

**STATE OF CONNECTICUT
STATE ELECTIONS ENFORCEMENT COMMISSION**

In the Matter of a Complaint by Emily Marquis,
Wilmington

File No. 2026-066

NOTICE OF DISMISSAL

On May 28, 2026, the Complainant, Emily Marquis, a resident of the Town of Wilmington, submitted an Affidavit of Complaint alleging that the Respondent, Philip Stevens the Superintendent of Schools for the Town of Wilmington, had violated General Statutes § 9-369b by publishing a digital flyer on May 15, 2026, which allegedly advocated in favor of a referendum regarding the school budget. On June 17, 2026, the Commission found it necessary to investigate the alleged violation of General Statutes § 9-369b.

Based upon the investigation and the entire record, the Commission determines that the digital flyer did not violate General Statutes § 9-369b because the referendum in question was not legally pending until May 20, 2026, when the Selectmen of the Town of Wilmington voted to schedule the date and location of the referendum. Accordingly, the Commission dismisses the Complaint.

ORDER

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

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Complaint for File No. 2026-066 against Philip Stevens be dismissed.

Adopted this 5th day of August, 2026 at Hartford, Connecticut.



Stephen T. Penny, Chairman
By Order of the Commission