



Wisconsin Elections Commission

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July 30, 2024

Town of Fifield Clerk
Crystal Cowling
W761 Whitmore Rd.
Park Falls, WI 54552

Sent via email: fifield@tn.fifield.wi.gov

Re: Complaint Filed with the Wisconsin Elections Commission
EL 24-74: Ann Sloane v. Crystal Cowling

Dear Clerk Cowling,

Attached to the email transmitting this letter, please find a sworn Wisconsin Statute § 5.06 complaint filed with the Wisconsin Elections Commission (Commission) by Ann Sloane. The complaint pertains to your determination of sufficiency of the recall petition against Ann Sloane after receiving a petition challenge. The Complaint was received on Friday, July 26, 2024, within the 10 days contemplated by Wis. Stat. § 5.06(3) for complaints relating to ballot preparation.

Individuals that believe the actions of an election official were contrary to an election law or were an abuse of discretion in applying an election law may file a complaint with the Commission. As Respondent, you may now provide a sworn written response to the complaint within 13 business days of the date appearing on this letter, which is Friday, August 16, 2024. Your response should address the allegations raised in the complaint. **While you may submit a response on August 16th, we ask you to expedite your response, if possible.** This complaint concerns and could potentially affect a scheduled election and any ballots that would be printed for that election, and the Commission will attempt to resolve the complaint as quickly as possible.

After you file your response, the Complainant may file a reply within 13 business days of the date that the Commission transmits your response to the Complainant. We would also ask that the Complainant expedite any reply. Once all allowable filings have been received, Commission staff will review the information and draft a decision in consultation with the Commission Administrator. The Administrator will then consult with the Commission Chair and issue the decision after permitting Commission members an opportunity to provide any feedback or request a special meeting.

You may file your response via email addressed to brandon.hunzicker@wisconsin.gov and elections@wi.gov so long as it is clear that the original document has in fact been sworn before an individual that can administer oaths, like a notary public. You may also file the response via regular mail to the address listed in the header above. If you have any additional questions, please feel free to contact me at 608-267-0714.

Wisconsin Elections Commissioners

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Sincerely,

Brandon Hunzicker

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Staff Attorney

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Cc: Megan Wolfe, Commission Administrator