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DECISION

Protest I-33-2024 post (ballot
collection)

By email dated December 12, 2024, Oneshia Portlette-Shade filed a protest alleging that on Tuesday December 10, 2024 bus operator Shavaree Grant collected ballots from members in the Bronx Division of MaBSTOA and took them to the post office to mail. The only evidence presented with the protest was a video that appears to be dated December 11 of two unnamed individuals yelling over each other, one accusing the other of having ballots in her hand at the Post Office, which she denied. I requested from the Protester any evidence she had that Ms. Grant picked up ballots and mailed them at the Post Office, but I received no response. Under the Election Rules the burden is on the Protester to present evidence in support of the protest.

Ms. Grant, who was not a candidate in this election, advised me that one member had requested that she take her ballot to the Post Office for her and she agreed. She went to the Post Office but never posted the ballot, as another member with whom she had previously had serious disagreements was there. This was on December 11. I reminded Ms. Grant that a member should never post another member's ballot, even if requested. However, there was no impact on the results of the election.

Protest denied.

In accordance with the International Constitution and the Election Rules, any interested party unsatisfied with this determination may appeal to the Transport

Workers Union of America Committee on Appeals. Any appeal shall be in writing and shall be filed in accordance with the procedure set forth in Article IV(B)(9) of the Election Rules and Article XXII of the International Constitution for the appeal to the International from decisions of Local Unions.



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