



Wisconsin Elections Commission

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December 23, 2024

Karrin Farrenkopf
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Sent via email: campernut@att.net

Re: Complaint Filed with Wisconsin Elections Commission
Karrin Farrenkopf v. Cindy Skinner (EL 24-132)

Dear Ms. Farrenkopf,

I am in receipt of your complaint filed with the Wisconsin Elections Commission (“the Commission”), received on December 10, 2024, against the Town of Pine Lake (Oneida County) Clerk Cindy Skinner. The administrative rules governing the Commission’s processing of Wis. Stat. § 5.06 complaints require that I review the complaint and determine within 10 business days whether the complaint is timely, is sufficient as to form, and states probable cause. Wis. Admin. Code EL § 20.04(1).

While your complaint is timely and sufficient as to form, it does not make allegations that could lead to a finding of probable cause. Therefore, I am returning the complaint to you without prejudice pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 5.06 and Wis. Admin. Code § EL 20.04(1) and (2).

Issue of Probable Cause:

You have indicated that you intended to file a complaint against Clerk Skinner pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 5.06. Complaints filed under this provision allege that an election official has taken action, or failed to do so, in a manner contrary to law, or that she exercised an abuse of discretion. Based on the allegations in your complaint, it is not clear what statute Clerk Skinner is alleged to have violated. Your complaint will need to specifically identify a provision of law with which Clerk Skinner failed to comply. Although you cite Wis. Stat. § 12.06, that appears to be a typo because there is no § 12.06 of Wisconsin law. You allege that a voter committed electioneering, but do not appear to allege that Clerk Skinner herself committed electioneering, or that she violated any other provision of Wisconsin law.

Since your complaint does not allege which provision of law Clerk Skinner violated, it does not make allegations that could lead to a finding of probable cause.

Conclusion:

I am returning the complaint, without prejudice, pursuant to Wis. Admin. Code § EL 20.04(2), after specifying that it is not sufficient as to probable cause, as well as sending a copy of this letter to Clerk Skinner.

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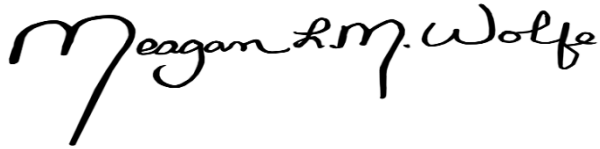
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Should you choose to refile the complaint, you must ensure that your complaint states the specific provisions of law that Clerk Skinner violated. Accordingly, the Commission now considers this complaint to be disposed of pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 5.06(2).

Please feel free to contact our office if you have any additional questions regarding this complaint.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Megan L.M. Wolfe". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized 'M' and 'W'.

Meagan Wolfe
Administrator

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Cc: Commission Members