



STATE OF CONNECTICUT
STATE ELECTIONS ENFORCEMENT COMMISSION

In Re: Commission Initiated Investigation Into,
"Tim For Connecticut 2018," Hartford

No. 2023-009B

NOTICE OF CASE CLOSURE

The "Tim for Connecticut" candidate committee (the "Committee") was reviewed as part of the Commission's Post-Election Audit Process (the "Audit") for the 2018 election cycle. Based on Audit results, the Commission voted on December 21, 2022, to initiate an investigation into the Committee to determine whether there were campaign finance violations. Thomas Daly, Treasurer; Elaine Hammers, Deputy Treasurer; and Candidate Timothy Herbst were identified as Respondents. This disposition pertains to Respondent Hammers. Resolutions of this matter regarding Respondents Daly and Herbst are treated under separate documents.

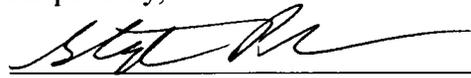
The Committee had four treasurers during the campaign. Respondent Hammers served as deputy treasurer for the duration of the Committee. Upon investigation it was determined that Respondent Hammers assisted the Committee with "strategy," but did not otherwise keep financial records or written and documentary evidence of expenditures, which General Statutes § 9-607 (f) requires of treasurers. Further, there is no evidence that she otherwise performed any duties as treasurer, including the filing and signing of campaign finance reports by the Committee.

While it is clear there were significant issues with the financial checks and balances for the Committee, as revealed by the adverse audit findings, the errors did not provide a basis to extend liability to Respondent Hammers as deputy treasurer. Specifically, the Commission determines that Respondent Hammers did not assume the role of *de facto* treasurer or otherwise incur liability for errors in reporting or record keeping by the Committee.

The Commission concludes that Respondent Hammers, as deputy treasurer of the Committee, did not have liability under these specific and narrow circumstances. The Commission therefore directs the Clerk of the Commission to administratively close this matter for the reasons stated.

Reflected in the record this 21st day of January, 2026, at
Hartford, Connecticut.

Respectfully,


Clerk of the State Elections Enforcement Commission

January 21, 2026
(By the State Elections Enforcement Commission)