

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF
PENNSYLVANIA

Michael Robinson v. Judge Robert B. Saylor, et al.

Robinson · No. 4:25-CV-02092 · Decided March 31, 2026

SUMMARY

The United States District Court for the Middle District of Pennsylvania adopted a magistrate judge's Report and Recommendation in Michael Robinson's civil rights action concerning a local election in Shamokin, Pennsylvania. The court denied Robinson's motion for a temporary restraining order without prejudice and directed the clerk to terminate the defendants and close the case based on consolidation with another action.

CASE DETAILS

COURT	United States District Court for the Middle District of Pennsylvania
JURISDICTION	United States District Court for the Middle District of Pennsylvania
DECIDED	March 31, 2026
DOCKET	4:25-CV-02092
DISPOSITION	other
PROCEDURAL POSTURE	The district court reviewed a magistrate judge's Report and Recommendation because no timely objections were filed. The court denied the pending motion for a temporary restraining order and closed the action based on consolidation with another action filed by Robinson.
STANDARD OF REVIEW	When no objection is made to a magistrate judge's Report and Recommendation, the district court reviews the recommendation for clear error.
PRECEDENTIAL VALUE	unpublished
PARTIES	Michael Robinson v. Judge Robert B. Saylor, et al.

TOPICS

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- civil procedure
- civil rights
- election law

PRACTICE AREAS

civil procedure

civil rights

election law

injunctions

QUESTIONS PRESENTED

1. What standard of review applies when no timely objection is filed to a magistrate judge's Report and Recommendation?
2. Whether the magistrate judge's recommendation to deny Robinson's motion for a temporary restraining order and close the case based on consolidation should be adopted.

HOLDINGS

1. When no timely objection is filed to a magistrate judge's Report and Recommendation, the district court reviews the recommendation for clear error.
2. The court found no error, clear or otherwise, in the magistrate judge's recommendation, adopted the Report and Recommendation, denied the motion for a temporary restraining order without prejudice, and closed the case.

FACTUAL BACKGROUND

Michael Robinson alleged that several individuals violated his civil rights in connection with a local election in Shamokin, Pennsylvania. He filed a motion for a temporary restraining order. The magistrate judge recommended denying that motion and closing the case because it had been consolidated with another action filed by Robinson.

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

Robinson filed a civil rights complaint concerning an alleged violation of his rights in connection with a local election in Shamokin, Pennsylvania. Magistrate Judge Phillip J. Caraballo recommended denying Robinson's motion for a temporary restraining order and closing the case based on consolidation with case number 4:25-CV-02091. No timely objections were filed, and the district court adopted the recommendation after finding no clear error.

DISPOSITION

other

CASES CITED

- Henderson v. Carlson, 812 F.2d 874, 878 (3d Cir. 1987)

OPINION

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA MICHAEL ROBINSON, No. 4:25-CV-02092 Plaintiff, (Chief Judge Brann) v. (Magistrate Judge Caraballo) JUDGE ROBERT B. SAYLOR, et al., Defendants. ORDER MARCH 31, 2026 Michael Robinson filed this civil rights complaint alleging that several

individuals violated his rights with regard to a local election in in Shamokin, Pennsylvania.¹ On March 3, 2026, Magistrate Judge Phillip J. Caraballo issued a Report and Recommendation recommending that this Court deny the pending motion for a temporary restraining order and close this case based upon its consolidation with another action that Robinson had filed in case number 4:25-CV- 02091.² No timely objections were filed to this Report and Recommendation.

Where no objection is made to a report and recommendation, this Court will review the recommendation only for clear error.³ Regardless of whether objections 1 Doc. 1. 2 Doc. 6. 3 Fed. R. Civ. P. 72(b), advisory committee notes; see *Henderson v. Carlson*, 812 F.2d 874, 878 (3d Cir. 1987) (explaining that court should in some manner review recommendations are made, district courts may accept, reject, or modify—in whole or in part—the findings or recommendations made by the magistrate judge.⁴ Upon review of the record, the Court finds no error, clear or otherwise, in Magistrate Judge Caraballo’s recommendation.

Consequently, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that: 1. Magistrate Judge Phillip J. Caraballo’s Report and Recommendation (Doc. 6) is ADOPTED; 2. Robinson’s motion for a temporary restraining order (Doc. 3) is DENIED without prejudice; and 3.

The Clerk of Court is directed to terminate all defendants and CLOSE this case. BY THE COURT: s/ Matthew W. Brann Matthew W. Brann Chief United States District Judge 4 28 U.S.C. § 636(b) (1); Local Rule 72.31.