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STATE ETHICS COMMISSION

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)
COUNTY OF RICHLAND)
IN THE MATTER OF:)
COMPLAINT C2013-046)
STATE ETHICS COMMISSION,)
Complainant;)
vs.)
Stephen C. Moses,)
Respondent.)

) BEFORE THE STATE ETHICS COMMISSION

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, Stephen C. Moses, with a violation of Section 8-13-1140. Present at the meeting were Commission Members Phillip Florence, Jr., Chair, E. Kay Biermann Brohl, JB Holleman, 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 Stephen C. Moses, Board member, Lee County Election and Registration Board. 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 served as a member of the Lee County Registration and Election Board with a term beginning January 2011.
2. On November 13, 2012 it was determined that the Respondent was appointed to the Magistrate Court effective January 13, 2012. The Election and Registration Board

did not receive official notification that the Respondent had resigned from the Board.

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, Stephen C. Moses, 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

19th

DAY OF February, 2013.

STATE ETHICS COMMISSION



PHILLIP FLORENCE, JR.
CHAIRMAN

COLUMBIA, SOUTH CAROLINA