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COMPLAINT FORM

FOR COMMISSION USE ONLY:  
CASE NUMBER

c 2022-049

COMPLAINANT: Terence R. Wilson

RESPONDENT: Jereleen H. Miller

ADDRESS: [REDACTED]

ADDRESS: [REDACTED]

TELEPHONE NUMBER: [REDACTED]

TELEPHONE NUMBER: [REDACTED]

TITLE: Council-Town of Mayesville

TITLE: Mayor-Town of Mayesville

Set forth in detail specific facts upon which you based your complaint against above-named respondent (only detailed, clear factual allegations will be considered. If additional space is needed, attach supplemental sheets).

**Conflict of Interest:**

Eddie Miller the spouse of Jereleen Miller, the Mayor of Mayesville, SC, serves currently as Executive Director of the Town of Mayesville Community Development Corporation. Eddie Miller has served as the Project Manager overseeing various projects in the town of Mayesville in which Jereleen Miller is currently the Mayor of Mayesville, SC.

In November 2021 new councilmembers were elected to office, whereas the question arose several times in reference to the conflict of interest pertaining to Mayor Miller and her spouse Eddie Miller.

In January 2022 meeting (minutes are attached) Mayor Miller excused herself from the CDC meeting due to the conflict of interest with her spouse Eddie Miller (Interim). When, I Councilman Terence Wilson again ask the question pertaining to the conflict of interest, Mayor Miller return to the meeting stating, "she was tired of me (Councilman Wilson) picking with her husband". I asked, Mayor Miller, "if she was to have return to the CDC meeting"? She replied, "that she was not the mayor but a chairperson for the CDC". It was unethical for her to return to the meeting, I (Councilman Wilson), removed myself from the meeting. As indicated in the minutes, the meeting proceeded in my absence. Mr. Eddie Miller was then voted in as Executive Director of the CDC without the consideration of all councilmembers.

Currently there are no records on file of Mayor Miller or Executive Director Eddie Miller having signed the conflict-of-interest policy; when presented in the March 2022 meeting it was dismissed.

Mayor Miller previously suggested that if I (Councilman Wilson) had any questions I could come and personally speak with her, each time I have tried to speak with her (Mayor Miller) has called law enforcement (Sumter County) on me; seeking to bar me from entering the building. She instructed employees not to allow me into the building in which I am a Councilman, whereas the building is a public building. Mr. Eddie Miller stated to me that there was a statute from 1975 that would allow them to operate the Town of Mayesville as such. When asked for a copy, he was unable to produce.

I, Terence Wilson, newly elected to Councilman of the town of Mayesville, I have the same question as I did when I took office. Is there a conflict of interest between Mayor Jereleen Miller and spouse Eddie Miller, Executive Director in the operation of the town of Mayesville? The position that Mr. Eddie Miller has as Executive Director; was it given on the influence that his wife is the mayor or was the position open, and announced, that other qualified candidates could have applied.

Minutes from Meetings attached.

If there is a finding of probable cause, the following documents become public record: the complaint, the response (if any) by respondent, and the notice of hearing. If a hearing is to be held, the final order and all exhibits become public record. If no hearing is held following a finding of probable cause, the final disposition of the matter becomes public record.

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF Sumter

Personally appeared before me Terence R. Wilson who, first being duly sworn, says that he/she 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/her 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

5th day of May, 2022



Complainant Signature



Notary Public for South Carolina

My Commission expires March 2, 2025

SEC-7 (Revised 3/2022)

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TOWN OF MAYESVILLE CDC  
Mayesville, South Carolina 29104

January, 2022

VIA ZOOM CONFERENCE

Mayesville CDC conducted a council meeting via zoom. Meeting was called to order by Chair Jereleen H. Miller and the following members were present (alphabetically listed) Vice-chair Cynthia Massingill and Members Roteschia Benjamin, Eric Jackson and Terence Wilson.

**Invocation**

**Approval of the agenda**

Addition to the agenda was Ms. Patty Wilson

Chair Miller entertained a motion to approve the agenda as information with the adding of Ms. Patty as PR person. Member Eric Jackson approved the agenda as information and seconded by Member Roteschia Benjamin.

**Reading of the Meeting Minutes**

The Meeting minutes was read by Jerrildine J. Jones. A motion to approve the Meeting Minutes as information was entertained by Vice President Cynthia Massingill and seconded by Member Roteschia Benjamin.

**Financial Report**

Financial Reports were read by Jerrildine J. Jones. Chair Miller entertained a motion to accept the financial reports as information. The motion was so moved by member Vice President Cynthia Massingill and seconded by Member Roteschia Benjamin.

**New Business**

Chair Miller suggested to close the Hud account and to transfer remaining funds to the clinic and the Deli.

**Old Business**

Ms. Patty Wilson Update

Ms. Patty stated that there are many projects coming up soon.

### **Update on the Executive Manager's Salary**

In order to discuss the Executive Director's salary and remain in accordance with the by-laws of the CDC and the Ordinances of The Town of Mayesville, the Chair informed the board that the matter of discussing Interim CDC Director Miller as being voted in as Executive Director was in the CDC, Town of Mayesville and herself as Mayor and CDC Chair, excused herself due to a possible conflict of interest retrospectively, in that, the Interim CDC Director Ed Miller is her spouse and that the meeting be turned over to Vice Chair Cynthia Massingill and Clerk/Treasurer Jerrildine J. Jones for discussion, It was so moved by Member Eric Jackson and seconded by Member Roteshia Benjamin. Motion was carried without objection.

The Members were informed that Sumter County would be paying the balance due on the Bland Hud Project where Mr. Miller served as Project Manager/Construction Manager. This position was approved by the Board/Council in January of 2019. The contract was approved for \$36,000.00, of which \$30,000.00 have been paid to date, leaving an outstanding balance of \$6,000.00.

A discussion arose wherein the Board Chair Miller felt it necessary to return to clear up a matter of "Conflict of Interest" that was being misinterpreted by Board Member Terance Wilson with full intentions of removing herself once the matter was cleared up. Member Eric Jackson explained the difference between The Town Ordinance and The Town Maintenance Handbook pertaining to the Conflict of Interest that was being discussed. Board Member Wilson removed himself before the matter was cleared. Chair Miller again removed herself and the meeting continued under the guidance of Vice Chair Massingill. Realizing the subjects of appointing Mr. Miller as Executive Director with a salary review every three months starting with \$500.00 a month. This was a continuation from the December 14, 2021 meeting not voted on. It was decided that it would be voted on during the next meeting scheduled for January 11, 2022 with the full knowledge that they would be voting on appointing Interim Executive Director Miller as Executive Director from the December 2021. He was asked to bring clarification on the \$6,000.00 being processed by Sumter County. After discussion and all questions answered to everyone satisfaction, a vote was motioned by Board Member Eric Jackson and second by Board Member Benjamin and was passed without objection.

The Vote: I make a motion that Interim CDC Director Ed Miller be appointed as CDC Executive Director with a salary of \$500.00 per month with a review of salary every 3 months. Chair Miller returned and Mr. Miller gave an update on the apartments. The Chairperson entertained a motion to adjourn the CDC meeting. It was so moved by Member Roteshia Benjamin and seconded by Member Eric Jackson. Meeting adjourn.

## ARTICLE IX. ETHICS

## Sec. 2-201. Conflict of interest policy.

An official or employee of the Town of Mayesville may not use his or her official position or office, or take or fail to take any action, or influence others to take or fail to take any action, in a manner which he or she knows, or has reason to believe, may result in a personal or financial benefit. The central point of this conflict-of-interest policy is that town officials and employees should not prefer, over the public interest, their own interests or the interests of their family or business associates.

- (1) *Contracts for personal benefit.* All public officers and employees are prohibited from soliciting or receiving any gift, reward, or promise of reward, including a promise of future employment, in exchange for recommending, influencing, or attempting to influence the award of a contract, even if they do not derive a direct benefit under the contract. The Mayesville Town Government may use relatives for employment and will need approval through the council since there could be a limited number of qualified applicants. Any qualified relatives must be able to act impartially despite the presence of a conflict.
- (2) *Gifts and favors.* An official or employee of the Town of Mayesville is prohibited from accepting gifts or favors to influence the award and/or administration of a public contract. They are prohibited from accepting anything of substantial value from anyone with whom they have had or are likely to have official dealings.
- (3) *Misuse of confidential information.* Public officials and employees of the Town of Mayesville are prohibited from using confidential information for personal gain or to help another person acquire benefits from such actions. Confidential information is any non-public information that the official or employee has learned in the course of his or her official duties.
- (4) *Misuse of official position* Public officials and employees are prohibited from using or attempting to use his or her official position to secure an unwarranted privilege for anyone or from giving a reasonable basis for the impression that you can be improperly influenced in the performance of your official duties. Town officials and employees are prohibited from seeking or receiving payoffs or kickbacks from or on behalf of anyone doing business with the town, anyone seeking to do business with the town or anyone who has done business with the town in the past.
- (5) *Other conflicts of interest.* When a matter presents a non-material conflict of interest for individuals covered by this policy, the following procedure must be followed:
  - a. The individual involved identifies the potential conflict to town council.
  - b. The individual fully discloses all facts relevant to town council's discussion of the matter.
  - c. The individual refrains from voting on the matter and, if requested by any member of council, absents him or herself from the meeting during any discussion of the matter; and
  - d. The disclosure of the conflict and recusal from the vote is documented in meeting minutes and/or other records.



Based on terms of Conflict of Interest Policy, please check one of the statements below as applicable to you:

I am not aware of any direct or indirect financial or other material interest that is required to be disclosed under the Conflict of Interest Policy.

OR

I have described in the space below or attached letter every direct or indirect financial or other material interest that is required to be disclosed under the Conflict of Interest Policy.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print Name  
(Ord. of 10-12-2021)

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA )  
COUNTY OF RICHLAND )

BEFORE THE STATE ETHICS COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF: )

Complaint C2021-071 )

Alberta Wadsen )  
Complainant. )

**NOTICE OF HEARING**

Michael L. Miller )  
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 State Ethics Commission will, therefore, convene a formal hearing into the matters, 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 17, 2024 at 9:30 a.m. at the State Ethics Commission Hearing Room located at: 201 Executive Center Drive, Suite 150, Columbia, South Carolina 29210.

The following allegations will be heard:

**COUNT ONE**  
**USE OF OFFICIAL POSITION TO OBTAIN ECONOMIC INTEREST**  
**SECTION 8-13-700(A), S. C. CODE ANNOTATED, 1976, AS AMENDED**

That Michael L. Miller, Mayor of the Town of Wagener (Town), did in Richland County, knowingly use his official position to obtain an economic interest for himself by signing a January 3, 2018 check from the Town to himself in the amount of \$500.00, in violation of Section 8-13-700(A).

**COUNT TWO**  
**USE OF OFFICIAL POSITION TO OBTAIN ECONOMIC INTEREST**  
**SECTION 8-13-700(A), S. C. CODE ANNOTATED, 1976, AS AMENDED**

That Michael L. Miller, Mayor of the Town of Wagener, did in Richland County, knowingly use his official position to obtain an economic interest for himself by signing a February 23, 2018 check from the Town to his company, Crescent Cities LLC, in the amount of \$138.24, in violation of Section 8-13-700(A).

**COUNT THREE**  
**USE OF OFFICIAL POSITION TO OBTAIN ECONOMIC INTEREST**  
**SECTION 8-13-700(A), S. C. CODE ANNOTATED, 1976, AS AMENDED**

That Michael L. Miller, Mayor of the Town of Wagener, did in Richland County, knowingly use his official position to obtain an economic interest for himself by signing a May 9, 2018 check from the Town to himself in the amount of \$924.90, in violation of Section 8-13-700(A).

**COUNT FOUR**  
**USE OF OFFICIAL POSITION TO OBTAIN ECONOMIC INTEREST**  
**SECTION 8-13-700(A), S. C. CODE ANNOTATED, 1976, AS AMENDED**

That Michael L. Miller, Mayor of the Town of Wagener, did in Richland County, knowingly use his official position to obtain an economic interest for himself by signing a May 31, 2019 check from the Town to himself in the amount of \$205.00, in violation of Section 8-13-700(A).

**COUNT FIVE**  
**USE OF OFFICIAL POSITION TO OBTAIN ECONOMIC INTEREST**  
**SECTION 8-13-700(A), S. C. CODE ANNOTATED, 1976, AS AMENDED**

That Michael L. Miller, Mayor of the Town of Wagener, did in Richland County, knowingly use his official position to obtain an economic interest for himself by signing a September 18, 2019 check from the Town to himself in the amount of \$1,100.00, in violation of Section 8-13-700(A).

**COUNT SIX**  
**USE OF OFFICIAL POSITION TO OBTAIN ECONOMIC INTEREST**  
**SECTION 8-13-700(A), S. C. CODE ANNOTATED, 1976, AS AMENDED**

That Michael L. Miller, Mayor of the Town of Wagener, did in Richland County, knowingly use his official position to obtain an economic interest for himself by signing a January 21, 2020 check from the Town to himself in the amount of \$151.38, in violation of Section 8-13-700(A).

**COUNT SEVEN**  
**USE OF OFFICIAL POSITION TO OBTAIN ECONOMIC INTEREST**  
**SECTION 8-13-700(A), S. C. CODE ANNOTATED, 1976, AS AMENDED**

That Michael L. Miller, Mayor of the Town of Wagener, did in Richland County, knowingly use his official position to obtain an economic interest for himself by signing an August 27, 2020 check from the Town to himself in the amount of \$250.00, in violation of Section 8-13-700(A).

**COUNT EIGHT**  
**USE OF OFFICIAL POSITION TO OBTAIN ECONOMIC INTEREST**  
**SECTION 8-13-700(A), S. C. CODE ANNOTATED, 1976, AS AMENDED**

That Michael L. Miller, Mayor of the Town of Wagener, did in Richland County, knowingly use his official position to obtain an economic interest for himself by signing a September 11, 2020 check from the Town to himself in the amount of \$150.78, in violation of Section 8-13-700(A).

**COUNT NINE**  
**USE OF OFFICIAL POSITION TO OBTAIN ECONOMIC INTEREST**  
**SECTION 8-13-700(A), S. C. CODE ANNOTATED, 1976, AS AMENDED**

That Michael L. Miller, Mayor of the Town of Wagener, did in Richland County, knowingly use his official position to obtain an economic interest for himself by signing a March 4, 2021 check from the Town to himself in the amount of \$151.38, in violation of Section 8-13-

700(A).

**COUNT TEN**  
**USE OF OFFICIAL POSITION TO OBTAIN ECONOMIC INTEREST**  
**SECTION 8-13-700(A), S. C. CODE ANNOTATED, 1976, AS AMENDED**

That Michael L. Miller, Mayor of the Town of Wagener, did in Richland County, knowingly use his official position to obtain an economic interest for himself by signing an April 7, 2021 check from the Town to himself in the amount of \$151.38, in violation of Section 8-13-700(A).

**COUNT ELEVEN**  
**USE OF OFFICIAL POSITION TO OBTAIN ECONOMIC INTEREST**  
**SECTION 8-13-700(A), S. C. CODE ANNOTATED, 1976, AS AMENDED**

That Michael L. Miller, Mayor of the Town of Wagener, did in Richland County, knowingly use his official position to obtain an economic interest for himself by signing a May 24, 2021 check from the Town to himself in the amount of \$60.50, in violation of Section 8-13-700(A).

**COUNT TWELVE**  
**USE OF OFFICIAL POSITION TO OBTAIN ECONOMIC INTEREST**  
**SECTION 8-13-700(A), S. C. CODE ANNOTATED, 1976, AS AMENDED**

That Michael L. Miller, Mayor of the Town of Wagener, did in Richland County, knowingly use his official position to obtain an economic interest for himself by transfer \$400.00 of town funds to Respondent's personal account on August 5, 2020, in violation of Section 8-13-700(A).

**COUNT THIRTEEN**  
**USE OF OFFICIAL POSITION TO OBTAIN ECONOMIC INTEREST**  
**SECTION 8-13-700(A), S. C. CODE ANNOTATED, 1976, AS AMENDED**

That Michael L. Miller, Mayor of the Town of Wagener, did in Richland County, knowingly use his official position to obtain an economic interest for himself by transfer \$1,100.00

of town funds to Respondent's personal account on August 31, 2020, in violation of Section 8-13-700(A).

**COUNT FOURTEEN**  
**USE OF OFFICIAL POSITION TO OBTAIN ECONOMIC INTEREST**  
**SECTION 8-13-700(A), S. C. CODE ANNOTATED, 1976, AS AMENDED**

That Michael L. Miller, Mayor of the Town of Wagener, did in Richland County, knowingly use his official position to obtain an economic interest for himself by transfer \$500.00 of town funds to Respondent's personal account on September 14, 2020, in violation of Section 8-13-700(A).

**COUNT FIFTEEN**  
**USE OF OFFICIAL POSITION TO OBTAIN ECONOMIC INTEREST**  
**SECTION 8-13-700(A), S. C. CODE ANNOTATED, 1976, AS AMENDED**

That Michael L. Miller, Mayor of the Town of Wagener, did in Richland County, knowingly use his official position to obtain an economic interest for himself by transfer \$2,500.00 of town funds to Respondent's personal account on September 23, 2020, in violation of Section 8-13-700(A).

**COUNT SIXTEEN**  
**USE OF OFFICIAL POSITION TO OBTAIN ECONOMIC INTEREST**  
**SECTION 8-13-700(A), S. C. CODE ANNOTATED, 1976, AS AMENDED**

That Michael L. Miller, Mayor of the Town of Wagener, did in Richland County, knowingly use his official position to obtain an economic interest for himself by transfer \$2,500.00 of town funds to Respondent's business account on October 23, 2020, in violation of Section 8-13-700(A).

**COUNT SEVENTEEN**  
**USE OF OFFICIAL POSITION TO OBTAIN ECONOMIC INTEREST**  
**SECTION 8-13-700(A), S. C. CODE ANNOTATED, 1976, AS AMENDED**

That Michael L. Miller, Mayor of the Town of Wagener, did in Richland County,

knowingly use his official position to obtain an economic interest for himself by transfer \$2,500.00 of town funds to Respondent's business account on November 18, 2020, in violation of Section 8-13-700(A).

**COUNT EIGHTEEN**  
**USE OF OFFICIAL POSITION TO OBTAIN ECONOMIC INTEREST**  
**SECTION 8-13-700(A), S. C. CODE ANNOTATED, 1976, AS AMENDED**

That Michael L. Miller, Mayor of the Town of Wagener, did in Richland County, knowingly use his official position to obtain an economic interest for himself by transfer \$1,600.00 of town funds to Respondent's business account on November 27, 2020, in violation of Section 8-13-700(A).

**COUNT NINETEEN**  
**USE OF OFFICIAL POSITION TO OBTAIN ECONOMIC INTEREST**  
**SECTION 8-13-700(A), S. C. CODE ANNOTATED, 1976, AS AMENDED**

That Michael L. Miller, Mayor of the Town of Wagener, did in Richland County, knowingly use his official position to obtain an economic interest for himself by transfer \$1,400.00 of town funds to Respondent's business account on December 1, 2020, in violation of Section 8-13-700(A).

**COUNT TWENTY**  
**USE OF OFFICIAL POSITION TO OBTAIN ECONOMIC INTEREST**  
**SECTION 8-13-700(A), S. C. CODE ANNOTATED, 1976, AS AMENDED**

That Michael L. Miller, Mayor of the Town of Wagener, did in Richland County, knowingly use his official position to obtain an economic interest for himself by transfer \$5,000.00 of town funds to Respondent's business account on December 3, 2020, in violation of Section 8-13-700(A).

**COUNT TWENTY-ONE**  
**USE OF OFFICIAL POSITION TO OBTAIN ECONOMIC INTEREST**  
**SECTION 8-13-700(A), S. C. CODE ANNOTATED, 1976, AS AMENDED**

That Michael L. Miller, Mayor of the Town of Wagener, did in Richland County, knowingly use his official position to obtain an economic interest for himself by transfer \$2,000.00 of town funds to Respondent's personal account on January 25, 2021, in violation of Section 8-13-700(A).

**COUNT TWENTY-TWO**  
**USE OF OFFICIAL POSITION TO OBTAIN ECONOMIC INTEREST**  
**SECTION 8-13-700(A), S. C. CODE ANNOTATED, 1976, AS AMENDED**

That Michael L. Miller, Mayor of the Town of Wagener, did in Richland County, knowingly use his official position to obtain an economic interest for himself by transfer \$400.00 of town funds to Respondent's business account on January 29, 2021, in violation of Section 8-13-700(A).

**COUNT TWENTY-THREE**  
**USE OF OFFICIAL POSITION TO OBTAIN ECONOMIC INTEREST**  
**SECTION 8-13-700(A), S. C. CODE ANNOTATED, 1976, AS AMENDED**

That Michael L. Miller, Mayor of the Town of Wagener, did in Richland County, knowingly use his official position to obtain an economic interest for himself by transfer \$500.00 of town funds to Respondent's personal account on February 1, 2021, in violation of Section 8-13-700(A).

**COUNT TWENTY-FOUR**  
**FAILURE TO RECUSE FROM A GOVERNMENTAL DECISION IN WHICH A**  
**BUSINESS WITH WHICH ASSOCIATED HAD AN ECONOMIC INTEREST**  
**SECTION 8-13-700(B), S.C. CODE ANN., 1976, AS AMENDED**

That Michael L. Miller, Mayor of the Town of Wagener, did in Richland County, fail to recuse and provide a written recusal statement during the September 3, 2019 Town Council meeting regarding Resolution 2019-09-03, in violation of Section 8-13-700(B).

**COUNT TWENTY-FIVE**  
**FAILURE TO REPORT INCOME ON STATEMENT OF ECONOMIC INTERESTS**  
**SECTION 8-13-1120, S.C. CODE ANN., 1976, AS AMENDED**

That Michael L. Miller, Mayor of the Town of Wagener, did in Richland County, fail to report income from Respondent's business Crescent Cities, LLC, on his 2018 Statement of Economic Interests (SEI), in violation of Section 8-13-1120.

**COUNT TWENTY-SIX**  
**FAILURE TO REPORT INCOME ON STATEMENT OF ECONOMIC INTERESTS**  
**SECTION 8-13-1120, S.C. CODE ANN., 1976, AS AMENDED**

That Michael L. Miller, Mayor of the Town of Wagener, did in Richland County, fail to report income from Respondent's business Crescent Cities, LLC, on his 2019 SEI, in violation of Section 8-13-1120.

**COUNT TWENTY-SEVEN**  
**FAILURE TO REPORT INCOME ON STATEMENT OF ECONOMIC INTERESTS**  
**SECTION 8-13-1120, S.C. CODE ANN., 1976, AS AMENDED**

That Michael L. Miller, Mayor of the Town of Wagener, did in Richland County, fail to report income from Respondent's business Crescent Cities, LLC, on his 2020 SEI, in violation of Section 8-13-1120.


**COUNT TWENTY-EIGHT**  
**FAILURE TO REPORT INCOME ON STATEMENT OF ECONOMIC INTERESTS**  
**SECTION 8-13-1120, S.C. CODE ANN., 1976, AS AMENDED**

That Michael L. Miller, Mayor of the Town of Wagener, did in Richland County, fail to report income from Respondent's business Crescent Cities, LLC, on his 2021 SEI, in violation of Section 8-13-1120.

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 20<sup>th</sup> day,  
of May 2024.

*Certificate of Service by Certified Mail*

I hereby certify that a copy of this **NOTICE OF HEARING** was duly served on Respondent Michael L. Miller, P.O. Box 142, Wagner, SC 29164 by depositing said **NOTICE OF HEARING** in the United States mail, Columbia, South Carolina on this 13<sup>th</sup> day of May 2024, by **CERTIFIED MAIL, E-RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED**, appropriate postage affixed, and a return address clearly indicated on said envelope.



Columbia, South Carolina

**Rachael O'Bryan, Administrative Assistant**  
State Ethics Commission (803) 253-4192

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA )  
COUNTY OF RICHLAND ) BEFORE THE STATE ETHICS COMMISSION  
) )  
IN THE MATTER OF: ) )  
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Complaint C2022-049 ) )  
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Terence R. Wilson, ) **ORDER**  
Complainant. ) )  
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Jereleen Miller ) )  
Respondent. ) )  
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Pursuant to Section 8-13-320(10) of the South Carolina Ethics, Government Accountability, and Campaign Reform Act (Ethics Act), the State Ethics Commission convened on October 17, 2024 and heard Commission staff's Motion to Dismiss the above-captioned complaint based on the following:

1. The above-captioned Complaint was filed on May 11, 2022, alleging, in relevant part, that Respondent participated in council discussions regarding her spouse and that she failed to provide a written recusal from a council discussion and vote regarding her spouse, resulting in her spouse being appointed as Executive Director of the Town of Mayesville (Town) Community Development Corporation (CDC), all in violation of Section 8-13-700(B) of the Ethics Act.
2. The Commission found probable cause to believe Respondent violated the Ethics Act as outlined herein.
3. The Commission's investigation revealed that the council meeting was recorded, and after verifying that a copy of the recording could not be retrieved from the service provider, a Commission investigator requested a copy of the recording from the meeting's attendees. The Commission investigator did not receive the recording until August 20, 2024, after the Commission's finding of probable cause.
4. Upon reviewing the recording, the Commission's investigation has since revealed that the Complaint's allegations occurred during the Town CDC council meeting. The investigation has also revealed that the CDC is a private non-profit entity, rendering the Complaint's allegations outside of the jurisdiction of the Commission.

Based on the foregoing, and in accordance with S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 52-703(C) and 52-706(C), the Commission hereby grants the Motion to Dismiss C2022-049.

AND IT IS SO ORDERED THIS 17<sup>th</sup> DAY OF October 2024.

STATE ETHICS COMMISSION  
  
F. XAVIER STARKES,  
HEARING PANEL CHAIR

Columbia, South Carolina