama. These
6 are based on the same premise, and I think we
7 should take these two matters together. Is anyone
8 here representing the objector, first of all?
9 Anyone here representing the objector?

10 MR. BORGS MILLER: For Item Number 3, we have
11 Michael Jackson.

12 CHAIRMAN MCGUFFAGE: He's present?

13 MR. BORGS MILLER: Yes.

14 CHAIRMAN MCGUFFAGE: He's present and
15 representing the objector. And we have Mr. Kasper
16 and Mr. Kreloff representing the candidate.

17 MEMBER RICE: There's a typo in our reports,
18 Mr. Chairman.

19 CHAIRMAN MCGUFFAGE: There is. Where are we?

20 MEMBER RICE: The reports show Mike Kreloff and
21 Mike Kasper as attorneys for the objector, but it's
22 the other way around, right?

23 CHAIRMAN MCGUFFAGE: Yes.

24 MR. KRELOFF: Yes. Thank you.

1 CHAIRMAN MCGUFFAGE: At any rate --

2 MR. KASPER: I'm going to keep the one with the
3 typo on it for posterity.

4 CHAIRMAN MCGUFFAGE: In this matter, we do have
5 a motion for summary judgment. Rather than -- this
6 objection has no basis in fact or law as far as I'm
7 concerned, and I think for -- the rest of the Board
8 feels the same way.

9 So I'm going to ask for a motion to grant
10 the summary judgment and to concur with the hearing
11 officer's recommendations and the recommendations
12 of the General Counsel without any further -- any
13 further proceedings. Steve?

14 MR. SANDVOSS: I wanted to -- just for
15 clarification, the motion that was filed on behalf
16 of the candidate was a motion to strike and
17 dismiss. So I think that's what you meant.

18 CHAIRMAN MCGUFFAGE: There was a motion for
19 summary judgment, too. There's two of them, isn't
20 there? Freeman v. Obama and Jackson v. Obama.

21 MR. TENUTO: That was the only motion that was
22 filed was the motion to dismiss.

23 CHAIRMAN MCGUFFAGE: Well, the motion to
24 dismiss. Without any further proceedings, I

1 recommend that we grant the motion to dismiss if
2 somebody wants to make that motion.

3 MEMBER RICE: I make a motion to dismiss.

4 CHAIRMAN MCGUFFAGE: Second?

5 MEMBER GOWEN: Second.

6 MEMBER SCHOLZ: Second.

7 CHAIRMAN MCGUFFAGE: All right. We have a
8 motion to strike and dismiss the objections in the
9 cases of Freeman v. Obama and Jackson v. Obama and
10 certify the candidate to the presidential
11 preference primary ballot.

12 Roll call.

13 ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST CALVIN: Mr. Byers?

14 MEMBER BYERS: Aye.

15 ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST CALVIN: Ms. Coffrin?

16 MEMBER COFFRIN: Yes.

17 ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST CALVIN: Mr. Gowen?

18 MEMBER GOWEN: Aye.

19 ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST CALVIN: Ms. Rice?

20 MEMBER RICE: Aye.

21 ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST CALVIN: Mr. Schneider?

22 MEMBER SCHNEIDER: Yes.

23 ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST CALVIN: Mr. Scholz?

24 MEMBER SCHOLZ: Aye.

1 ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST CALVIN: Mr. Smart?

2 VICE CHAIRMAN SMART: Yes.

3 ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST CALVIN: Chairman
4 McGuffage?

5 CHAIRMAN MCGUFFAGE: Aye.

6 And Freeman v. Obama and Jackson v. Obama
7 are disposed of.

8 MR. BORGS MILLER: They made the motion --
9 Mr. Chairman, Mr. Jackson would ask if he was going
10 to be given an opportunity to speak.

11 CHAIRMAN MCGUFFAGE: No. No. This matter is
12 -- it's a birther objection. These types of
13 objections are not relevant under state statute,
14 and we don't need to hear anymore about this. In
15 fact, we're getting sick and tired of having these
16 objections filed every couple of years, and they
17 have no basis in fact or law. If such an objection
18 was brought before a court of law, there would be
19 sanctions imposed. Okay. So I don't see any
20 reason to hear any testimony from the objector.

21 As far as I'm concerned, that's it. If
22 somebody on the Board disagrees with that position
23 and wants to listen to Mr. Jackson, please indicate
24 so; otherwise, we're moving to the next case. You

1 can appeal, Mr. Jackson. You can go to the Circuit
2 Court.

3 MEMBER GOWEN: Is a response even filed here to
4 the motion? If not --

5 CHAIRMAN MCGUFFAGE: What?

6 MEMBER GOWEN: Did he even file a response to
7 the motion to strike and dismiss? It doesn't look
8 like it.

9 CHAIRMAN MCGUFFAGE: No.

10 MR. JACKSON: My voice is being silenced.

11 (Whereupon, there were further
12 proceedings had not herein
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6 Court, says that she is a shorthand reporter doing
7 business in the State of Illinois; that she
8 reported in shorthand the proceedings of said
9 excerpt of meeting, and that the foregoing is a
10 true and correct transcript of her shorthand notes
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12 given at said excerpt of meeting.

13 IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF: I have hereunto set
14 my verified digital signature this 6th day of
15 February, 2012.

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20 Illinois Certified Shorthand Reporter

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