

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
STATE ETHICS COMMISSION

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CASE NUMBER
C 2023-120

COMPLAINT FORM

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

RESPONDENT: DaQuan Washington
ADDRESS: [REDACTED]
TELEPHONE NUMBER: [REDACTED]
TITLE: Candidate – North Charleston City Council

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Sworn to and subscribed before me this 16th day of October, 2023

[REDACTED]
Meghan Walker Dayson, Executive Director

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

SEC-7 (Revised 3/2022)

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)
COUNTY OF RICHLAND)
IN THE MATTER OF:)
Complaint C2023-120)
State Ethics Commission)
Complainant.)
DaQuan Washington)
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BEFORE THE STATE ETHICS COMMISSION

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 15, 2024 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 PRE-ELECTION CAMPAIGN DISCLOSURE REPORT
SECTION 8-13-1308(A), S.C. CODE ANN., 1976, AS AMENDED

That DaQuan Washington, candidate for North Charleston City Council, did in Richland County, fail to file a 2019 Pre-Election Campaign Disclosure Report (CDR), in violation of Section 8-13-1308(A).

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

That DaQuan Washington, candidate for North Charleston City Council, did in Richland

County, fail to file a Final CDR, in violation of Section 8-13-1308(B).

COUNT THREE
FAILURE TO REPORT CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTION
SECTION 8-13-1308(F)(2), S.C. CODE ANN., 1976, AS AMENDED

That DaQuan Washington, candidate for North Charleston City Council, did in Richland County, fail to report campaign contributions, in violation of Section 8-13-1308(F)(2).

COUNT FOUR
FAILURE TO REPORT CAMPAIGN EXPENDITURES
SECTION 8-13-1308(F)(4), S.C. CODE ANN., 1976, AS AMENDED

Th That DaQuan Washington, candidate for North Charleston City Council, did in Richland County, fail to report campaign expenditures, in violation of Section 8-13-1308(F)(4).

COUNT FIVE
FAILURE TO OPEN CAMPAIGN BANK ACCOUNT
SECTION 8-13-1312, S.C. CODE ANN., 1976, AS AMENDED

That DaQuan Washington, candidate for North Charleston City Council, did in Richland County, fail to open a campaign bank account at a financial institution with an office is South Carolina, in violation of Section 8-13-1312.

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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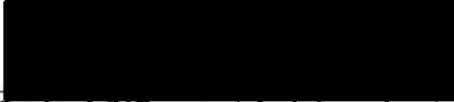
event you fail to appear, judgment by default will be rendered against you. If there are any questions concerning the above notice or hearing times, please contact the State Ethics Commission.


Meghan Walker Dayson, Executive Director
State Ethics Commission

Dated this 28th day,
of March 2024.

Certificate of Service by Certified Mail

I hereby certify that a copy of this **NOTICE OF HEARING** was duly served on the RESPONDENT DaQuan Washington, 2739 Constitution Ave., North Charleston, SC 29405 by depositing said **NOTICE OF HEARING** in the United States mail, Columbia, South Carolina on this 2nd day of March 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

Columbia, South Carolina

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DaQuan Washington

December 16, 2022: \$100.00 penalty letter is sent certified to 1916 Grayson Street in North Charleston for failure to file a Pre-Election Campaign Disclosure between October 16, 2019 and October 21, 2019. This is the address he provided in our system.

December 29, 2022: The certified letter returned as “Return to Sender – Insufficient Address – Unable to Forward”.

February 9, 2023: The penalty letter is sent certified to 1916 Grayson Street, Apt. A in North Charleston. This is the address he provided on his Statement of Intention of Candidacy.

February 15, 2023: According to the United States Postal Service, the certified letter is delivered at 9:38 a.m.

February 25, 2023: Penalties begin accruing at \$10 per day for the first ten days.

March 7, 2023: Penalties begin accruing at \$100 per day.

September 14, 2023: Disclosure Department staff calls Mr. Washington and leaves a message.

October 9, 2023: After no response, complaint is filed.

Previous or Current Non-Compliance

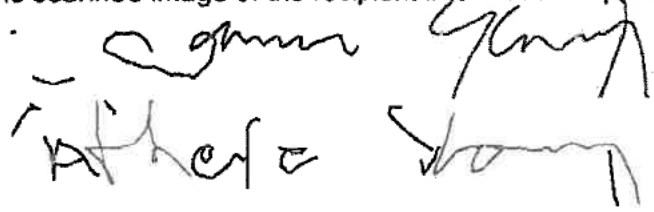
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Date Produced: 02/20/2023

SOUTH CAROLINA STATE ETHICS COMMISS:

The following is the delivery information for Certified Mail™/RRE item number 9214 8969 0099 9790 1422 9521 03. Our records indicate that this item was delivered on 02/15/2023 at 09:38 a.m. in NORTH CHARLESTON, SC 29405. The scanned image of the recipient information is provided below.

Signature of Recipient : 

Address of Recipient : 

Thank you for selecting the Postal Service for your mailing needs. If you require additional assistance, please contact your local post office or Postal Service representative.

Sincerely,
United States Postal Service

The customer reference number shown below is not validated or endorsed by the United States Postal Service. It is solely for customer use.

2-25-23: \$10/day
3-7-23: \$100/day

Customer Reference Number: Mr. DaQuan Washington 1916 Gr

State of South Carolina
State Ethics Commission

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COLUMBIA, S.C. 29210

MEGHAN L. WALKER
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

2/15 Delivered

February 9, 2023
SECOND NOTICE

CERTIFIED MAIL No.: 9214 8969 0099 9790 1422 9521 03

Mr. DaQuan Washington

Dear Mr. Washington:

This is not a form letter. You are receiving this letter because you are currently in violation of the Ethics Reform Act. As a candidate for North Charleston City Council, you are subject to the Ethics Reform Act, which is the body of laws that govern public officials, public members, and public employees.

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Provide a written statement describing any extenuating circumstances and include any supporting documentation.

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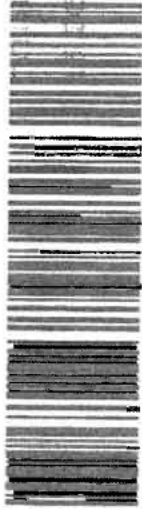
Lauren Goree
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City, State, Zip+4	
PS Form 3800, April 2015 See Reverse for Instructions	

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SC.GOV - SC State Ethics Commission: Public Disclosure and Accountability Reporting
Electronic Filing
Candidate Campaign Disclosure: Review

NR of 2019 pre 10-21-19^{due}
filed initial on 8/17/19

2019, Initial Report

Candidate: Washington, DaQuan
Position Sought: City Council
Election Type: Primary
Election Date: 11/05/2019
Filing Type: Original, Filed

email attached

Directions *No previous penalties*
To review information you have entered, click each tab below.

- Summary Contributions Expenditures Loans Loan Payments More »

Demographic Information

Washington, DaQuan
1916 Grayson Street
North Charleston, SC 29405
518.683.6360
Charleston County

Report Type

2019, Initial

Filing Fee

Please Note: If the filing fee is greater than \$0, the filing fee was paid from personal funds and is the only expense for this campaign.

Amount of Filing Fee \$ 150

Contributions	This Period	Election Cycle
A. Candidates: Personal Funds	\$0.00	\$0.00
B1. Individual Contributions or other (+)	\$0.00	\$0.00
B2. Loans (+)	\$0.00	\$0.00
C. In-Kind Contributions (+)	\$0.00	\$0.00
D. Total Contributions (=)	\$0.00	\$0.00

Expenditures	This Period	Election Cycle
A. In-Kind Expenditures	\$0.00	\$0.00
B. Expenditures (+)	\$0.00	\$0.00
C. Total Expenditures (=)	\$0.00	\$0.00

SC.GOV - SC State Ethics Commission: Public Disclosure and Accountability Reporting
Electronic Filing
Candidate Campaign Disclosure: Candidate Profile

Personal Information

* First Name	<input type="text" value="DaQuan"/>
Middle Initial	<input type="text"/>
* Last Name	<input type="text" value="Washington"/>
Suffix	<input type="text" value="v"/>
* Mailing Address	<input type="text" value="REDACTED"/>
* City	<input type="text" value="North Charleston"/>
* State	<input type="text" value="SC"/>
* County	<input type="text" value="Charleston"/> <i>SC Residents Only</i>
* Zip Code	<input type="text" value="29405"/>
* Phone Number	<input type="text" value="518"/> <input type="text" value="683"/> <input type="text" value="6360"/>
* Email	<input type="text" value="daquanwashington843@gmail.co"/>

Notification emails regarding report filing and reporting deadlines will be sent to this email address.

Washington, DaQuan

Willis, Sandra

From: Linen, Deaven
Sent: Monday, August 19, 2019 9:53 AM
To: daquanwashington843@gmail.com
Cc: Willis, Sandra
Subject: SC State Ethics Commission re: 2019 Initial report Campaign Disclosure
Attachments: 2019candidatepkelectronicAug2019.doc

August 19, 2019

Good morning Mr. DaQuan Washington,

According to our records you filed a **2019 Initial report Campaign Disclosure** for the **November 5, 2019** election electronically on **August 17, 2019**. **Please note:** An **Initial report** is due if, an individual has spent or received \$500 or more **before, during or after** filing as a candidate. then an Initial Campaign Disclosure report must be filed **within ten (10) days**

If you do not plan to spend or receive \$500, then your next report due is a pre-election report Campaign Disclosure report. This must be filed by **October 21, 2019 (15 days before the Election)**. Please amend your initial report and re-name it your 2019 pre-election report. Then file it again, you can file it as early as **October 16, 2019**. **Please note: You do not have to make this amendment until October.** Attached for your review is our candidate information brochure.

Instructions on how to amend 2019 Initial report

Go to our website: <https://ethics.sc.gov> and click on electronic filing

Login to your account

Click the 2019 initial report under report type and change it to a pre-election

Click ok

Scroll down to the bottom of summary page and click file

Click file again

*Make sure you receive a confirmation number.

Please contact our office if you have any questions.

Thank you,

*Deaven Linen
Program Assistant
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201 Executive Center Drive, Suite 150
Columbia, SC 29210
Main: 803-253-4192
Fax: 803-253-7539
<http://ethics.sc.gov>*

Candidate Listing

SCVotes.org

11/5/2019 City of North Charleston Gen Election

For a list of all candidates, click search without selecting any search options. You can narrow your search by making selections below. If you have questions concerning your search results, please contact your County Voter Registration office.

Office: Party:

Candidates by County: Location of Filing:

Candidate Status:

Candidate Last Name:

Candidate First Name:

Results Found: 23

Results Shown: 1-23

Office	Associated Counties	Name on Ballot	Running Mate	Party	Location of Filing	Candidate Status
City Council District, 10	CHARLESTON	Michael A Brown		Nonpartisan	CHARLESTON	Elected
City Council District, 04	CHARLESTON	Ron Brinson		Nonpartisan	CHARLESTON	Elected
City Council District, 05	CHARLESTON	Todd Olds		Nonpartisan	CHARLESTON	Defeated in Election
City Council District, 03	CHARLESTON	Russ Coletti		Nonpartisan	CHARLESTON	Defeated in Election
City Council District, 08	CHARLESTON	Bob King		Nonpartisan	CHARLESTON	Elected
City Council District, 02	CHARLESTON	Rhonda Jameson Jerome		Nonpartisan	CHARLESTON	Elected
City Council District, 05	CHARLESTON	Althea Hall White		Nonpartisan	CHARLESTON	Defeated in Election
City Council District, 06	CHARLESTON	Jesse Williams		Nonpartisan	CHARLESTON	Defeated in Election
City Council District, 06	CHARLESTON	Gordon H Garrett		Nonpartisan	CHARLESTON	Defeated in Election

Council District, 08					in Election
City Council District, 07	CHARLESTON	Andrea BaileyErb	Nonpartisan	CHARLESTON	Defeated in Election
City Council District, 03	CHARLESTON	Kathi Love	Nonpartisan	CHARLESTON	Defeated in Election
City Council District, 09	CHARLESTON	Kenny Skipper	Nonpartisan	CHARLESTON	Elected
City Council District, 07	CHARLESTON	Greg Perry	Nonpartisan	CHARLESTON	Defeated in Election
City Council District, 03	CHARLESTON	Virginia Jamison	Nonpartisan	CHARLESTON	Elected
City Council District, 04	CHARLESTON	Travis Blissett	Nonpartisan	CHARLESTON	Defeated in Election
City Council District, 09	CHARLESTON	Robert Gerber	Nonpartisan	CHARLESTON	Defeated in Election
City Council District, 06	CHARLESTON	Dorothy King Williams	Nonpartisan	CHARLESTON	Elected
City Council District, 01	BERKELEY CHARLESTON	Michael Brown	Nonpartisan	CHARLESTON	Elected
City Council District, 07	CHARLESTON	Sam Hart	Nonpartisan	CHARLESTON	Elected
City Council District, 08	CHARLESTON	William Parker	Nonpartisan	CHARLESTON	Defeated in Election
City Council District, 10	CHARLESTON	DaQuan Washington	Nonpartisan	CHARLESTON	Defeated in Election
City Council District, 05	CHARLESTON	Jerome Heyward	Nonpartisan	CHARLESTON	Elected
City Council	CHARLESTON	Corey Van Hannegeyn	Nonpartisan	CHARLESTON	Defeated in Election

Statement of Intention of Candidacy - Nonpartisan

- This form must be completed by a candidate seeking nonpartisan office. Contact the receiving authority for filing deadlines.
- The S.C. Constitution prohibits a person who has been convicted of a felony from filing for public office for 15 years after the completion of the sentence, including probation and parole time, unless previously pardoned.

Name		DaQuan Q. Washington			
Office		North Charleston City Council			
County or City		City Council	Election Date	NOV 5, 2019	
Address		[REDACTED]	City	North Charleston	Zip 29405
Email Address		daqvan.washington843@gmail.com			
Telephone		Cell 515-683-6366	Home		Work
Voter Registration Number					
Guidelines for a Candidate's Name to appear on the ballot: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ A given name or a derivative may be used ▪ The name may not contain quotations, parentheses, or other distinguishing marks ▪ Nicknames are allowed if they are used in good faith for honest purposes and do not: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Imply professional or social status ▪ Include an office or military rank ▪ Exceed 15 letters 					
Name as you wish it to appear on ballot (please print)		DaQuan Washington			

Candidate's Oath	
I affirm I meet, or will meet by the time of the general or special election, the qualifications for this office.	
Candidate's Signature	[REDACTED]

To be Completed by Receiving Authority					
Date Received	8/19/19	Time Received	8:34 AM	Filing Fee Amount Paid	\$150.00
Received By	[REDACTED]	Receiving Authority	BEVR		



STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)
 COUNTY OF RICHLAND)
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 IN THE MATTER OF:)
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 Complaint C2023-120)
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 State Ethics Commission)
 Complainant.)
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 DaQuan Washington)
 Respondent.)
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BEFORE THE STATE ETHICS COMMISSION

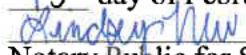
AFFIDAVIT

PERSONALLY appeared before me, Rachael O’Bryan, who, upon being duly sworn, deposes and states:

1. My name is Rachael O’Bryan, and I am an Administrative Assistant for the South Carolina State Ethics Commission.
2. In my role as Administrative Assistant, I am responsible for processing new complaints, hearing notices, and orders, and verifying service of these documents to the appropriate parties.
3. After being unable to obtain service of the Amended Notice of Hearing for the above captioned case by certified mail, I emailed Respondent on October 23, 2024 asking if he would accept electronic service of the Amended Notice of Hearing.
4. On October 28, 2024, Respondent accepted electronic service of the Amended Notice of Hearing (Attachment 1).

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NAUGHT.


 Rachael O’Bryan

SWORN to before me this
 13th day of February 2025.
 (SEAL)
 Notary Public for South Carolina
 My Commission Expires: 11/2/2032

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)
COUNTY OF RICHLAND)
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Complainant.)
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BEFORE THE STATE ETHICS COMMISSION

DECISION AND ORDER

Pursuant to Section 8-13-320(10)(i) of the South Carolina Ethics, Government Accountability, and Campaign Reform Act of 1991 (Ethics Act), the Commission reviewed the above-captioned Complaint against DaQuan Washington (Respondent) and probable cause was found to warrant an evidentiary hearing. Present at the hearing on February 20, 2025, were Commissioners Brandolyn T. Pinkston, AJ Holloway, and Scott E. Frick, Hearing Panel Chair.¹ Respondent was duly notified but did not appear. The Commission was represented by Courtney M. Laster, Esq. The following charges were considered: one (1) count of violating Section 8-13-1308(A) for failing to file a 2019 Pre-Election Campaign Disclosure Report (CDR) and one (1) count of violating Section 8-13-1312 for failing to open a campaign bank account at a financial institution with an office in South Carolina.²

FINDINGS OF FACT

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

1. Respondent was an unsuccessful candidate for North Charleston City Council in a November 5, 2019 election.
2. Respondent failed to file a 2019 Pre-Election CDR prior to the election.

¹ Commissioners Pinkston and Holloway appeared virtually.

² At the call of the case, Commission staff moved to dismiss Counts 2-4 of the Notice of Hearing. As to Count 2, Commission staff asserted it lacked sufficient evidence to proceed. As to Counts 3-4, Commission staff advised these entries were scrivener's errors and should not have been included in the Notice of Hearing. The Panel granted the motion and proceeded on the remaining two (2) counts.

3. In a December 16, 2022, certified letter mailed to 1916 Gray Street, North Charleston, the Commission notified Respondent of his failure to file a 2019 Pre-Election CDR. The address used in the Commission's December 16, 2022 letter was provided by Respondent when he created an account within the Commission's electronic filing system.
4. On December 29, 2022, the certified letter was returned as "Return to Sender – Insufficient Address – Unable to Forward."
5. On February 9, 2023, the penalty letter was re-mailed via certified mail to 1916 Gray Street, Apt. A, North Charleston. The address used in the Commission's February 9, 2023 letter was provided by Respondent in his Statement of Intention of Candidacy when he signed up to run for office.
6. According to USPS, this letter was delivered on February 15, 2023 at 9:38 a.m.
7. On February 25, 2023, late-filing penalties began to accrue at \$10.00 per day.
8. On March 7, 2023, late-filing penalties began to accrue at \$100.00 per day.
9. 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 was maintained with a bank that did not have a physical location in South Carolina.
10. As of the date of the hearing, Respondent had not filed his 2019 Pre-Election CDR.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Based upon the Findings 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. Section 8-13-1308(A) provides, in relevant part:

Upon receipt or expenditure of campaign contributions or the making of independent expenditures totaling an accumulated aggregate of five hundred dollars or more, a candidate . . . must file an initial certified campaign report within ten days of these initial receipts or expenditures. However, a candidate who does not receive or expend campaign contributions totaling an accumulated aggregate of five hundred dollars or more must file an initial certified

campaign report fifteen days before an election.

3. Section 8-13-1312 provides, in relevant part:

... A candidate's accounts must be established in a financial institution that conducts business within the State and in an office located within the State that conducts business with the general public...

4. Section 8-13-1510(A) provides:

Except as otherwise specifically provided in this chapter, a person required to file a report or statement under this chapter who files a late statement or report or fails to file a required 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.

5. Section 8-13-320(10)(l) allows the Commission to require a public official to pay a civil penalty of up to \$2,000.00 for each violation of the Ethics Act.

6. 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.

DECISION

NOW, THEREFORE, based on the foregoing Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, the Panel has determined, based on a preponderance of evidence, that Respondent DaQuan Washington is in violation of one (1) count of violating Section 8-13-1308(A) for failing to file a 2019 Pre-Election CDR and one (1) count of violating Section 8-13-1312 for failing to establish a campaign bank account at a financial institution with an office in South Carolina.

THEREFORE, Respondent is hereby Publicly Reprimanded and assessed a reduced late-filing penalty of \$2,500.00 for his failure to timely file the 2019 Pre-Election CDR; a reduced civil penalty of \$1,000.00 for his failure to establish a campaign bank account at a financial institution with an office located within the State of South Carolina, and an administrative fee of \$1,000.00, for a total

of \$4,500.00.

AND, pursuant to Section 8-13-320 of the Ethics Act, if the \$4,500.00 is not paid in full and the 2019 Pre-Election CDR is not filed within ninety (90) days from Respondent's receipt of this Order, the late-filing penalties shall revert to the maximum possible assessment of \$8,000.00 (\$5,000.00 for the violation of Section 8-13-1308, \$2,000.00 for the violation of Section 8-13-1312, and \$1,000.00 for the administrative fee) and the Commission shall enter a judgment against Respondent in the amount of \$8,000.00 with the Clerk of Court's Office in the County of Respondent's last known residence. In that event, the Clerk of Court shall enter this Order in the amount of \$8,000.00 in its Judgment Rolls, without cost to the Commission.

FINALLY, Respondent DaQuan Washington has ten (10) days from receipt of this Order to appeal this Decision and Order to the full Commission.

AND IT IS SO ORDERED THIS 7th DAY OF March 2025.

STATE ETHICS COMMISSION


SCOTT E. FRICK, HEARING CHAIR

Columbia, South Carolina