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**CAPTION**

In Re: Nomination Petition of Henry McGregor Sias

As Candidate for Judge on the Court of Common Pleas  
for the First Judicial District (Philadelphia County)

Petition of: John Hanssens, Jr. and Brian Eddis

**CASE INFORMATION**

Initiating Document: Objection to Nominating Petition

Case Status: Closed

Case Processing Status: March 22, 2019 Completed

Journal Number:

Case Category: Election

Case Type(s): Objection to Nomination Papers

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**AGENCY/TRIAL COURT INFORMATION**

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Order Type:

Documents Received: March 19, 2019

Court Below:

County: Division:

Judge: OTN:

Docket Number: Judicial District:

**ORIGINAL RECORD CONTENT**

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**BRIEFING SCHEDULE**

None

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<b>March 20, 2019</b>	Order Filed Per Curiam			03/20/2019

Document Name: Scheduling and Case Management Order :

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Comment: NOW, March 20, 2019, upon consideration of the petition to set aside nomination petitions:

## 1. IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

A. Hearing on the petition to set aside nomination petitions is scheduled for Wednesday, March 27, 2019, at 10:00 a.m., in Courtroom Number 2, Philadelphia, 9th Floor, Widener Building, One South Penn Square, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Objectors are directed to secure the services of a court stenographer for the hearing. Failure of Objectors to secure the services of a court stenographer may result in the dismissal of this matter.

B. If signature lines are challenged, Objectors shall secure, by request or subpoena, the presence of a Statewide Uniform Registry of Electors (SURE) system operator at the hearing.

C. A pre-trial conference may be scheduled at any time after Friday, March 22, 2019.

D. No later than 5:00 p.m., March 22, 2019, Objectors shall personally serve a copy of this order, a copy of the petition to set aside nomination petitions if the petition to set aside has not previously been served and, if signature line challenges are at issue, one digital media device (CD or USB Flash Drive) containing the objections in spreadsheet format and a key to the abbreviations used in the spreadsheet, on Vincent Melchiorre, Candidate, or at Candidate's residence on an adult member of Candidate's household, but if no adult member of Candidate's household is present, then on an adult person in charge of the residence, or at Candidate's campaign office on a person in charge thereof. Objectors shall file a proof of service with the Chief Clerk promptly thereafter.

E. Objectors shall personally or by registered mail serve a copy of this order on the Secretary of the Commonwealth and promptly thereafter file a proof of service with the Chief Clerk.

F. At the time of hearing, Objectors shall offer proof of timely service of the petition to set aside on the Secretary of the Commonwealth.

G. All counsel are under a continuing obligation and are hereby ordered to serve a copy of this order upon all unrepresented parties, if any, and upon all counsel entering an appearance subsequent to the entry of this order.

## 2. It is FURTHER ORDERED:

A. Objectors shall file a list of all witnesses to be called at the hearing and the curriculum vitae and expert report for each expert witness. Any witness not identified shall be precluded from testifying except for good cause shown.

B. Candidate shall file a list of all witnesses to be called at the hearing and the curriculum vitae and expert report for each expert witness. Any

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	witness not identified shall be precluded from testifying except for good cause shown.			
	3. If signature line challenges are at issue, it is FURTHER ORDERED:			
	A. Objectors shall immediately arrange to meet with Candidate or Candidate's representative and, if appropriate, with a SURE system operator, to review before the hearing each and every challenged signature line.			
	B. Objectors and Candidate shall file a stipulation of the parties that identifies:			
	(a) the total number of completed signature lines submitted;			
	(b) the total number of uncontested signature lines submitted;			
	(c) the total number of signature lines challenged;			
	(d) each and every signature line to which there is an objection, identified by page number and line number, and the basis for the objection; and			
	(e) each and every signature line to be stricken as invalid or for which an objection is to be withdrawn, identified by page number and line number, if the parties can reach such a stipulation.			
	C. Candidate shall file a list of all signature lines, identified by page number and line number, that are facially defective and that Candidate intends to rehabilitate. Candidate shall also state the manner in which Candidate intends to rehabilitate the signature lines.			
	4. Objectors and Candidate may each file a memorandum of law in support of their respective positions by the time and date specified in paragraph 5 of this order. No further memoranda will be permitted unless ordered by the Court.			
	5. Unless otherwise ordered, all filings required or permitted by paragraphs 2, 3 and 4 of this order shall be filed no later than 12:00 noon on Monday, March 25, 2019, with the Chief Clerk at the Pennsylvania Judicial Center, Suite 2100, 601 Commonwealth Avenue, P.O. Box 69185, Harrisburg, PA 17106-9185. Parties may file via PACFile (the Pennsylvania appellate court electronic filing system) but may NOT file by facsimile or e-mail without express prior permission from the Court.			
	6. Failure to comply with any provision of this order may preclude the noncompliant party from entering any evidence, and may result in the imposition of			

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	monetary sanctions.			
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	DiCicco, Christian Andrew	Hanssens, John, Jr.	Petitioner	
	Document Name: Praecepte to Withdraw the Petition to Set Aside the Nomination Petition of Henry M. Sias			
<b>March 21, 2019</b>	Certificate of Service Filed DiCicco, Christian Andrew	Eddis, Brian	Petitioner	
	DiCicco, Christian Andrew	Hanssens, John, Jr.	Petitioner	
<b>March 22, 2019</b>	Discontinued Per Curiam			03/22/2019
	Document Name: it appearing that objector has filed a praecipe to discontinue this matter, the hearing on the Comment: petition to set aside nomination petitions, currently scheduled for March 28, 2019, at 10:00 a.m., in Courtroom No. 1, 9th Floor, Widener Building, One South Penn Square, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania is CANCELLED.			

The Chief Clerk shall mark the docket m this matter as discontinued and ended.

Objector shall send a copy of this order to the candidate and promptly thereafter file proof of service.

## DISPOSITION INFORMATION

Final Disposition:	Yes	Judgment Date:	
Related Journal No:		Disposition Author:	Per Curiam
Category:	Disposed Before Decision	Disposition Date:	March 22, 2019
Disposition:	Discontinued		
Disposition Comment:	petition to set aside nomination petitions, currently scheduled for March 28, 2019, at 10:00 a.m., in Courtroom No. 1, 9th Floor, Widener Building, One South Penn Square, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania is CANCELLED.		

The Chief Clerk shall mark the docket m this matter as discontinued and ended.

Objector shall send a copy of this order to the candidate and promptly thereafter file proof of service.

Dispositional Filing: Filing Author:  
Filed Date: