

Onondaga County Board of Elections Objections and Specifications

Any voter qualified to vote for a particular office may file a **General Objection** within **3 days** after the document is filed. Also any party member living in the particular political subdivision may file a general objection to a party position. A general objection must contain the name, address, and office of the candidate being objected to.


The Objector then has **6 days** to file **specific objections** to the document listing item by item what they believe should be ruled invalid. ***The Objector must provide proof of service by certified or registered mail or proof of personal service to the aggrieved party at time of filing Specific Objection. Specific Objections should be formatted so all objections on single petition page be made on a single objection page. A separate appendix of codes can be provided as well. See the example on our website.***

All objection documents will be recorded in the log book. ***At the end of each day the objections received will be posted on the OCBOE Facebook page.***

The Specific Objections are reviewed by a bipartisan team and their findings are reported to the Commissioners. The Commissioners notify the objector and the aggrieved party of their findings. Either party can request a hearing. The hearing date will be set and all parties involved will be notified by US Mail.

At the hearing, either side may present evidence as to why or why not a signature should be validated or invalidated. A secretary will be present to make record of the proceedings. ***Commissioners will not rule on cases of fraud including but not limited to matching or illegible signatures leaving those determinations for court proceedings. Alterations to the witness statement above the signature line can only be cured through a court proceeding unless affidavits are filed at time of filing petitions. Cures for wrong town/city in either the witness statement or signature lines must be received within 3 days of receiving specific objections. Those cures must show that a valid postal code was used; addresses with a completely incorrect town or postal code cannot be cured.***

At the conclusion of the hearing, the Commissioners will make a final determination. It takes a unanimous decision of the Commissioners to invalidate a document. The parties involved will be notified by US Mail. The ruling of the Commissioners will be noted in the log book.



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