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STATE ETHICS COMMISSION  
201 Executive Center Drive  
Suite 150  
Columbia, SC 29210  
ETHICS ACT COMPLAINT FORM

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**Section 1. READ BEFORE COMPLETING THIS FORM:**

**Investigative Authority:** The Ethics, Government Accountability, and Campaign Reform Act (the Act) gives the State Ethics Commission (Commission) the authority to investigate complaints against candidates, public officials, public members, public employees, at the state or local government level in South Carolina as well as lobbyists, and lobbyist's principals.

The Commission has the authority to investigate violations of Title 8, Chapter 13 of the South Carolina Code of Laws, Title 2, Chapter 17 of the South Carolina Code of Laws, Title 59, Chapter 150 of the South Carolina Code of Laws, various provisions of Title 42, Chapter 3 of the South Carolina Code of Laws, and various provisions of Title 58, Chapter 3 of the South Carolina Code of Laws

**Statute of Limitations:** Pursuant to Section 8-13-320(9)(d) of the Act, the Commission cannot take action on a complaint more than four years after the violation is alleged to have occurred.

**Blackout Period:** Pursuant to Section 8-13-320(9)(b)(1) of the Act, no complaint may be accepted against a candidate for elective office during the fifty-day period before an election in which he is a candidate.

Please note that the Commission does not have the jurisdiction to investigate alleged violations of South Carolina's Freedom of Information Act, violations of the criminal code, instances of rude or discourteous treatment, federal officials, or violations of local ordinances, policies, or procedures.

## **Section 2. PROCEDURES FOR SUBMITTING A COMPLAINT:**

Complaints must be submitted by mailing the original of a fully completed complaint form to the Commission at 201 Executive Center Drive, Suite 150, Columbia, SC 29210. Failing to completely fill out the complaint form will result in the form being returned to you without an investigation being opened. Complaint forms must be either typed or written in clear, legible handwriting.

Both the Complainant and the Respondent have the right to be represented by legal counsel of their choosing. If either the complainant and/or the respondent chooses to be represented by legal counsel, they do so at their own expense.

## **Section 3. CONFIDENTIALITY:**

Complaint forms become public documents if the Commission finds probable cause that a violation of law has occurred. Please note that upon receiving a properly filed complaint form, the Commission will share an unredacted copy of the complaint with the Respondent whether or not an investigation is ordered.

## **Section 4. COMPLAINT ACKNOWLEDGEMENT:**

Please check each circle to acknowledge that you have read and understand the following:

- ☒ I understand that I may be called to testify in an administrative or criminal proceeding should probable cause be found on this matter.
- ☒ I understand that I may be subpoenaed to sit for a deposition where I will be required to answer questions under oath.
- ☒ I understand that my name, address, and phone number will be shared with the Respondent.
- ☒ I understand that my name may be made public by the Respondent or the Commission.

**Section 5. CHECK THE POSITION OF THE PERSON AGAINST WHOM THIS COMPLAINT IS FILED:**

- ☐ Candidate for public office
- ☐ Elected official at the state or local level
- ☒ Employee of local or state government
- ☐ Lobbyist
- ☐ Lobbyist's Principal
- ☐ Member of South Carolina Legislature
- ☐ Public member (a person appointed to a part-time board, commission, or council at the state or local level)

**Section 6. COMPLAINANT AND RESPONDENT INFORMATION:**

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| <b>I. PERSON BRINGING THE COMPLAINT (COMPLAINANT)</b>            |                                       |                          |                             |
| <b>Name:</b>                                                     | State Ethics Commission               |                          |                             |
| <b>Address:</b>                                                  | 201 Executive Center Drive, Suite 150 |                          |                             |
| <b>City:</b>                                                     | Columbia                              | <b>State:</b> SC         | <b>Zip Code:</b> 29210      |
| <b>Telephone</b>                                                 | (803) 253-4192                        | <b>Email Address:</b>    |                             |
| <b>II. PERSON AGAINST WHOM COMPLAINT IS BROUGHT (RESPONDENT)</b> |                                       |                          |                             |
| <b>Name:</b>                                                     | Danny A. Templar                      |                          |                             |
| <b>Address:</b>                                                  | [REDACTED]                            |                          |                             |
| <b>City:</b>                                                     | [REDACTED]                            | <b>State:</b> [REDACTED] | <b>Zip Code:</b> [REDACTED] |
| <b>Telephone</b>                                                 | [REDACTED]                            |                          |                             |

**Section 7. THE INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THIS COMPLAINT COMES FROM:**

- ☒ Personal knowledge
- ☐ Media Reports
- ☐ From a third-party
- ☐ Other
- ☐ Please specify: \_\_\_\_\_

**Section 8: STATEMENT OF FACTS (Please state the actions of the Respondent upon which your ethics complaint is based):**

Section 8-13-1110, SC Code Ann., 1976, as amended, requires certain officials to file a Statement of Economic Interests prior to assuming the duties of the office. Records in the State Ethics Commission indicate that the Respondent was required to file the 2022 Statement of Economic Interests as the Kershaw County Chief Administrative Official prior to assuming the duties of the office in August 2022.

Respondent was reminded of the filing requirement by a certified letter dated December 6, 2024 as described in the attached. To date, a 2022 Statement of Economic Interests has not been received. All in violation of Section 8-13-1110, SC Code Ann., 1976, as amended.

**Section 9. VERIFICATION BY OATH OR AFFIRMATION - ORIGINAL NOTARY AND SIGNATURES REQUIRED:**

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
COUNTY OF RICHLAND

Personally appeared before me Meghan Walker Dayson who, first being duly sworn, says that he has read and knows the contents of the above complaint and that the allegations contained therein, are true and correct to the best of his own knowledge, except for those matters therein based upon information and belief, and as to those he/she believes them to be true.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this  
6th day of April, 2026

  
Meghan Walker Dayson  
Executive Director

  
Notary Public for South Carolina

My Commission expires March 14, 2033

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| STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA | ) |                                    |
| COUNTY OF RICHLAND      | ) | BEFORE THE STATE ETHICS COMMISSION |
|                         | ) |                                    |
| IN THE MATTER OF:       | ) |                                    |
|                         | ) |                                    |
| Complaint C2026-025     | ) |                                    |
|                         | ) |                                    |
| State Ethics Commission | ) | <b>NOTICE OF HEARING</b>           |
| Complainant.            | ) |                                    |
|                         | ) |                                    |
| Danny A. Templar        | ) |                                    |
| Respondent.             | ) |                                    |
|                         | ) |                                    |

The State Ethics Commission has determined that there is probable cause pursuant to Section 8-13-320(10)(i), Code of Laws, South Carolina, 1976, as amended, in the above-captioned complaint. The Commission will convene a formal hearing into the matter in accordance with Section 8-13-320(10)(i) & (j), Code of Laws, South Carolina, 1976, as amended, and State Ethics Commission Regulations, S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 52-707 (1997 Cum. Supp.) on Thursday, October 15, 2026, at 9:30 a.m. at the Commission Hearing Room located at: 201 Executive Center Drive, Suite 150, Columbia, South Carolina 29210.

The following allegation will be heard:

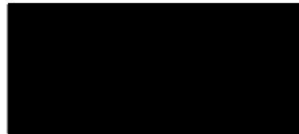
**COUNT ONE**  
**FAILURE TO FILE STATEMENT OF ECONOMIC INTERESTS**  
**SECTION 8-13-1110, S.C. CODE ANN., 1976, AS AMENDED**

That Danny A. Templar, County Administrator for Kershaw County, failed to file a Statement of Economic Interests prior to assuming his official duties in August 2022, in violation of Section 8-13-1110.

You have the right to be represented by counsel, the right to call and examine witnesses, the right to introduce exhibits, and the right to cross-examine opposing witnesses. This hearing will be open to the public as required by Section 8-13-320(10)(j), Code of Laws, South Carolina,

1976, as amended. The procedures to be followed are set forth in the Administrative Procedures Act, Section 1-23-10, et seq., Code of Laws, South Carolina, 1976, as amended, the State Ethics Act, Section 8-13-100, et seq., Code of Laws, South Carolina, 1976, as amended, and State Ethics Commission Regulations, S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 52-707 (1997 Cum. Supp.).

A pre-hearing conference may be scheduled prior to the hearing to allow exchange of witness lists and evidence, marking of exhibits, and disposition of motions or pleadings. In the event you fail to appear, judgment by default will be rendered against you. If there are any questions concerning the above notice or hearing times, please contact the State Ethics Commission.



Meghan Walker Dayson, Executive Director  
State Ethics Commission

Dated this 16<sup>th</sup> day,  
of July 2026

**Certificate of Service by Certified Mail**

I hereby certify that a copy of this **NOTICE OF HEARING** was duly served on RESPONDENT Danny A. Templar, 2132 Arrowwood Road West, Camden, SC 29020 by depositing said **NOTICE OF HEARING** in the United States mail, Columbia, South Carolina on this 17 day of July 2026, by CERTIFIED MAIL, E-RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED, appropriate postage affixed, and a return address clearly indicated on said envelope.



Maquita S. Kessler, Paralegal  
State Ethics Commission

Columbia, South Carolina

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