

STATE OF CONNECTICUT
STATE ELECTIONS ENFORCEMENT COMMISSION

In the Matter of a Referral by the Registrars of Voters, Greenwich

File No. 2025-008

AGREEMENT CONTAINING A CONSENT ORDER

This agreement, by and between the Respondent, Blake Delany of Greenwich, and the authorized representative of the State Elections Enforcement Commission (“SEEC”), is entered into in accordance with Section 9-7b-54 of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies and Section 4-177 (c) of the General Statutes of Connecticut. It is hereby agreed that:

1. On or about April 2, 2025, the Commission received the above-captioned referral and on April 16, 2025, the Commission voted it necessary to investigate the referral.
2. The referring Greenwich registrars alleged that Hadley Delany voted twice in the 2024 November general election; once via absentee ballot in Greenwich, CT and again in-person in Ann Arbor, MI.

Relevant Legal Authority

3. This matter is governed by General Statutes §§9-140, 9-140a, 9-140b regarding the processes and requirements of absentee ballots and applications.
4. This matter is further governed by General Statutes §§ 9-359, 9-359a and 9-360 regarding prohibited acts at an election relating to absentee ballots and double voting, violations of which are class D felonies.

Facts Found After an Investigation

5. The Greenwich registrars provided the following documentation in their referral: an executed absentee ballot application for Hadley Delany purportedly signed by Ms. Delany on July 28, 2024; the signed inner envelope for Ms. Delany’s absentee ballot purportedly signed and submitted by Ms. Delany on October 28, 2024; a voter checklist from Greenwich listing Hadley Delany as having voted in the 2024 November general election via absentee ballot; and a voter record from Michigan listing Hadley Delany as having voted in Ann Arbor, MI in the same election.
6. Upon investigation it was found that Hadley Delany was, at all relevant times concerning this matter, a student at the University of Michigan Law School located in Ann Arbor, MI.

7. Upon investigation it was found that Ms. Delany registered to vote in Ann Arbor on or about September 17, 2024. It was found that Ms. Delany voted during early voting for the 2024 November general election in Ann Arbor on October 31, 2024.

8. In response to this investigation, Ms. Delany states that she did not request an absentee ballot application in Connecticut, nor did she complete and sign the application. She further states that she did not complete nor sign the absentee ballot, but thinks that her father, Blake Delany, had possibly done so.

9. In response to this investigation, Blake Delany of Greenwich, CT states that he was at fault for the voting error that occurred. He stated that his actions were a result of thinking that his daughter would be unable to register and vote in Michigan as a student for the November general election, and that he failed to communicate with her prior to his submission of Hadley's absentee ballot to the Greenwich officials. While Mr. Delany does not recall, nor fully admit to, each specific action (e.g., filling out Hadley's absentee ballot application and signing his daughter's name under penalty of false statement; filling out and signing her absentee ballot and submitting it when she was no longer qualified to vote in Greenwich) he states that it was all his fault and that he accepts full responsibility.

10. Based upon the evidence and the investigation, the Commission can conclude the following: that Blake Delany completed and signed Hadley Delany's absentee ballot application; that Blake Delany completed, signed and submitted Hadley Delany's absentee ballot; and that based on these actions (and upon the fact that Hadley had legally registered and voted in Michigan), two ballots were cast by Hadley Delany at the 2024 November general election.

Conclusions of Law

11. The Commission can conclude that the actions of Blake Delany described *supra*, were made without the authorization or consent of Hadley Delany and amount to violations of various Title 9 election law statutes; including, but not limited to, General Statutes §§9-140, 9-140a, and 9-140b. The Commission can also conclude that based on his actions, Respondent Delany ultimately "improperly voted" when he was not "legally qualified to do so," at the 2024 November general election, as provided by General Statutes §9-7b(a)(2)(C).

Penalty Considerations

12. Pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes § 9-7b(a)(2), the Commission has the authority to impose civil penalties for violations of election laws, including General Statutes §§9-140, 9-140a, and 9-140b. Although the maximum penalty available is \$2,000 per offense or violation, the Commission has the authority to set a lesser penalty where circumstances call for such leniency pursuant to Section 9-7b-48 of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies. The Commission also has the authority to levy a civil penalty in the amount of \$2,000 against any person found to

have improperly voted in any election.¹

13. The Commission notes that Respondent Blake Delany has no prior history with the State Elections Enforcement Commission. The Commission also notes that Mr. Delany was very cooperative, contrite and pro-active in this investigation as he immediately reached out to investigators upon learning of the referral. The Commission further considers that Mr. Delany has accepted full responsibility for this mistake and that he genuinely believed his daughter may not be able to vote in Michigan (as a student) in the November general election.

14. The Commission also notes, however, that Mr. Delany was not entirely forthright with investigators, initially stating that he believed his daughter was with him when the absentee ballot was completed. Further, his actions ultimately led to the egregious outcome of a person double voting in the 2024 November general election.

15. Based on the foregoing, the Commission concludes that ordering Respondent Blake Delany to henceforth strictly comply with §§9-140, 9-140a, and 9-140b, of Connecticut General Statutes, to refrain from improperly voting in any election pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes§9-7b(a)(2), and to pay a civil penalty in the amount of Two Thousand Five Hundred dollars (**\$2,500.00**) to the Commission within ten (10) days of the Commission's adoption of this Agreement, is sufficient to ensure immediate and continued compliance.

16. It is understood and agreed that this Agreement will be submitted to the Commission at its next available meeting, and, if it is not accepted by the Commission, it is withdrawn as to the Respondent and may not be used as an admission by any party in any subsequent hearing, if the same becomes necessary.

17. Respondent waives:

- (a) any further procedural steps concerning this matter,
- (b) the requirement that the Commission's decision contain a statement of findings of fact and conclusions of law, separately stated, and
- (c) all rights to seek judicial review or otherwise to challenge or contest the validity of the Order entered into pursuant to this agreement.

18. Upon Respondent's compliance with the Order hereinafter stated, the Commission shall not initiate any further proceedings against them pertaining to the allegations specifically addressed herein.

¹ See, General Statutes §9-7b(a)(2)(C)(i); See also, *In the Matter of a Complaint by Carole T. Young-Kleinfeld*, Wilton, File No. 2017-034; *In the Matter of a Complaint by Alice Palmer*, Groton, File No. 2007-227.

19. The Commission, based upon this Agreement and the evidence herein, dismiss this matter as to Respondents Hadley Delany and Teresa Delany.

ORDER

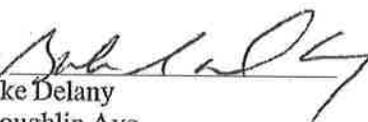
Based upon the above factual determinations, conclusions of law and the entire record:

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Respondent Delany shall henceforth strictly comply with §§9-140, 9-140a, and 9-140b of Connecticut General Statutes.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Respondent Delany shall henceforth refrain from improperly voting in any election pursuant to §§9-7b(a)(2) of Connecticut General Statutes.

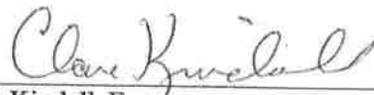
IT IS FURTHER HEREBY ORDERED that Respondent Delany shall pay a civil penalty in the amount of Two Thousand Five Hundred dollars (\$2,500.00) to the Commission within ten (10) days of the Commission's adoption of this Agreement Containing a Consent Order, and the Commission shall distribute said civil penalty to the Connecticut General Fund.

The Respondent:

By: 
Blake Delany
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Dated: 10/28/25

For the State of Connecticut:

BY: 
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Dated: 10/30/2025

Adopted this 19th day of November, 2025 at Hartford, Connecticut by vote of the Commission.


Stephen T. Penny, Chairman
By Order of the Commission