

**CITY OF ROCK ISLAND ELECTORAL BOARD  
MINUTES**

**HEARING/ELECTION CHALLENGE  
December 16, 2020**

On Wednesday, December 16, 2020, at 3:00 p.m., a hearing was held by the City of Rock Island Electoral Board at City Hall, 1528 Third Avenue, in Council Chambers, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor. Present were members Chairman Mayor Mike Thoms, member Alderman James Spurgetis, and member Interim City Clerk Linda Mohr. Also present were City Attorney Dave Morrison, Objector Bridget Ehrmann via remote connection, and Respondent-Candidate Laurie Figley. Court Reporter Vickie Fickel was also present.

The hearing was called to order at 3:00 p.m. by Chairman Thoms. Chairman Thoms opened the hearing by reading a statement regarding the purpose of the hearing, the timeliness of the filing of the objection, introduction of members of the Electoral Board and legal advisor Dave Morrison, declaration of a quorum, and the rules and procedure for the hearing.

Member/Interim Clerk Mohr called the roll. Present: Thoms, Spurgetis, and Mohr.

Referencing the previous Election Board Hearing on December 10, 2020, Chairman Thoms said the April 6 primary date is not well-known, and could easily be mistaken. Spurgetis said the date entered into the documents is always confusing in an election cycle, and opined that either date for the upcoming elections would be acceptable as long as one of them was chosen. Mohr agreed, noting that in the past the form had requested the specific date of the primary election, but there has not been a primary for 15 years in the City. She said there did not seem to be intent with regards to entering the incorrect election date.

Chairman Thoms asked if there was anything additional to discuss amongst Board members. Mr. Morrison said the errors listed in the objection were an inadvertent mistake, and the application was otherwise compliant. Mohr noted that the listed election date was the same on both Respondent-Candidate Figley and Alderman Parker's application.

MOTION by Mohr to deny the objection #1 of Objector Ehrmann to the nomination paperwork of Candidate Figley; Spurgetis seconded. VOTE: Motion passed on a 3-0 roll call vote.

MOTION by Thoms to rule that the nomination papers of Candidate Figley are valid; Mohr seconded. VOTE: Motion passed on a 3-0 roll call vote.

MOTION by Mohr that Candidate Figley's name shall be printed on the ballot; Spurgetis seconded. VOTE: Motion passed on a 3-0 roll call vote.

Mayor Thoms asked if there was anyone in the public that wished to comment. Ms. Figley thanked Chairman Thoms, Spurgetis, and Mohr. She said she was hoping for a good, clean race. Chairman Thoms said the people deserve a choice. Objector Ehrmann thanked everyone for their time and wished Figley good luck.

MOTION by Thoms to adjourn to 3:30 p.m.; Mohr seconded. VOTE: Motion passed on a 2-0 roll call vote. Spurgetis was unavailable to vote due to a dropped connection.

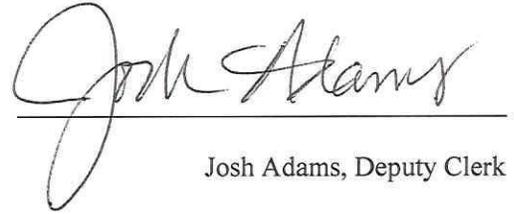
The hearing adjourned at 3:10 p.m.

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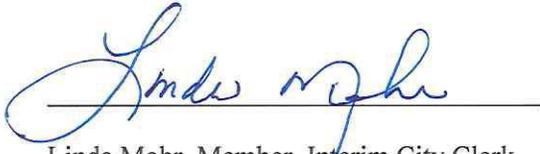


Mayor Mike Thoms, Chairman



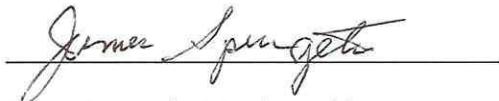
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Josh Adams, Deputy Clerk



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Linda Mohr, Member, Interim City Clerk



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James Spurgetis, Member, Alderman