

ELECTION BOARD MEETING

FEBRUARY 26, 2019

10:00 A.M.

Those in Attendance: James Holland – President, Julie Schuette – Vice President, Jay Phelps – Secretary, Peter King – Attorney, Shari Lentz – Voter Registration Supervisor, Taylor Seegraves – Election Deputy, Dustin Renner – Chief Deputy, William Tapscott, Christopher Rutan, members of the media, and eight members of the public.

President, James Holland called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. President Holland stated that the purpose of this meeting was to address the candidate challenge filed by William Tapscott of City Common Councilman, District 1 candidate, Christopher Rutan. President Holland explained the legal boundaries set forth by the state of Indiana in which the board could consider in regard to the challenge could only deal with the candidate's age, residency, party affiliation and any felony convictions. President Holland further stated that the board could not rule on any other issues outside of these boundaries. Both parties, William Tapscott and Christopher Rutan, were acknowledged by President Holland.

William Tapscott was asked to make a statement within the perimeters of the challenge set forth by statute. As Mr. Tapscott began his statement, President Holland and the Election Board Attorney, Peter King explained that the statement did not address the areas of consideration set forth by the confines of the challenge and therefore the statement was not entered into the record. Attorney, Peter King explained that the Election Board must follow the Indiana statute, and it is up to the voters to make the determination of the character of the candidate.

Christopher Rutan was asked by Mr. Holland if he would like to make a statement. Mr. Rutan stated that his party affiliation, age, residency were not in question and he had never been convicted of a felony.

A member of the audience, asked the board why the meeting had been called. Attorney, Peter King explained that the Election Board was required to meet publicly to address the candidate challenge.

President, James Holland called for a vote on the challenge. Secretary, Jay Phelps, made a motion to deny the challenge. Vice President, Julie Schuette, seconded the motion. Motion carried.

With no further business, President James Holland called for a motion to adjourn. Jay Phelps made the motion to adjourn and Julie Schuette seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned.