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STATE ELECTIONS ENFORCEMENT COMMISSION
Campaign Disclosure & Audit Unit
55 Farmington Ave, 8th Floor, Hartford, CT 06105-3730

November 19, 2025

Katie Kochiss
David Michel 2024
29 Flint Rock Rd
Stamford, CT 06903

Re: Final Summary of Post Elections Review (PER)

Dear Treasurer Katie:

Congratulations! The post-election review of your 2024 committee is now concluded. Please find enclosed a copy of the Final Summary of Post Elections Review (PER), which has been adopted by the Commission.

The Statutory mandated post-election review ensures that public & donated funds were properly handled. The PER also enables the agency to better prepare both staff and committees for future election cycles; it helps us to develop meaningful and effective training materials; and it provides us with ideas and proposals to more effectively administer the Citizens' Election Program. Thank you for your help in all of these matters.

We appreciate your time and assistance in providing us the needed information to conduct this comprehensive review. Having qualified, diligent treasurers and candidates helps make Connecticut's campaign finance system one of the best in the nation.

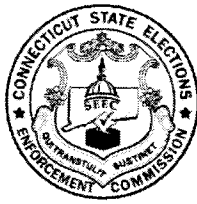
If you have any questions or concerns about the report or the process, feel free to contact your elections officer at (860) 256 2985 or via e-mail at public.finance@ct.gov.

Sincerely,

Salman Munir
Director of Campaign Disclosure & Audit Unit

Enclosure

cc: David Michel, 4 Rockledge Dr, Stamford, CT 06902



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Final Summary of Post-Election Review

"David Michel 2024"

February 8, 2024 – December 19, 2024

Congratulations! The post-election review of your 2024 committee is complete. This Final Summary addresses our findings regarding your candidate committee. The Commission will take no further action with respect to these findings.

If you have any questions or would like to arrange a meeting to review any part of this Final Summary, please do not hesitate to contact an elections officer at (860) 256-2985 or via e-mail at public.finance@ct.gov.

Scope and Process

Pursuant to a random lottery, your district was chosen for post-election review. By analyzing committees' documentation and records, Commission staff is able to identify common problems, discern areas of confusion, improve our training and outreach materials, and recommend legislative changes, if applicable.

Each committee is reviewed to determine that that campaign receipts were spent to promote the campaign of the candidate who established the committee. Contributions to participating candidates were reviewed at the time of the grant application and unless otherwise specified, any findings regarding receipts by the committee reflect information gathered then.

Results

A draft audit report with some missing items was sent to the committee on September 22, 2025. The committee provided most of the requested information, and these issues have been resolved.

EXHIBIT A

Committee Overview

Candidate Committee Information

Committee Name	David Michel 2024
Candidate Name	David Michel
Treasurer Name	Katie Kochiss
Office Sought	State Representative
District	H-146
Party	Democrat
Date of Registration	February 8, 2024
Date of Termination	December 19, 2024
Ballot Status	General Election (November 5, 2024)

Summary of Financial Activity

Total Contributions Raised	\$6,399.70
Personal Funds of Candidate	\$0.00
Citizens' Election Fund Grant Amount	\$36,500.00
Expenditures	\$42,300.00
Surplus Funds (Returned to Citizens' Election Fund)	\$0.00

Summary of Qualifying Contributions

At application, each contribution was reviewed in order to determine if it met the two-part threshold for a qualifying contribution. This committee raised a total of \$6,399.70 and 185 contributions. Of this amount, at least \$5,800 and 150 were determined to meet the thresholds for qualifying for a CEP grant.

EXHIBIT B

Transactions Requiring Supporting Documentation and/or Explanation

Exhibit B3

Name of Payee/Creditor	Date of Payment	Amount	Method of Payment	Description
Matt Waggner	12/11/2024	\$1,000.00	Check 302	No wage agreement/timesheets were provided for these payments.

Committee response: Committee provided most of the missing wage agreements and stated that, "I have recently moved and unfortunately cannot locate Matt Wagner's contract at this time, while one does exist. He was contracted by David Michel 24, and was paid a flat rate."

Commission Recommendation: Written Wage Agreements provide important protections for treasurers and must be utilized. In the future, make certain that you maintain documentation reflecting the work you agreed to pay for and the amount you agreed to pay. You must also maintain contemporaneous documentation such as time sheets and/or invoices which adequately reflect the amount of work that was performed.

Exhibit B4

Name of Payee/Creditor	Date of Payment	Amount	Method of Payment	Description
Joshua Flores	10/01/2024	\$1,000.00	Check 303	Contract is required for any services provided. Please provide the contract(s) signed by both parties prior to the beginning of work
Angelica Gorrio	10/01/2024	\$1,200.00	Check 306	

Committee response: Committee responded as, "As previously stated, I have recently moved and unfortunately cannot locate these two contracts at this time. They are the only other contracts misplaced in the shuffle of moving, and are most likely together.

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