



4. On July 9, 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 July 4, 2024, Candidates filed a Motion to Dismiss Objectors' Petition ("Motion"). On July 18, 2024, Objectors filed a Response to Candidates' Motion to Dismiss Objectors' Petition. On July 20, 2024, Candidates filed a Motion to Reply in Support of the Motion to Dismiss Objectors' Petition.
6. On July 12, 2024, through July 18, 2024, a records examination was conducted by the staff of the State Board of Elections on 33,614 lines of the 65,882 signatures submitted. The results of that examination indicate a total of 43,040 valid signatures.
7. Objections were made to 3,897 pages on the basis of prohibited dual circulation, pattern of fraud, and/or other sheet-specific deficiencies. Following an examination of the identified petition sheets and removal of the petition pages with sustained objections, Candidates filed 33,286 valid signatures, which is 8,286 signatures over the statutory minimum.
8. During the period of August 6, 2024, through August 16, 2024, a hearing was held before the Hearing Officer, totaling 6 days in duration. During the hearing, the parties proffered evidence, testimony, and arguments before the Hearing Officer.
9. The Hearing Officer issued a Recommendation dated August 21, 2024, in this matter after reviewing all matters in the record, including arguments and evidence tendered by the parties.
10. Upon consideration of this matter, the Board adopts the findings of fact, conclusions of law, and recommendations of the Hearing Officer as supplemented by the General Counsel on the Summary Sheet and General Counsel's Paragraph 14 Supplement, and finds:
  - A. Candidates' Motion seeking dismissal of Paragraphs 35-44 of Objectors' petition is granted, and the remainder of the Motion is denied for the reasons stated on pages 31-43 of the Hearing Officer's Recommendation.
  - B. The Candidates' petition contains a total of 33,286 valid signatures, which is 8,286 signatures above the minimum number of 25,000 signatures required under Section 10-2 of the Election Code (10 ILCS 5/10-2) to qualify Candidates for access

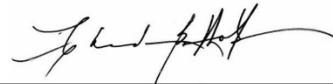
to the ballot as Independent candidates for the offices of President and Vice President.

- C. Paragraphs 5-10, 14, 15, 17, 19-21, 23-25, and 27-34 of the Objectors' petition are sustained in whole or in part as recommended in the Hearing Officer's Recommendation, as supplemented by the Recommendation of the General Counsel and the General Counsel's Paragraph 14 Supplement. The objections in the remaining paragraphs are overruled.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Candidates' Motion to Dismiss Objectors' Petition is GRANTED in part and DENIED in part based on the findings contained in Paragraph 10A above, and the objection of Joseph Mullen Duffy and Zach Koutsky to the nomination papers of Robert F. Kennedy Jr. and Nicole Shanahan, Independent candidates for the offices of President and Vice President, is SUSTAINED in part and OVERRULED in part based on the findings contained in Paragraph 10C above, and the names of the Candidates Robert F. Kennedy Jr. and Nicole Shanahan SHALL appear on the November 5, 2024, General Election ballot.

This is a final order subject to review under 10 ILCS 5/10-10.1.

DATED: 08/23/2024



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Casandra B. Watson, Chair

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

The undersigned certifies that on August 23, 2024, the foregoing order was served upon the Objector(s) or their attorney(s) by:

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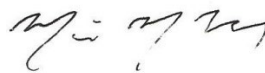
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