



# Missouri Ethics Commission

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## **Commission Action: MEC No. 25-0009-I: Howard O. “Kin” Watkins**

**Date: 4/7/2025**

The Missouri Ethics Commission received a complaint on March 17, 2025, filed against Howard O. “Kin” Watkins. Mr. Watkins is a candidate in the April 8, 2025, election for the City of Frontenac Board of Aldermen.

Missouri statutes required that an investigation be completed within 15 business days of receipt and presented to the Commission for a determination of whether there are reasonable grounds of a violation or whether it should be dismissed. Section 130.054, RSMo.

Missouri statute, Section 105.955.6, RSMo., requires at least four commission members are necessary for a quorum, and at least four affirmative votes shall be required for any action or recommendation of the Commission.

Because there were not four Commissioners able to consider the investigation within the statutory timeframe, the Commission could take no action on this complaint.

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