

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)
COUNTY OF RICHLAND) BEFORE THE STATE ETHICS COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF:)
COMPLAINT C2014-061)

Carolyn Robinson,)
Respondent.)

Elizabeth A. Jenkins,)
Complainant.)

CONSENT ORDER

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This matter comes before the State Ethics Commission by virtue of a complaint filed by the Commission on November 6, 2013. The complaint against the Respondent, Carolyn Robinson, was considered by the Commission on March 19, 2014, and probable cause was found to warrant an evidentiary hearing. Prior to the call of the case, Respondent agreed to entry of the following statements of fact, conclusions of law, discussion, admission, and disposition in this matter.

STATEMENTS OF FACT

1. The Respondent, Carolyn Robinson, is a member of Fairfield County Council.
2. Respondent stated that she hastily filed her 2010 Statement of Economic Interests form (SEI) report and used information from her 2008 Campaign Disclosure form. Respondent said that the stipend money she received from the county was offset by expenditures she made for her telephone, travel, and office supplies; therefore, she did not document that money as income.
3. A review of Respondent's 2009 wage and tax filing statement revealed that Respondent received gross pay in the amount of \$13,142.92 from Fairfield County. In addition, a review of Respondent's 2009, 1099 miscellaneous income statement, revealed Respondent received gross pay in the amount of \$6,635.00. On October 1, 2013 staff



reviewed Respondent's original 2010 SEI report filed on February 2, 2010. The 2010 SEI report did not document any income from Fairfield County in 2009.

4. A review of Respondent's 2010 wage and tax filing statement revealed that Respondent received gross pay in the amount of \$21,736.18 from Fairfield County. On October 1, 2013 staff reviewed Respondent's original 2011 SEI report filed on September 7, 2012. The report documented income from Fairfield County in the amount of \$20,822.00.

5. A review of Respondent's 2012 wage and tax filing statement revealed that the Respondent received gross pay in the amount of \$20,996.48. On October 1, 2013 staff reviewed Respondent's original 2013 SEI report filed on April 7, 2013. The 2013 SEI report documented income from Fairfield County in the amount of \$19,481.72.

6. Staff met with Respondent in regard to the aforementioned SEI reports, and Respondent amended her SEI reports accordingly.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Based upon the Statement of Facts, the Commission concludes, as a matter of law:

1. During all times relevant, the Respondent, Carolyn Robinson, was a public official, as defined by S.C. Code Ann. § 8-13-100(27)(Supp. 2012).
2. The State Ethics Commission has personal and subject matter jurisdiction.
3. Section 8-13-1120(A)(2) provides that a public official must disclose the source, type and amount of income received from a governmental entity.

DISCUSSION

(Available to Respondent for discussion of mitigating factors.)

ADMISSIONS

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The Respondent, Carolyn Robinson, admits that she inadvertently violated
Section 8-13-1120.

DISPOSITION

The State Ethics Commission hereby finds Carolyn Robinson in violation of
Section 8-13-1120, albeit inadvertent, of the Ethics Reform Act and hereby adopts the
Statements of Fact, Conclusions of Law, Admissions, and Disposition as agreed upon by
the Respondent.

THEREFORE, the State Ethics Commission hereby issues this written warning to
Carolyn Robinson for violations of Section 8-13-1120 of the Ethics Reform Act,

AND, orders Respondent to pay an administrative fee of \$375.00 within 30 days
of receipt of the signed order,

AND IT IS SO ORDERED THIS 21st DAY OF May 2014.

STATE ETHICS COMMISSION



~~PHILLIP FLORENCE, JR.~~ JAMES H. BURNS
CHAIR


Carolyn Robinson

