



STATE OF CONNECTICUT  
STATE ELECTIONS ENFORCEMENT COMMISSION  
Campaign Disclosure & Audit Unit  
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April 1, 2026

Melissa K Asare  
*Mama Gwen 2024*  
11 Selleck St  
Stamford, CT 06902

Re: Final Summary of Post Elections Review (PER)

Dear Treasurer Melissa,

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](mailto:public.finance@ct.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Salman Munir".

Salman Munir  
Director of Campaign Disclosure & Audit Unit

Enclosure

cc: Gwen Samuel, 53 Vine St Fl 2, Meriden, CT 06451



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## **Final Summary of Post-Election Review**

### **“Mama Gwen 2024”**

**May 27, 2024 – July 7, 2025**

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](mailto: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.

### **Conclusion**

A draft post-election review report with some missing items was sent to the committee on February 25, 2026. The committee was not able to provide the required information.

# EXHIBIT A

## Committee Overview

### Candidate Committee Information

<b>Committee Name</b>	<b>Mama Gwen 2024</b>
<b>Candidate Name</b>	<b>Gwen Samuel</b>
<b>Treasurer Name</b>	<b>Melissa K Asare</b>
<b>Office Sought</b>	<b>State Senator</b>
<b>District</b>	<b>S-13</b>
<b>Party</b>	<b>Republican</b>
<b>Date of Registration</b>	<b>May 27, 2024</b>
<b>Date of Termination</b>	<b>July 07, 2025</b>
<b>Ballot Status</b>	<b>General Election (November 5, 2024)</b>

### Summary of Financial Activity

<b>Total Contributions Raised</b>	<b>\$2,742.00</b>
<b>Other Receipts</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>Personal Funds of Candidate</b>	<b>\$383.64</b>
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>\$2,742.00</b>
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$3,569.02</b>
<b>Surplus Funds</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>

## EXHIBIT B

### Transactions Requiring Supporting Documentation and/or Explanation

Exhibit B1

Name of Payee/Creditor	Date of Payment	Amount	Method of Payment	Description
Rays Signage	10/29/2024	\$375.00	Debit Card	Please provide the invoice and/or receipt for this transaction.
Just Yard	10/7/2024	\$351.42	Debit Card	Please provide the invoice and/or receipt for this transaction.
Avery Beverage	10/3/2024	\$196.75	Debit Card	Please provide the invoice and/or receipt for this transaction.
Big Y	10/29/2024	\$122.72	Debit Card	Please provide the invoice and/or receipt for this transaction.
JS Ocean	10/28/2024	\$67.86	Debit Card	Please provide the invoice and/or receipt for this transaction.
Fiverr Inc	9/30/2024	\$66.30	Debit Card	Please provide the invoice and/or receipt for this transaction.
Walgreens	10/9/2024	\$66.25	Debit Card	Please provide the invoice and/or receipt for this transaction.
Target	10/28/2024	\$62.71	Debit Card	Please provide the invoice and/or receipt for this transaction.
Exxon	10/29/2024	\$60.31	Debit Card	Please provide the invoice and/or receipt for this transaction.
Walgreens	9/9/2024	\$5.99	Debit Card	Please provide the invoice and/or receipt for this transaction.
Fas Mart	10/14/2024	\$51.61	Debit Card	Please provide the invoice and/or receipt for this transaction.
Home Depot	10/18/2024	\$50.70	Debit Card	Please provide the invoice and/or receipt for this transaction.
Matt Alston Jr	10/28/2024	\$50.00	Debit Card	Please provide the invoice and/or receipt for this transaction.
Big Y	10/28/2024	\$47.85	Debit Card	Please provide the invoice and/or receipt for this transaction.
Home Depot	10/7/2024	\$45.87	Debit Card	Please provide the invoice and/or receipt for this transaction.

Walmart	10/29/2024	\$45.19	Debit Card	Please provide the invoice and/or receipt for this transaction.
MTown Wings	10/17/2024	\$44.62	Debit Card	Please provide the invoice and/or receipt for this transaction.
Custom T'	6/27/2024	\$42.54		Please provide the invoice and/or receipt for this transaction.
Taino Smokehouse Prime	10/31/2024 10/31/2024	\$42.54 \$17.96		Please provide the invoice(s) and/or receipt(s) for these transactions.
downtown coffee shop	10/14/2024	\$40.03	Debit Card	Please provide the invoice and/or receipt for this transaction.
Rose	11/1/2024	\$39.13		Please provide the invoice and/or receipt for this transaction.
Dream Host	11/1/2024	\$37.98		Please provide the invoice and/or receipt for this transaction.
Ace Hardware	10/28/2024	\$37.37	Debit Card	Please provide the invoice and/or receipt for this transaction.
Frifd	11/8/2024	\$35.94		Please provide the invoice and/or receipt for this transaction.
Family Dollar	9/25/2024	\$35.37		Please provide the invoice and/or receipt for this transaction.

*Committee Response:* Committee responded as “All required invoices and receipts have been submitted through eCRIS. I no longer retain physical or additional copies of these documents.”

*Commission Recommendation:* The Commission advises the Committee to maintain contemporaneous documentation of each expenditure.

Exhibit B2

Name of Payee/Creditor	Date of Payment	Amount	Method of Payment	Description
Cash App - M	11/12/2024	\$238.00	Debit Card	Please provide the contract(s) and timesheet(s) for these transactions.
	11/12/2024	\$200.00	Debit Card	
	11/7/2024	\$150.00	Debit Card	
Natty Gonzalez	10/28/2024	\$100.00	Debit Card	Please provide the contract and timesheet for this transaction.

*Committee Response:* Committee responded as “All required invoices and receipts have been submitted through eCRIS. I no longer retain physical or additional copies of these documents.”

*Commission Recommendation:* Commission Recommendation: Written Wage Agreements provide important protection 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 B3

Name of Payee/Creditor	Date of Payment	Amount	Method of Payment	Description
Cash App - M	11/12/2024 11/12/2024 11/07/2024	\$238.00 \$200.00 \$150.00		Expenses were listed on bank statement but not found on SEEC30.
Fiverr Inc	9/30/2024	\$66.30		Expense was listed on bank statement but not found on SEEC30.
Custom T'	6/27/2024	\$42.54		Expense was listed on bank statement but not found on SEEC30.
Rose	11/1/2024	\$39.13		Expense was listed on bank statement but not found on SEEC30.
Dream Host	11/1/2024	\$37.98		Expense was listed on bank statement but not found on SEEC30.
Frifd	11/8/2024	\$35.94		Expense was listed on bank statement but not found on SEEC30.
Family Dollar	9/25/2024	\$35.37		Expense was listed on bank statement but not found on SEEC30.

*Committee Response:* Committee responded as “All required invoices and receipts have been submitted through eCRIS. I no longer retain physical or additional copies of these documents.”

*Commission Recommendation:* The Commission advises the Committee to adhere to the rules and regulations regarding itemized disclosure.