

ELECTION APPEALS MASTER

IN RE:

CHARLENE PEETE-JACKSON,

Protestor.

06 Elec. App. 017 (KC)

ORDER

This matter is an appeal from the Election Supervisor's decision 2006 ESD 112 issued February 27, 2006.

A hearing was held before me on March 7, 2006. The following persons were heard by way of teleconference: Jeffrey J. Ellison, Esq. and Steven Newmark, Esq. on behalf of the Election Supervisor, Arden D'Amico, Treasurer of Team 639 Slate on behalf of Charlene Peete-Jackson, Charlene Peete Jackson, a member of Local Union 639 and J. Griff Morgan, Election Supervisor representative who investigated this protest.

The protester asserts that she was removed from her position as elected shop steward because of her impending candidacy for delegate on an insurgent slate challenging an incumbent slate comprised of local union officers and business agents. The Election Supervisor "found no connection between her removal and her protected activity," Preliminary Submission to the Election Appeals Master dated March 6, 2006 at 1.

The Election Supervisor's decision dated February 27, 2006 makes a convincing case that the Executive Board's determination to remove Ms. Peete-Jackson as shop steward was motivated by asserted misconduct by Ms. Peete-Jackson and was not driven by electoral politics, as claimed by Ms. Peete-Jackson.

During the Hearing, the protester asserted, according to the Election Supervisor for the first time, that business agent Doug Webber had made statements to her indicating a political motivation by the incumbents as playing some part in their decision to remove her. Indeed, in the appeals submission of Arden D'Amico dated March 2, 2006 given in support of the protester, he stated "Webber

