

STATE OF ILLINOIS        )  
   ) ss  
 COUNTY OF COOK            )

**BEFORE THE STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS SITTING AS THE STATE OFFICERS  
 ELECTORAL BOARD  
 FOR THE HEARING AND PASSING UPON OF OBJECTIONS  
 TO NOMINATION PAPERS OF CANDIDATES FOR THE MARCH 19, 2024,  
 GENERAL PRIMARY**

IN THE MATTER OF OBJECTIONS BY	)	
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Shane Bouvet, Timothy Conrad, Terry Newsome, and Peggy Hubbard,	)	
	)	
Objectors,	)	
v.	)	<b>No. 24 SOEB GP 119</b>
	)	
Joseph R. Biden, Jr.,	)	
	)	
Candidate.	)	

**DECISION**

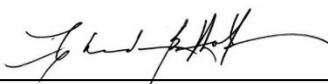
The State Board of Elections, sitting as the duly constituted State Officers Electoral Board, and having convened on January 30, 2024, at 69 W. Washington, Chicago, Illinois, and via videoconference at 2329 S. MacArthur Blvd., Springfield, Illinois and having heard and considered the objections filed in the above-titled matter, hereby determines and finds that:

1. The State Board of Elections has been duly and legally constituted as the State Officers Electoral Board pursuant to Sections 10-9 and 10-10 of the Election Code (10 ILCS 5/10-9 and 5/10-10) for the purpose of hearing and passing upon the objections filed in this matter and as such, has jurisdiction in this matter.
2. On January 12, 2024, Shane Bouvet, Timothy Conrad, Terry Newsome, and Peggy Hubbard, timely filed an objection to the nomination papers of Joseph R. Biden, Jr., Democratic Party candidate for the office of President of the United States.
3. A call for the hearing on said objection was duly issued and was served upon the Members of the Board, the Objectors, and the Candidate by registered mail as provided by statute unless waived.
4. On January 17, 2024, the State Officers Electoral Board voted to adopt the Rules of Procedure, and a hearing officer was assigned to consider arguments and evidence in this matter.

5. On January 19, 2024, Candidate filed a Motion to Dismiss Objectors' Petition ("Motion to Dismiss"). On January 23, 2024, Objectors filed a Response to Candidate's Motion to Dismiss. On January 25, 2024, Candidate filed a Reply to Objectors' Response to Candidate's Motion to Dismiss.
6. On January 26, 2024, a hearing was held before the assigned Hearing Officer. During the hearing, evidence offered by Objectors was denied as untimely, no official notice was taken of public records, no testimony was taken, and oral argument was heard by the Hearing Officer.
7. The Board's appointed Hearing Officer issued a recommended decision in this matter after reviewing all matters in the record, including arguments and/or evidence tendered by the parties.
8. Upon consideration of this matter, the Board adopts the findings of fact, conclusions of law, and recommendations of the Hearing Officer as modified by the General Counsel and find that:
  - A. Objectors Bouvet and Hubbard did not appear before the Board on January 30, 2024, as required by Rule of Procedure 3(c).
  - B. Objectors' petition fails to factually and legally state a viable basis for relief under Section 10-10.
  - C. Candidate's Motion to Dismiss is granted for this reason.
  - D. As Objectors' petition fails to factually and legally state a viable basis for relief under Section 10-10, this Board need not address the applicability of Section 3 of the Fourteenth Amendment of the U.S. Constitution to the office of President or to Candidate's nomination papers. U.S. Const. amend. XIV, § 3.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the objectors Shane Bouvet and Peggy Hubbard are in default and the objection is DISMISSED with respect to those objectors, Candidate's Motion to Dismiss is granted, and the objection of Timothy Conrad and Terry Newsome to the nomination papers of Joseph R. Biden, Jr., Democratic Party candidate for the office of President of the United States, is OVERRULED based on the findings contained in Paragraph 8 above, and the name of the Candidate Joseph R. Biden, Jr., shall be certified for the March 19, 2024, General Primary Election ballot.

DATED: 01/30/2024

  
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Cassandra B. Watson, Chair

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

The undersigned certifies that on January 30, 2024, the foregoing order was served upon the Objector(s) or their attorney(s) by:

- Placing a pre-paid certified mail envelope in a U.S. mailbox addressed to:

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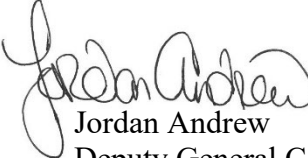
And on January 30, 2024, served upon the Candidate(s) or their attorney(s) by:

- Email to:

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