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Board of Elections Vote Means No Primary for Columbus Board of Education

(Columbus) The Franklin County Board of Elections this afternoon removed Columbus Board of Education candidate Jacqueline Taylor from the May 7 primary ballot on appeal, reducing this year's field of school board candidates to five. Seven were required to hold a primary for three school board seats on the ballot in November.

The board of elections reviewed signatures on Taylor's nominating petitions on a challenge filed by voter Sarah Ries, reducing Taylor's signature total from 306 to 293 out of 300 needed to make the ballot.

The secretary of state will determine whether another school board candidate challenged by Ries,, Dominic Paretti, will appear on the ballot in November. The board of elections will refer that decision having dead locked on the validity of three signatures today.

The board also upheld its earlier decision to not certify Selina Miller as a Columbus Board of Education candidate. Miller filed an appeal to gain another four signatures today giving her a total of 298, two short of the number needed for certification.

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