

**STATE OF CONNECTICUT**  
**STATE ELECTIONS ENFORCEMENT COMMISSION**

In the Matter of a Complaint by Andrew Wainwright  
Stamford

File No. 2021-194

**FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS**

Complainant Andrew Wainwright of Stamford filed this complaint pursuant to General Statutes § 9-7b, alleging that Peter Zonis, a poll worker in Stamford, had violated Connecticut's Voter Bill of Rights when he allegedly accosted Wainwright in the polling place. After its investigation, the Commission makes the following findings and conclusions:

1. Complainant Wainwright alleged that Zonis failed to remain "non-partisan" in his operation of a polling place in Stamford. According to Wainwright, Zonis told Wainwright that he and the other poll workers did not like the candidate that Zonis was supporting for the office of mayor in Stamford. In addition, Wainwright said that Zonis allowed a voter to enter the polling place even though she was wearing a hooded sweatshirt that supported a candidate whose name was on the ballot in 2021.
2. Wainwright alleged that Zonis had violated the oath that he had taken when he became an election official to "act completely impartial with respect to any candidate or any political party."
3. In his response to the complaint, Zonis confirmed that he was the moderator in the polling place for the First District in Stamford.
4. Zonis disputed Wainwright's recollection of the facts related to their interactions that day.
5. Zonis stated that Wainwright had come to the polling place asking to serve as an unofficial checker on behalf of Bobby Valentine, who was running for mayor of Stamford. Wainwright was told by Zonis to sit behind the checker table and not to say anything to voters directly. Zonis said that Wainwright did not follow that guidance.
6. Zonis also denied that an individual had entered the polling place wearing a hooded sweatshirt with a candidate's name and denied that he had told Wainwright that he and the other poll workers did not like the candidate that Wainwright supported.
7. Because there is insufficient evidence to support the allegations raised by the complaint, the commission shall dismiss this matter.

**ORDER**

The following Order is recommended on the basis of the aforementioned finding:

That the Commission shall dismiss this matter.

Adopted this 16<sup>th</sup> day of Nov. 2022, at Hartford, Connecticut.



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Stephen Penny, Chairman  
By Order of the Commission