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**THE MUNICIPAL OFFICERS ELECTORAL BOARD  
OF THE VILLAGE OF LINCOLNWOOD**

**MEETING AGENDA**

**GERALD C. TURRY VILLAGE BOARD ROOM  
6900 North Lincoln Avenue, Lincolnwood, Illinois 60712  
December 16, 2024 at 8:30 a.m.**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Municipal Officers Electoral Board of the Village of Lincolnwood shall meet on December 16, 2024 at 8:30 a.m., in the Gerald C. Turry Village Board Room at the Village of Lincolnwood Village Hall, 6900 North Lincoln Avenue, Lincolnwood, Illinois 60712 for the purpose of hearing and passing upon of objections to nomination papers for candidates in the Village of Lincolnwood to be voted on by the electors of the Village at the April 1, 2025 Consolidated Election.

**AMENDED AGENDA**

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call
- III. Approval of Minutes – December 5, 2024
- IV. Consideration of Motions (*Jason Nazarov and Alex Gershbeyn v. Ahsan M. Khaja*, Case No. 24 MOEB 2)
  - a. Candidate's Rule 9 Motion
  - b. Objectors' Motion to Withdraw the Objectors' Petition
- V. Consideration and Entry of Proposed Final Decisions:
  - a. *Jason Nazarov and Alex Gershbeyn v. Mohammed Saleem*, Case No. 24 MOEB 1
  - b. *Jason Nazarov and Alex Gershbeyn v. Ahsan M. Khaja*, Case No. 24 MOEB 2
  - c. *Jason Nazarov and Alex Gershbeyn v. Mahmood Khan*, Case No. 24 MOEB 3
- VI. Public Comment
- VII. Adjourn

VILLAGE OF LINCOLNWOOD  
LINCOLNWOOD, ILLINOIS  
Posted: December 13, 2024



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**GERALD C. TURRY VILLAGE BOARD ROOM  
6900 North Lincoln Avenue, Lincolnwood, Illinois 60712  
December 5, 2024 at 3:00 p.m.**

**DRAFT**

**Call to Order**

Chair James Carroll called the Municipal Officers Electoral Board of the Village of Lincolnwood to order at 3:03 P.M., Thursday, December 5, 2024, in the Gerald C. Turry Village Board Room of the Municipal Complex at 6900 N. Lincoln Avenue, Village of Lincolnwood, County of Cook, and State of Illinois.

**Roll Call**

On roll call by Village Attorney Hart Passman, the following were present: Members Dimond, Kelley, Chair Carroll  
Also present: Hart Passman, Village Attorney, and Kelsea Neal Nolot, Village Attorney.

**Introductory Remarks by Board Chair**

Chair Carroll noted that the required oaths had been completed and notarized.

**Review of Legal and Procedural Issues by Village Attorney**

Chair Carroll asked Village Attorney Passman for comments. Mr. Passman reviewed expectations for the next several weeks regarding the objection process. Mr. Passman explained the challenge of nomination papers and noted that state statute requires moving quickly. Mr. Passman stated that the timeline for the ballot and the appellate process that may be sought are additional reasons to proceed expeditiously. Mr. Passman noted that just before the meeting started, Mr. Mohammed Saleem submitted a Withdrawal of Candidacy for the position of Village President, leaving only the two objections to the candidates for the Trustee position. Mr. Passman noted the objections are based on the candidates not obtaining enough signatures, and the method by which papers were bound for Mr. Khan. Mr. Passman stated that the Village Attorney's Office has reached out to the Cook County Clerk to schedule the required record examination for the two pending objections. Mr. Passman suggested adopting rules of procedure at this time, then reviewing each individual case to identify any issues and to schedule the next meeting.

**Adoption of Electoral Board's Rules of Procedure**

Chair Carroll asked if the members had read the rules of procedure. The members indicated that they had. A motion was made by Member Kelley, seconded by Member Dimond, to approve the proposed rules of procedure.

Upon roll call by Mr. Passman:

Ayes: Members Kelley, Dimond, Chair Carroll

Nayes: None

Motion Passes

**Hearing Regarding Objections to Nomination Petitions Submitted for Village Offices to be Voted Upon at the April 1, 2025 Consolidated Election:**

A. *Jason Nazarof and Alex Gershbeyn v. Mohammed Saleem*, Case No. 24 MOEB 1

Chair Carroll noted that the Withdrawal of Candidacy for Mohammed Saleem was received just prior to the start of the meeting. Chair Carroll asked if the Attorney for the objectors was present. Mr. Patrick Roberts stated he was legal counsel for the objectors.

Also present, Mohammed Saleem, candidate. Chair Carroll asked Mr. Saleem to verify that he had in fact submitted a Withdrawal of Candidacy. Mr. Saleem confirmed that he had submitted said document. Motion to dismiss Case No. 24 MOEB 1 was made by Member Kelley, seconded by Member Dimond.

Upon roll call by Mr. Passman:

Ayes: Members Kelley, Dimond, Chair Carroll

Nays: None

Motion Passes

B. *Jason Nazarof and Alex Gershbeyn v. Ahsan M. Khaja*, Case No. 24 MOEB 2

Chair Carroll asked for those present for Jason Nazarof and Alex Gershbeyn v. Ahsan M. Khaja. Attorney Ed Mullen stated he was there to represent Mr. Khaja, candidate, who was also present. Chair Carroll noted that Mr. Mullen had filed his appearance earlier that day. Upon inquiry from the Chair, counsel for the objectors and for the candidate stated that they did not intend to file preliminary motions.

Mr. Passman stated they are working on arrangements for a signature check with the Cook County Clerk. Mr. Passman suggested that in absence of a preliminary motion, the Electoral Board should schedule its next meeting for the end of the next week. Upon discussion, the Electoral Board identified Monday, December 16, at 8:30 a.m., for the next Electoral Board meeting.

Chair Carroll noted there was no preliminary motion at this time and that the next meeting regarding Case No. 24 MOEB 2 would be on December 16, 2024 at 8:30 a.m.

C. *Jason Nazarof and Alex Gershbeyn v. Mahmood Khan*, Case No. 24 MOEB 3

Chair Carroll asked for those present for Jason Nazarof and Alex Gershbeyn v. Mahmood Khan. Chair Carroll asked Mr. Khan if he had legal representation or if he was representing himself. Mr. Khan stated he was representing himself. Upon inquiry from the Chair, counsel for the objectors, and the candidate, each stated that they did not intend to file preliminary motions.

In the absence of a preliminary motion, the Electoral Board discussed scheduling its next meeting. Upon discussion, the Electoral Board identified Monday, December 16, at 8:30 a.m., for the next Electoral Board meeting.

Chair Carroll asked for a Motion to continue Case Nos. 24 MOEB 2 and MOEB 3 until Monday, December 16, 2024 at 8:30 a.m. Motion made by Member Kelley, seconded by Member Dimond

Upon roll call by Mr. Passman:  
Ayes: Members Kelley, Dimond, Chair Carroll  
Nays: None  
Motion Passes

**Citizens to be Heard**

Chair Carroll asked if there are any citizens present for comment. There were none.

**Adjournment or Recess**

Chair Carroll asked for a motion to adjourn. Motion by Member Dimond, seconded by Member Kelley. Upon voice vote, motion to adjourn passes at 3:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Caroline Dick,  
Deputy Village Clerk



**BEFORE THE MUNICIPAL OFFICERS ELECTORAL BOARD  
OF THE VILLAGE OF LINCOLNWOOD  
AS THE DULY CONSTITUTED ELECTORAL BOARD**

Jason Nazarof and Alex Gershbeyn,	)	
Objectors,	)	
	)	Case No. 24 MOEB 1
vs.	)	
	)	
Mohammed Saleem,	)	
Candidate,	)	

**DECISION AND FINAL ORDER**

Pursuant to a Call by the Chair, on December 5, 2024, the Municipal Officers Electoral Board of the Village of Lincolnwood convened to hear and pass on the above-captioned objection. Chairman James Carroll, Member Karen Dimond, and Member Daniel Kelley were present, along with the Candidate and counsel for the Objectors.

After convening the hearing and adopting rules of procedure, the Board requested to hear preliminary motions in the case. The Candidate stated on the record that he had filed a Withdrawal of Candidacy form with the Village Clerk’s office shortly before the hearing and desired to withdraw his nomination petition as a candidate for the office of Village President of the Village of Lincolnwood. In light of the Candidate’s Withdrawal of Candidacy, the objection in this matter is moot.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:**

Pursuant to the Candidate’s withdrawal of his candidacy for the office of Village President of the Village of Lincolnwood, this matter is dismissed with prejudice, and all proceedings on this matter have been concluded. The Candidate’s name will not appear on the ballot for the April 1, 2025 Consolidated Election.

Dated December 16, 2024

So Ordered on behalf of the Electoral Board

/s/ James Carroll  
James Carroll, Chair

Electoral Board:  
James Carroll, Chair  
Karen Dimond, Member  
Daniel Kelley, Member

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OF THE VILLAGE OF LINCOLNWOOD  
AS THE DULY CONSTITUTED ELECTORAL BOARD**

Jason Nazarof and Alex Gershbeyn,	)	
Objectors,	)	
	)	Case No. 24 MOEB 2
vs.	)	
	)	
Ahsan M. Khaja,	)	
Candidate,	)	

**DECISION AND FINAL ORDER**

Pursuant to a Call by the Chair, on December 5, 2024, the Municipal Officers Electoral Board of the Village of Lincolnwood convened to hear and pass on the above-captioned objection. Chairman James Carroll, Member Karen Dimond, and Member Daniel Kelley were present, along with the Candidate and counsel for the Objectors.

After convening the hearing and adopting rules of procedure, the Board requested to hear preliminary motions in the case. Neither party presented any preliminary motions. The Electoral Board then directed the Board Attorney to schedule a record examination with the Cook County Clerk. The Electoral Board then adjourned until Monday, December 16, 2024 at 8:30 a.m.

On Tuesday, December 9, 2024, the Cook County Clerk performed a record examination of the Candidate’s nominating petition. Following the record examination, on Wednesday, December 10, 2024, the Candidate timely filed a Rule 9 Motion, appealing 22 of the County Clerk’s sustained objections. Subsequently, the Objectors filed a Motion to Withdraw Objectors’ Petition.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:**

1. The Motion to Withdraw Objector’s Petition is granted and the Objection is dismissed in its entirety with prejudice.
2. The Candidate’s name will appear on the ballot for the April 1, 2025 Consolidated Election.
3. The Candidate’s Rule 9 Motion is dismissed as moot.

Dated December 16, 2024

So Ordered on behalf of the Electoral Board

/s/ James Carroll \_\_\_\_\_  
James Carroll, Chair

Electoral Board:  
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AS THE DULY CONSTITUTED ELECTORAL BOARD**

Jason Nazarof and Alex Gershbeyn,	)	
Objectors,	)	
	)	Case No. 24 MOEB 3
vs.	)	
	)	
Mahmood Khan,	)	
Candidate,	)	

**DECISION AND FINAL ORDER**

Pursuant to a Call by the Chair, on December 5, 2024, the Municipal Officers Electoral Board of the Village of Lincolnwood convened to hear and pass on the above-captioned objection. Chairman James Carroll, Member Karen Dimond, and Member Daniel Kelley were present, along with the Candidate and counsel for the Objectors.

After convening the hearing and adopting rules of procedure, the Board requested to hear preliminary motions in the case. Neither party presented any preliminary motions. The Electoral Board then directed the Board Attorney to schedule a record examination with the Cook County Clerk. The Electoral Board then adjourned until Monday, December 16, 2024 at 8:30 a.m.

On December 9, 2024, prior to the record examination, the Candidate filed a Withdrawal of Candidacy form with the Village Clerk's office. In light of the Candidate's Withdrawal of Candidacy, the objection in this matter is moot.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:**

Pursuant to the Candidate's withdrawal of his candidacy for the office of Village Trustee of the Village of Lincolnwood, this matter is dismissed with prejudice, and all proceedings on this matter have been concluded. The Candidate's name will not appear on the ballot for the April 1, 2025 Consolidated Election.

Dated December 16, 2024

So Ordered on behalf of the Electoral Board

/s/ James Carroll  
James Carroll, Chair

Electoral Board:  
James Carroll, Chair  
Karen Dimond, Member  
Daniel Kelley, Member