

**CITY OF ROCK ISLAND ELECTORAL BOARD  
MINUTES**

**HEARING/ELECTION CHALLENGE  
JANUARY 2, 2019**

On Wednesday, January 2, 2019, at 7:21 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 Stephen L. Tollenaer, member Eudell Watts III (appointed by Chief Judge Walter Braud to fill the vacancy of Mayor Thoms), and member City Clerk Judith H. Gilbert. Also present were City Attorney Dave Morrison, Objector Thomas M. Benson, Respondent-Candidate Mark B. Poulos, and his attorney Aaron Curry. Court Reporter Vickie Fickel was also present.

The hearing was called to order at 7:21 p.m. by Chairman Tollenaer. Chairman Tollenaer 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.

Chairman Tollenaer stated that the Electoral Board received from Mr. Benson prior to the hearing a motion to withdraw his objection to the nomination of Mark B. Poulos.

City Attorney Morrison asked that Mr. Benson step forward and acknowledge that he did present the motion to withdraw his objection on the record. Mr. Benson confirmed that he did submit that motion and asked the Electoral Board to consider his motion to withdraw his objection. Mr. Morrison asked Mr. Benson if he understood that filing that petition to withdraw that there will not be a hearing on the validity of the petitions of Mr. Poulos. Mr. Benson replied yes, he understands.

MOTION by Tollenaer to accept the withdrawal of Benson's objection to the nomination papers of Mark B. Poulos; Watts seconded. Vote: Motion passed on a 3-0 voice vote.

MOTION by Tollenaer to adjourn the Electoral Board hearing; Watts seconded. VOTE: Motion passed on a 3-0 voice vote.

The Electoral Board hearing was adjourned at 7:23 p.m.