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Ieshuh Griffin
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Sent via email: eyeforjustice@yahoo.com

**Re: Complaint Filed with Wisconsin Elections Commission
EL 24-06 (Ieshuh Griffin v. Claire Woodall-Vogg, II)**

Dear Ms. Griffin:

I am in receipt of the complaint filed with the Wisconsin Elections Commission (“WEC” or “Commission”), received on January 9, 2024, against Claire Woodall-Vogg, Executive Director of the Milwaukee Election Commission. The administrative rules governing the WEC’s processing of 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). The complaint alleges unclear violations of law by Director Woodall-Vogg. No Wisconsin elections statute is cited, and the complaint fails to tie any alleged deficiency to a specific party’s obligation under law. 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).

Additionally, it is very difficult to read the handwriting of the complaint. You appear to allege that “Claire Woodall-Vogg colluded with a candidate for election to disregard election laws & attempt to remove me from the ballot while I EARNED certified placement.” You appear also to allege that the Executive Director lied to you, disregarded legal procedure in dismissing your challenge, failed to afford you due and proper notification, refused to inform you of the three-day period to correct errors in information on a nomination paper, and used her position for personal gain. Any errors in this summary are due to handwriting, and I recommend that if you choose to address the issues described below and resubmit your complaint, that you type your complaint rather than write it by hand.

Sufficiency as to Probable Cause

The complaint alleges unspecified violations of law regarding the ballot access and ballot access challenge processes. The complaint cites no provisions of Wisconsin Statutes Chapters 5–10, and 12, or any applicable rules within Wisconsin’s Administrative Code Chapters 2–3, 6–7, 9–12, and 20. The Commission has the authority to administer and consider those statutes and rules in the context of sworn complaints, but the alleged violation must be clearly detailed. Without citing the statutory provisions alleged to have been violated, or at least detailing a clear statutory obligation a clerk/official had, the complaint fails to raise probable cause that a violation of election law has occurred.

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Sufficiency as to Form

As detailed above, the complaint fails to raise specific violations under Wisconsin elections law. It is also unclear what the facts were, specifically the decisions, documents, or actions that are alleged to be in violation of those laws. As such, the complaint is also insufficient as to form. There is no clear, sworn statement or supporting materials as to what exactly transpired, and the relevant facts are not clear, even beyond the lack of cited laws which are alleged to have been violated. Additionally, it is difficult to read the handwriting on the form.

Conclusion

I am returning the complaint, without prejudice, pursuant to Wis. Admin. Code § EL 20.04(2), as it fails to state probable cause that a violation of election law has occurred or meet the form requirements of a complaint. As required by that provision of administrative code, I have specified the defects in the complaint (probable cause and form). As to the information which would be appropriate to cure the defect, allegations of an official violating provisions of Wisconsin Statute Chapters 5 to 10 or 12 or Wisconsin Administrative Code Chapters 2–3, 6–7, 9–12, or 20 are under the authority of the Commission and would be necessary for the review of the complaint, if sufficient evidence to support the allegations is also part of that filing. Since the complaint does not state probable cause as to a violation of law under the authority of the Commission, and it also fails to make clear the facts of those alleged violations, the complaint has not been accepted as proper by the Commission under its administrative rules.

The Commission now considers this matter closed.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Meagan L.M. Wolfe". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized 'M' at the beginning.

Meagan Wolfe
Administrator
Wisconsin Elections Commission

cc: Members, Wisconsin Elections Commission

Enclosure