

IN THE COMMONWEALTH COURT OF PENNSYLVANIA

In re: Nomination Petition of Cameron :
Grosh as Democratic Candidate for :
the 45th Legislative District : No. 117 M.D. 2026
:
Objection of: Bronwyn Ritchey :

BEFORE: HONORABLE MICHAEL H. WOJCIK, Judge

MEMORANDUM and ORDER

Presently before this Court is the Petition to Set Aside the Nomination Petition of Cameron Grosh (Petition to Set Aside and Candidate, respectively) as a Democratic candidate for nomination to the office of Representative in the Pennsylvania General Assembly for the 45th Legislative District in the General Primary Election to be held on May 19, 2026. The counseled Petition to Set Aside was filed by Bronwyn Ritchey (Objector).

Pursuant to Section 912.1(14) of the Pennsylvania Election Code,¹ a candidate for the office of Representative in the General Assembly must present at least 300 valid signatures of registered and enrolled electors of the candidate's political party. On or before March 10, 2026, Candidate filed a Nomination Petition with the Secretary of the Commonwealth to appear on the Primary Election Ballot for that office. On March 17, 2026, Objector filed the instant Petition to Set Aside alleging that the Nomination Petition is invalid because Candidate proffered 59

¹ Act of June 3, 1937, P.L. 1333, added by the Act of December 12, 1984, P.L. 968, *as amended*, 25 P.S. §2872.1(14). Section 912.1(14) provides: "Candidates for nomination of offices as listed below shall present a nominating petition containing at least as many valid signatures of registered and enrolled members of the proper party as listed below: . . . Representative in the General Assembly: Three hundred."

invalid signatures out of the 325 signatures total supplied in his Nomination Petition. Objector asserts that, among other defects, some signatures were supplied by persons unregistered as electors; electors not registered in Candidate's party; and electors not registered at the given address. *See* Petition to Set Aside, Exhibits A-B; 25 P.S. §§2868-2869.

On March 18, 2026, this Court entered a Scheduling and Case Management Order (CMO) scheduling a hearing on the Petition to Set Aside for March 23, 2026, at 1:30 p.m., and imposing certain duties and obligations upon Objector and Candidate. Among these duties and obligations, we required the parties to “meet to review and each and every challenged signature line,” CMO at 3.A, and to file a stipulation identifying, *e.g.*, the particular signature lines to be contested and “every signature line to be stricken as invalid,” if any. *Id.* at 3.B.(a)-(d).

In compliance with this CMO, the parties filed a Stipulation with this Court on March 20, 2026. The Stipulation provides: “Candidate does not wish to contest the [Petition to Set Aside], and agrees that this Court should enter an order removing his name from the . . . ballot.” Because the Stipulation indicates that Candidate does not contest any of the signature lines challenged in Objector's Petition to Set Aside, the same will be granted.² Accordingly, we issue the following order:

ORDER

AND NOW, this 20th Day of March, 2026, it is hereby ORDERED:

² Additionally, we note that a candidate in a primary election may withdraw his name as of right within 15 days of the last day for filing nomination petitions. *See* 25 P.S. §2874. The final day to file a nomination petition for the May 19, 2026 General Primary Election was March 10, 2026. Thus, Candidate is not yet foreclosed from withdrawing his candidacy as of right.

1. Based on the parties' Stipulation, the Nomination Petition of Cameron Grosh as Democratic Candidate for nomination to the office of Representative in the General Assembly for the 45th Legislative District in the General Primary Election to be held on May 19, 2026, does not contain 300 valid signatures of qualified and enrolled electors as required by Section 912.1(14) of the Election Code, 25 P.S. §2872.1(14); and the Petition to Set Aside the Nomination Petition of Cameron Grosh is **GRANTED**. *See also* Section 977 of the Election Code, 25 P.S. §2937 (defective nomination petitions shall be set aside).

2. The Secretary of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania is directed to **REMOVE** the name of Cameron Grosh as a Democratic Candidate for nomination to the office of Representative in the General Assembly for the 45th Legislative District in the General Primary Election to be held on May 19, 2026.

3. The hearing scheduled to take place on March 23, 2026 at 1:30 p.m. in Courtroom No. 815 of the City-County building at 414 Grant Street, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania is **CANCELLED**.

4. Each party shall bear his, her, or their own costs.

5. The Prothonotary shall notify the parties hereto and their counsel of this order and shall also certify a copy hereof to the Secretary of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania forthwith.

Michael H. Wojcik

MICHAEL H. WOJCIK, Judge