



STATE OF MAINE  
COMMISSION ON GOVERNMENTAL ETHICS  
AND ELECTION PRACTICES  
135 STATE HOUSE STATION  
AUGUSTA, MAINE  
04333-0135

To: Commission  
From: Jonathan Wayne, Executive Director  
Date: June 15, 2026  
Re: Staff Recommendation: No Further Investigation Necessary of 2024 Campaign Finance Reporting by Rep. Dick Campbell

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During mid-May 2026, Commission staff had been requesting a bank statement from State Representative Richard Campbell to settle an apparent discrepancy in his campaign finance reporting:

- The transactions reported by Rep. Campbell for his 2024 campaign for office left him with a calculated cash balance of \$7,232.71.
- But, in his first campaign finance report filed for the 2026 election cycle, Rep. Campbell entered that he was transferring \$2,689.00 in surplus 2024 campaign funds to his 2026 campaign. He later explained by telephone that \$2,689.00 was the balance for the wrong account, which he had entered due to some confusion with his bank.

At a meeting on May 27, 2026, the Commission authorized staff to investigate the issue.

On June 3, 2026, Rep. Campbell submitted a photo of a bank statement documenting that the balance in his campaign account on May 4, 2026 was \$7,232.71. The photo is enclosed in the meeting packet confidentially. This amount is consistent with his campaign finance reporting in 2024.

The Commission staff therefore recommends no further investigation of Rep. Campbell's 2024 campaign finance reporting.



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June 10, 2026

*By Email and Regular Mail*

Hon. Richard H. Campbell  
321 River Road  
Orrington, ME 04474

**Re: Update on Commission Investigation**

Dear Rep. Campbell,

Thank you for providing the Ethics Commission with the Sole Prop Activity Statement from the Machias Savings Bank documenting that the cash balance in your campaign bank account on May 6, 2026 was \$7,232.71. The statement is consistent with the ending balance for your 2024 campaign that was calculated by our electronic filing system after your 2024 campaign.

The statement satisfies the concerns of the Commission staff about your campaign finance reporting in 2024. We see no reason to conduct further investigation of that issue.

When the members of the Commission meet on June 24, 2026, the staff will report back to the Commission. We will recommend our view that no further investigation is necessary. There will probably be a separate item on the agenda for this recommendation. If you have any interest in participating in the meeting, you are welcome but I really don't think it's necessary.

Thank you, again, for your assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jonathan Wayne".

Jonathan Wayne  
Executive Director