

**DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
BOARD OF ELECTIONS AND ETHICS**

Cleopatra Jones

Petitioner

v.

Lugman James Shabazz

Respondent

Administrative Hearing
No. 01-001

Re: Challenge to Nominating
Petition Lugman James Shabazz

MEMORANDUM OPINION AND ORDER

I. BACKGROUND.

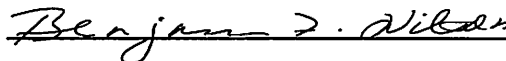
This matter comes before the Board on the basis of a challenge filed by Ms. Cleopatra Jones, Commissioner of single member district 5C03. She claims the former commissioner, Mr. Lugman James Shabazz, did not reside in the SMD. She further claims—without any offering of proof—that Mr. Shabazz's deceased father was the true resident of Mr. Shabazz's stated address. Neither party participated in the pre-hearing conference or the scheduled hearing before the Board. The Board was left with no alternative but to dismiss the challenge based on lack of evidence.

II. CONCLUSION

Accordingly, the Board, having denied Ms. Jones's challenge to Mr. Shabazz's candidacy on the ground that Ms. Jones lacked any substantiating evidence tending to support her claim, it is hereby

ORDERED, that Ms. Jones's challenge be **DENIED**.

February 12, 2001



Benjamin F. Wilson, Chairman
D.C. Board of Elections & Ethics