

**STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE  
BALLOT LAW COMMISSION**

**Decision BLC 2022-9**

**Appeal of Valerie Sarwark**

**BACKGROUND**

Valerie Sarwark, of Manchester, seeks to run as an independent candidate for state representative from Manchester's Ward 2, Hillsborough County District 17. She collected supporting forms from people claiming to be registered voters, and submitted the forms to the Manchester City Clerk's Office. She testified to the Commission, that the review of the forms left her two short, but maintained that there had not been a sufficient review of the forms by the City Clerk to reach that conclusion. At the hearing, on August 24, 2022, Secretary of State David Scanlan offered to review the forms, and to contact the City Clerk to determine if the proper review had taken place, since the time for the submission to his office had not yet come. On the basis of this offer, the parties agreed to this process.

**DECISION**

The Ballot Law Commission, based on the proceedings described above, voted to table the request, pending the actions described, without prejudice to the right of the candidate to bring the matter before the Commission at a later date.

**So ordered.**

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**Bradford E. Cook, Chairman**  
**David Campbell**  
**Michael Eaton**  
**Robert Letourneau**  
**Eugene Van Loan, III**