

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA )  
 COUNTY OF RICHLAND )  
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 IN THE MATTER OF: )  
 COMPLAINT C2013-051 )  
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 STATE ETHICS COMMISSION, )  
 Complainant; )  
 )  
 vs. )  
 )  
 William P. Alexander, )  
 Respondent. )  
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BEFORE THE STATE ETHICS COMMISSION

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 COMMISSION

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**DECISION AND ORDER**

Pursuant to S. C. Code Ann. § 8-13-320(10)(i)(Supp. 2012), the State Ethics Commission reviewed the above captioned complaint on January 16, 2013 charging the Respondent, William P. Alexander, with a violation of Section 8-13-1140. Present at the meeting were Commission Members Phillip Florence, Jr., Chair, E. Kay Biermann Brohl, JB Holeman, Jonathan H. Burnett and Richard H. Fitzgerald. The following allegation was considered:

**ALLEGATIONS**

On October 23, 2012 the State Ethics Commission filed a complaint against William P. Alexander, Commissioner, Oolenoy River Watershed Conservation District. The complaint alleged that the Respondent failed to file a 2012 Statement of Economic Interests (SEI) statement.

**FINDINGS OF FACT**

Having carefully reviewed the evidence presented, the Commission finds as fact:

1. The Respondent was an elected member of the Oolenoy River Watershed Conservation District, which is a position required to file an annual SEI.
2. On November 13, 2012 the Respondent's spouse advised that the Respondent had resigned his position with the Watershed Commission prior to April 15, 2012. Due

to the Respondent's illness he had not acted upon the correspondence he received from the Ethics Commission. On the same date the Respondent advised that he resigned his position in January 2012. He stated he would fax his resignation letter. The letter received on November 13, 2012 indicated that the Respondent resigned on February 1, 2012.

### CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Based upon the foregoing Findings of Fact, the Commission concludes, as a matter of law:

1. The Respondent was a public official as defined by Section 8-13-100(27).
2. The State Ethics Commission has personal and subject matter jurisdiction.
3. In accordance Reg. 52.601 (D), "A person required to file a Statement who is no longer in office on April 15 of the year following the first filing, is not required to file an updated Statement."

### DECISION

THEREFORE, based upon evidence presented, the State Ethics Commission has determined that there is not probable cause to indicate that the Respondent, William P. Alexander, violated Section 8-13-1140. The Commission has therefore dismissed the charges in accordance with Section 8-13-320(10)(i), and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder.

IT IS SO ORDERED THIS 19<sup>th</sup> DAY OF February, 2013.

STATE ETHICS COMMISSION

  
PHILLIP FLORENCE, JR.  
CHAIRMAN

COLUMBIA, SOUTH CAROLINA