



Post-Election Challenge Procedures

Rules and Procedures Governing the Investigation and Hearings of Election Challenges

Lee Taylor, as the contracted election officials of the Chicago Housing Authority Local Advisory Council/Central Advisory Council elections, is required to investigate each complaint of a violation of election procedures. In this case, the authoritative source for determining the rules of a fair election and the violations of such rules is the State of Illinois Code of Elections (SICE) and the City of Chicago election Process (CCEP). The standard rules for conducting elections as outlined in the SICE have been modified and adapted for the Chicago Housing Authority LAC/CAC elections and reflected in the official LAC/CAC By-Laws. Any candidate of a LAC or CAC election or eligible voter of a public housing development may file a complaint with Lee Taylor PCG alleging that there has been a violation of the requirements, rules, provisions and/or procedures concerning the election of LAC/CAC officers.

Rules for Determining Whether a Challenge is Admissible

The protest allegations presented by the complainant must meet the preliminary tests to be deemed admissible:

1. The specific allegation(s) must be made in writing.
2. The reasons for the challenge or protest must be clearly stated.
3. It must be received within the initial timeline stated in the rules and regulations on the petition and 5 days after the election that is being challenged or protested, and
4. It must have a minimal amount of merit, that is, the complainant must have probable cause to assume that the rules, procedure and/or provisions governing the elections in question have been violated such that the outcome of the election could have been influenced.

If an allegation does not meet the above circumstances, no corrective action will be deemed necessary and should be denied. Lee Taylor PCG, as the contracted election officials must notify the protesting member of their decision in writing regardless of whether a protest is denied or not. A response must be given to the challenger and/or complainant in writing within 3 days after the written allegations is received. If a challenge is denied, Lee Taylor PCG should also advise the challenger of the basis for the decision.

However, if such challenger or complainant does not exhaust the available remedies as provided by Lee Taylor, the contracted election officials, then Lee Taylor will recommend that such complaints not be considered valid until they adhere to the properly established channels.