

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)
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COUNTY OF RICHLAND)
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IN THE MATTER OF:)
COMPLAINT C2013-097)
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State Ethics Commission,)
Complainant;)
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vs.)
)
Fedra Campbell,)
Respondent.)
_____)

BEFORE THE STATE ETHICS COMMISSION

DECISION AND ORDER

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COMMISSION

This matter comes before the State Ethics Commission by virtue of a complaint filed by the Commission on January 22, 2013. On March 20, 2013, pursuant to S. C. Code Ann. § 8-13-320(10)(i)(Supp. 2012), the State Ethics Commission reviewed the above-captioned complaint charging the Respondent, Fedra Campbell, with a three violations of Section 8-13-1308(B).

Present at the meeting were Commission Members Phillip Florence, Jr., Chair, E. Kay Biermann Brohl, Priscilla L. Turner, George Carlton Manley, Jonathan H. Burnett, Richard H. Fitzgerald and James I. Warren. The Commission found probable cause.

FINDINGS OF FACT

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

1. The Respondent, Fedra Campbell, was a candidate for Greenville County Council in the June 12, 2012 primary election.
2. Respondent received a letter dated November 6, 2012 for failure to file a July 10, 2012 quarterly CD. The letter was resent certified on November 30, 2012. It was delivered on December 1, 2012. Penalties began accruing on December 12, 2012.

3. On January 29, 2013 a Commission investigator left a voice message at Respondent's telephone concerning the late CDs and accruing penalties. On February 5, 2013 Respondent contacted Commission staff member Karen Wiggins. On February 6, 2013 Ms. Wiggins contacted Respondent and advised her regarding what she needed to do to comply. On February 7, 2013 the investigator contacted Respondent and urged her to comply as soon as possible due to the accruing penalties.

4. On February 12, 2013 Respondent complied. At the time the total penalty had reached \$5,200.00.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

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

1. During all times relevant, the Respondent, Fedra Campbell, was a candidate, as defined by Section 8-13-1300(4).

2. The State Ethics Commission has personal and subject matter jurisdiction

3. Section 8-13-1308(B) provides:

Following the filing of an initial certified campaign report, additional certified campaign reports must be filed within ten days following the end of each calendar quarter in which contributions are received or expenditures are made, whether before or after an election until the campaign account undergoes final disbursement pursuant to the provisions of Section 8-13-1370.

4. Section 8-13-320(10)(i) provides in part:

(10) to conduct its investigation, inquiries, and hearings in this manner:

(i) . . . If the Commission finds probable cause to believe that a violation of this chapter has occurred, the Commission may waive further proceedings if the respondent takes action to remedy or correct the alleged violation.

DECISION

Based upon the evidence presented and the amendment of Respondent's campaign disclosure form the State Ethics Commission has determined that the Respondent, Fedra Campbell, has complied with the disclosure requirements of the Ethics Reform Act of 1991. THEREFORE, in accordance with Section 8-13-320(10)(i), and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder, the State Ethics Commission waives further proceedings.

IT IS SO ORDERED THIS 18th DAY OF April, 2013.

STATE ETHICS COMMISSION


PHILLIP FLORENCE, JR.
CHAIRMAN

COLUMBIA, SOUTH CAROLINA