

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
STATE ETHICS COMMISSION

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CASE NUMBER
C 2022-107

COMPLAINT FORM

COMPLAINANT: State Ethics Commission
ADDRESS: 201 Executive Center Drive
Suite 150
Columbia, SC 29210
TELEPHONE NUMBER: (803) 253-4192

RESPONDENT: William K. Boone
ADDRESS: [REDACTED]
TELEPHONE NUMBER: [REDACTED]
TITLE: Former Florence County Sheriff

Section 8-13-1308, S.C. Code Ann., 1976, as amended, requires candidates to file Campaign Disclosures within ten (10) days of receiving or expending \$500; fifteen (15) days prior to each election; within ten (10) days of the end of each quarter; and a final report when the campaign account is closed. In addition, certified campaign reports detailing campaign contributions and expenditures must contain the total of contributions accepted, the name and address of each person making a contribution, the total expenditures made by or on behalf of the candidate or committee, and the name and address of each person to whom an expenditure is made from campaign funds. Pursuant to Section 8-13-1362 and Regulation 52-504 (C), the Pre-Election and quarterly report are required even when there have been no contributions or expenditures.

Records of the State Ethics Commission indicate that a Campaign Disclosure was due no later than April 10, 2020, July 10, 2020, October 10, 2020, January 10, 2021, April 10, 2021, July 10, 2021, October 10, 2021, January 10, 2022, April 10, 2022, and July 10, 2022. Respondent was sent an email reminder thirty days before each Campaign Disclosure deadline.

Respondent was reminded of the filing requirements by a certified letter dated October 10, 2020 as described in the attached. To date, a properly completed Quarter 1 2020, Quarter 2 2020, Quarter 3 2020, Quarter 4 2020, Quarter 1 2021, Quarter 2 2021, Quarter 3 2021, Quarter 4 2021, Quarter 1 2022, Quarter 2 2022, and Quarter 3 2022 Campaign Disclosure has not been received. All in violation of Section 8-13-1308(B) and Section 8-13-1308 (F), S.C. Code Ann., 1976, as amended.

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 Richland

Personally appeared before me Meghan L. Walker who, first being duly sworn, says that 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 her own knowledge, except for those matters therein based upon information and belief, and as to those she believes them to be true.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 14th day of September 2022

[REDACTED]
Meghan L. Walker, Executive Director

[REDACTED]
Notary Public for South Carolina
My Commission expires 01/22/26

SEC-7 (Revised 3/2022)

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The following allegations will be heard:

COUNT ONE
FAILURE TO FILE A CAMPAIGN DISCLOSURE REPORT
SECTION 8-13-1308(B), S.C. CODE ANN., 1976, AS AMENDED

That William K. Boone, former Sheriff of Florence County, did in Richland County, fail to file a June 10, 2020 Campaign Disclosure Report (CDR), in violation of Section 8-13-1308(B).

COUNT TWO
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COUNT FIVE
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COUNT SIX
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COUNT FOURTEEN
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SECTION 8-13-1308(F)(1), S.C. CODE ANN., 1976, AS AMENDED

That William K. Boone, former Sheriff of Florence County, did in Richland County, fail to report a February 4, 2022 contribution in the amount of \$1,957.88, in violation of Section 8-13-1308(F)(1).

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That William K. Boone, former Sheriff of Florence County, did in Richland County, fail

to report a May 30, 2023 expenditure to Farrah Turner Foundation, LLC in the amount of \$2,065.31, in violation of Section 8-13-1308(F)(3).

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.).

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Meghan Walker Dayson, Executive Director
State Ethics Commission

Dated this 20th 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 the RESPONDENT William K. Boone, 819 Vintage Drive, Florence, SC 29501 by depositing said **NOTICE OF HEARING** in the United States mail, Columbia, South Carolina on this 25th day of May 2024, by **CERTIFIED MAIL, E-RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED**, appropriate postage affixed, and a return address clearly indicated on said envelope.



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

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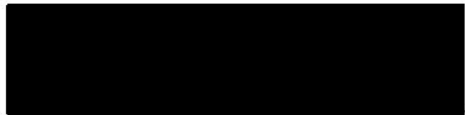
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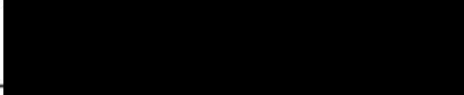


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State Ethics Commission

Dated this 12th day,
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Dated this 4th day,
of September 2024.

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I hereby certify that a copy of this **SECOND AMENDED NOTICE OF HEARING** was duly served on the RESPONDENT William K. Boone, 819 Vintage Drive, Florence, SC 29501 by depositing said **SECOND AMENDED NOTICE OF HEARING** in the United States mail, Columbia, South Carolina on this 18th day of September 2024, by CERTIFIED MAIL, E-RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED, appropriate postage affixed, and a return address clearly indicated on said envelope.



Rachael O'Bryan, Administrative Assistant

State Ethics Commission

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Columbia, South Carolina

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)
COUNTY OF RICHLAND)
IN THE MATTER OF:)
Complaint C2022-107)
State Ethics Commission)
Complainant.)
William K. Boone)
Respondent.)
_____)

BEFORE THE STATE ETHICS COMMISSION

**THIRD AMENDED
NOTICE OF HEARING**

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, August 21, 2025 at 9:30 a.m. at the Commission Hearing Room located at: 201 Executive Center Drive, Suite 150, Columbia, South Carolina 29210.

The following allegations will be heard:

COUNT ONE
FAILURE TO FILE A CAMPAIGN DISCLOSURE REPORT
SECTION 8-13-1308(B), S.C. CODE ANN., 1976, AS AMENDED

That William K. Boone, former Sheriff of Florence County, did in Richland County, fail to file a June 10, 2020 Campaign Disclosure Report (CDR), in violation of Section 8-13-1308(B).

COUNT TWO
FAILURE TO FILE A CAMPAIGN DISCLOSURE REPORT
SECTION 8-13-1308(B), S.C. CODE ANN., 1976, AS AMENDED

That William K. Boone, former Sheriff of Florence County, did in Richland County, fail to file an October 10, 2020 CDR, in violation of Section 8-13-1308(B).

COUNT THREE
FAILURE TO FILE A CAMPAIGN DISCLOSURE REPORT
SECTION 8-13-1308(B), S.C. CODE ANN., 1976, AS AMENDED

That William K. Boone, former Sheriff of Florence County, did in Richland County, fail to file a January 10, 2021 CDR, in violation of Section 8-13-1308(B).

COUNT FOUR
FAILURE TO FILE A CAMPAIGN DISCLOSURE REPORT
SECTION 8-13-1308(B), S.C. CODE ANN., 1976, AS AMENDED

That William K. Boone, former Sheriff of Florence County, did in Richland County, fail to file an April 10, 2021 CDR, in violation of Section 8-13-1308(B).

COUNT FIVE
FAILURE TO FILE A CAMPAIGN DISCLOSURE REPORT
SECTION 8-13-1308(B), S.C. CODE ANN., 1976, AS AMENDED

That William K. Boone, former Sheriff of Florence County, did in Richland County, fail to file a July 10, 2021 CDR, in violation of Section 8-13-1308(B).

COUNT SIX
FAILURE TO FILE A CAMPAIGN DISCLOSURE REPORT
SECTION 8-13-1308(B), S.C. CODE ANN., 1976, AS AMENDED

That William K. Boone, former Sheriff of Florence County, did in Richland County, fail to file an October 10, 2021 CDR, in violation of Section 8-13-1308(B).

COUNT SEVEN
FAILURE TO FILE A CAMPAIGN DISCLOSURE REPORT
SECTION 8-13-1308(B), S.C. CODE ANN., 1976, AS AMENDED

That William K. Boone, former Sheriff of Florence County, did in Richland County, fail to file a January 10, 2022 CDR, in violation of Section 8-13-1308(B).

COUNT EIGHT
FAILURE TO FILE A CAMPAIGN DISCLOSURE REPORT
SECTION 8-13-1308(B), S.C. CODE ANN., 1976, AS AMENDED

That William K. Boone, former Sheriff of Florence County, did in Richland County, fail

to file an April 10, 2022 CDR, in violation of Section 8-13-1308(B).

COUNT NINE
FAILURE TO FILE A CAMPAIGN DISCLOSURE REPORT
SECTION 8-13-1308(B), S.C. CODE ANN., 1976, AS AMENDED

That William K. Boone, former Sheriff of Florence County, did in Richland County, fail to file a July 10, 2022 CDR, in violation of Section 8-13-1308(B).

COUNT TEN
FAILURE TO FILE A CAMPAIGN DISCLOSURE REPORT
SECTION 8-13-1308(B), S.C. CODE ANN., 1976, AS AMENDED

That William K. Boone, former Sheriff of Florence County, did in Richland County, fail to file an October 10, 2022 CDR, in violation of Section 8-13-1308(B).

COUNT ELEVEN
FAILURE TO FILE A CAMPAIGN DISCLOSURE REPORT
SECTION 8-13-1308(B), S.C. CODE ANN., 1976, AS AMENDED

That William K. Boone, former Sheriff of Florence County, did in Richland County, fail to file a January 10, 2023 CDR, in violation of Section 8-13-1308(B).

COUNT TWELVE
FAILURE TO FILE A CAMPAIGN DISCLOSURE REPORT
SECTION 8-13-1308(B), S.C. CODE ANN., 1976, AS AMENDED

That William K. Boone, former Sheriff of Florence County, did in Richland County, fail to file an April 10, 2023 CDR, in violation of Section 8-13-1308(B).

COUNT THIRTEEN
FAILURE TO FILE A CAMPAIGN DISCLOSURE REPORT
SECTION 8-13-1308(B), S.C. CODE ANN., 1976, AS AMENDED

That William K. Boone, former Sheriff of Florence County, did in Richland County, fail to file a July 10, 2023/Final CDR, in violation of Section 8-13-1308(B).

COUNT FOURTEEN

**FAILURE TO FILE TO REPORT CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTION
SECTION 8-13-1308(F)(1), S.C. CODE ANN., 1976, AS AMENDED**

That William K. Boone, former Sheriff of Florence County, did in Richland County, fail to report a February 4, 2022 contribution in the amount of \$1,957.88, in violation of Section 8-13-1308(F)(1).

COUNT FIFTEEN

**FAILURE TO FILE TO REPORT CAMPAIGN EXPENDITURE
SECTION 8-13-1308(F)(3), S.C. CODE ANN., 1976, AS AMENDED**

That William K. Boone, former Sheriff of Florence County, did in Richland County, fail to report an April 17, 2019 expenditure to Kenny Boone in the amount of \$502.00, in violation of Section 8-13-1308(F)(3).

COUNT SIXTEEN

**FAILURE TO FILE TO REPORT CAMPAIGN EXPENDITURE
SECTION 8-13-1308(F)(3), S.C. CODE ANN., 1976, AS AMENDED**

That William K. Boone, former Sheriff of Florence County, did in Richland County, fail to report an April 22, 2019 expenditure to Mirage in the amount of \$603.48, in violation of Section 8-13-1308(F)(3).

COUNT SEVENTEEN

**FAILURE TO FILE TO REPORT CAMPAIGN EXPENDITURE
SECTION 8-13-1308(F)(3), S.C. CODE ANN., 1976, AS AMENDED**

That William K. Boone, former Sheriff of Florence County, did in Richland County, fail to report a January 30, 2020 expenditure to Tracy Gleason in the amount of \$600.00, in violation of Section 8-13-1308(F)(3).

COUNT EIGHTEEN

**FAILURE TO FILE TO REPORT CAMPAIGN EXPENDITURE
SECTION 8-13-1308(F)(3), S.C. CODE ANN., 1976, AS AMENDED**

That William K. Boone, former Sheriff of Florence County, did in Richland County, fail

to report a May 30, 2023 expenditure to Farrah Turner Foundation, LLC in the amount of \$2,065.31, in violation of Section 8-13-1308(F)(3).

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 25th day,
of November 2024.

Certificate of Service by Certified Mail

I hereby certify that a copy of this **THIRD AMENDED NOTICE OF HEARING** was duly served on the RESPONDENT William K. Boone, 819 Vintage Drive, Florence, SC 29501 by depositing said **SECOND THIRD NOTICE OF HEARING** in the United States mail, Columbia, South Carolina on this 9th day of December 2024, by CERTIFIED MAIL, E-RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED, appropriate postage affixed, and a return address clearly indicated on said envelope.



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BEFORE THE STATE ETHICS COMMISSION

CONSENT ORDER

This matter comes before the State Ethics Commission (Commission) by way of a Complaint filed on September 14, 2022. Pursuant to Section 8-13-320(10)(i) of the South Carolina Ethics, Government Accountability, and Campaign Reform Act (Ethics Act), the Complaint against William K. Boone (Respondent) was considered by the Commission and probable cause was found to warrant an evidentiary hearing. Prior to the call of the case, Respondent agreed to the following:

STATEMENTS OF FACT

1. Respondent served as Florence County Sheriff from 2006 to 2019.
2. On April 18, 2019, Respondent was indicted by the State Grand Jury for two (2) counts of embezzlement of public funds and one (1) count of misconduct in office.
3. On April 24, 2019, Respondent was suspended from office by the Governor.
4. On November 13, 2019, the State Grand Jury returned additional indictments charging Respondent as follows: one (1) count of violating Section 8-13-1302 for failure to maintain campaign records; one (1) count of violating Section 8-13-1348(A) for use of campaign funds for personal expenses; one (1) count of violating Section 8-13-1314 for accepting approximately \$500.00 in cash contributions; and one (1) count of misconduct in office.
5. On January 8, 2020, Respondent pled guilty to one (1) count of misconduct in office and one (1) count of embezzlement of public funds. The court sentenced Respondent to five (5) years' probation and ordered him to pay, in relevant part, restitution to his campaign bank account for the

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- amount of campaign funds improperly used for personal expenses.
6. On January 14, 2020, Respondent, or someone acting on Respondent's behalf, timely filed a Quarter 4 2019 Campaign Disclosure Report (CDR). On the date of filing, Respondent's campaign bank account contained \$105.31.
 7. On February 4, 2020, Respondent was arrested for domestic violence. As a result, his probation was revoked, and Respondent was imprisoned for five (5) months.
 8. On July 29, 2020, Respondent was released to a court-ordered in-patient treatment facility in Augusta, Georgia for a period of twelve (12) months.
 9. In an October 20, 2020 certified letter, the Commission notified Respondent of his failure to file a Quarter 1 2020 CDR (due April 10, 2020), Quarter 2 2020 CDR (due July 10, 2020), and Quarter 3 2020 CDR (due October 10, 2020).
 10. According to the United States Postal Service (USPS), the certified letter was delivered to Respondent's address of record on October 23, 2020 at 11:37 a.m.
 11. On November 2, 2020, late-filing penalties began to accrue at \$10.00 per day, per CDR.
 12. On November 12, 2020, late-filing penalties began to accrue at \$100.00 per day, per CDR.
 13. On December 2, 2020, Respondent pled guilty to domestic violence and was ordered to participate in a twenty-six (26) week domestic abuse counseling program.
 14. On December 8, 2020, attorney Lawton Matthews of Parham Law Firm, LLC contacted Commission staff regarding Respondent's penalty letter, which had been given to him by Respondent's spouse. Commission staff explained the penalty letter and Attorney Matthews stated he would speak with Respondent's accountant about his campaign filings.
 15. On January 7, 2021, attorney Rose Mary Parham of Parham Law Firm, LLC sent a letter to the Commission stating that Respondent did not have access to his campaign's financial documents as a result of the 2019 criminal charges. Attorney Parham further stated that the court had prohibited

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Respondent from having any “direct dealings regarding his campaign finances.” According to Attorney Parham, Respondent had therefore attempted to retain numerous individuals to assist him with his filings, but had been unsuccessful in these attempts. Finally, Attorney Parham advised that Respondent had only recently been made aware of the Commission’s letter because he was still receiving court-ordered in-patient treatment in Augusta.

16. From January 19, 2021 through April 15, 2021, Commission staff corresponded with Attorney Matthews several times. According to Attorney Matthews, Respondent’s spouse was trying to work with a certified public accountant in an attempt to reconcile his campaign bank records and file the necessary CDRs.
17. In August and September of 2021, Commission staff communicated with representatives of the South Carolina Department of Probation, Parole, and Pardon (PPP) regarding the restitution Respondent owed to his campaign bank account.
18. On December 16, 2021, following his release from the in-patient treatment facility, Respondent began communicating directly with Commission staff regarding his CDRs. According to Respondent, he had retained Campbell Accounting Solutions (CAS) to assist him.
19. On February 7, 2022, the restitution payment of \$1,957.88 was deposited into Respondent’s campaign bank account.
20. On April 10, 2022, Respondent contacted the Commission. According to Respondent, CAS had advised him that the required CDRs could not be filed because of an error within the Commission’s filing system. Commission staff thereafter contacted CAS on April 10, 2022.
21. On May 10, 2022, CAS advised that Respondent was no longer a client. Commission staff subsequently advised Respondent to retrieve his campaign records from CAS and file the requisite CDRs.
22. On May 24, 2022, Respondent contacted the Commission and asked if he could mail in his

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- campaign bank account records. Commission staff advised Respondent to compare his campaign bank account records to his CDRs for any discrepancies and to file the requisite CDRs.
23. On June 3, 2022, Respondent informed Commission staff that Jack Holt, a certified public accountant, would be contacting the Commission for assistance with reconciling Respondent's campaign records and filing the necessary CDRs.
24. On September 12, 2022, having received no additional communication from Respondent, the Complaint was filed.
25. Following the filing of the Complaint, Respondent's campaign bank account records were subpoenaed and reviewed. According to these records, Respondent's campaign bank account maintained a balance of \$105.31 when the Quarter 4 2019 CDR was filed on January 14, 2020. Thereafter, the only activity was the restitution payment and a May 30, 2023 expenditure of \$2,065.31 to the Farrah Turner Foundation which closed the account.
26. Following the filing of the Complaint, Respondent filed all required CDRs with the assistance of Commission staff.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

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

1. At all times relevant, Respondent was a "candidate" pursuant to Section 8-13-1300(4). Therefore, the Commission has personal and subject matter jurisdiction.
2. Respondent was required to file quarterly CDRs until his campaign bank account reached a zero balance in accordance with Section 8-13-1308(B), which provides, in relevant part:

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.

3. Section 8-13-1510(A) provides, in relevant part:

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. . . a person required to file a report or statement under this chapter who files a late statement or report . . . must be assessed a civil penalty as follows: (1) a fine of one hundred dollars if the statement or report is not filed within five days after the established deadline provided by law in this chapter; and (2) after notice has been given by certified or registered mail that a required statement or report has not been filed, a fine of ten dollars per calendar day for the first ten days after notice has been given, and one hundred dollars for each additional calendar day in which the required statement or report is not filed, not exceeding five thousand dollars.

4. Section 8-13-130 allows the Commission to “levy an enforcement or administrative fee on a person who is in violation” of the Ethics Act.

DISCUSSION

The Commission found probable cause to charge Respondent with thirteen (13) counts of Section 8-13-1308(B) for failing to timely file CDRs from Quarter 2 2020 (due July 10, 2020) through Quarter 2 2023 (due July 10, 2023).¹ Through this Consent Order, Respondent admits he violated the Ethics Act when he failed to file the CDRs as required. In mitigation, Respondent states that the 2019 criminal charges and their aftermath rendered him unable to fulfill his filing responsibilities under the Ethics Act. Respondent states that he was unable to engage with the Commission until late 2021 due to court-ordered confinements and treatment programs. Respondent further states, and the Commission confirms, that there was no activity in his campaign bank account from January 2020 through July 2023 except for the deposit of court-ordered restitution and an expenditure to a charitable organization which closed out the account. Respondent further states that after he made the restitution payment, he attempted to retain accountants to assist him with his campaign filings, but was unable to come into compliance until after the filing of the Complaint.

DISPOSITION

1. The Commission hereby finds Respondent in violation of thirteen (13) counts of Section 8-13-

¹ The Commission also found probable cause to believe Respondent failed to disclose five (5) contributions and expenditures. However, because Respondent has since disclosed all contributions and expenditures, the Commission declines to proceed as to these counts.

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1308(B).

2. The Commission adopts the Statements of Fact, Conclusions of Law, Discussion, and Disposition as agreed upon by the Respondent.

THEREFORE, the Commission hereby issues this Public Reprimand and orders Respondent to pay the Commission, within six (6) months from receipt of this Order, a reduced late-filing penalty of \$500.00 and an administrative fee of \$750.00, for a total of \$1,250.00. The Commission declines to assess any accrued penalties given the mitigation outlined herein.

By executing this Consent Order, Respondent understands that he is not only admitting to a violation of the Ethics Act, but also confessing to a judgment in the amount of \$1,250.00 in the event of untimely payment as provided above. In that instance, the Commission shall file a Judgment against Respondent with the County Clerk of Court in Respondent's last known County of residence, who shall enter this Order in the amount of \$1,250.00 (less any money paid) in its Judgment Rolls, without cost to the Commission.

AND IT IS SO ORDERED THIS 20th DAY OF July 2025.

STATE ETHICS COMMISSION

[Redacted Signature]

Signed by:

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WILLIAM K. BOONE
RESPONDENT