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**COMPLAINT FORM**

**FOR COMMISSION USE ONLY:**

**CASE NUMBER**

c 2024-039

**COMPLAINANT:** David C. Shea

**RESPONDENT:** Tamika Myers

**ADDRESS:** [REDACTED]

**ADDRESS:** [REDACTED]

**TELEPHONE NUMBER:** [REDACTED]

**TELEPHONE NUMBER:** [REDACTED]

**TITLE:** Citizen / attorney

**TITLE:** Elected official / RCSD1 school board

*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).*

The above-listed individual presently holds an elected position on the Richland County School District One Board of Commissioners. This position is required to file a Statement of Economic Interest annually as required by SC Code § 8-13-1111.

This elected official has not filed an SEI filed since March 30, 2022. (See attached Exhibit A.) The 2023 and 2024 SEIs are both now overdue.

The public is entitled to know the income sources of any person required to file an SEI, in part to help determine any potential conflicts of interest or if an elected official is failing to report income sources.

**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 David C. Shea 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 June, 2024

[REDACTED SIGNATURE]  
Complainant Signature

[REDACTED]  
Notary Public for South Carolina  
My Commission expires 09/22/2032  
Alisa L. Berry

SEC-7 (Revised 3/2022)

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA )  
COUNTY OF RICHLAND ) BEFORE THE STATE ETHICS COMMISSION  
) )  
IN THE MATTER OF: ) )  
) )  
Complaint C2024-039 ) )  
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David C. Shea ) **NOTICE OF HEARING**  
Complainant. ) )  
) )  
Tamika Myers ) )  
Respondent. ) )  
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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, February 20, 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 STATEMENT OF ECONOMIC INTERESTS**  
**SECTION 8-13-1140, S.C. CODE ANN., 1976, AS AMENDED**

That Tamika Myers, Richland County School District One Board Member, did in Richland County, fail to file a 2023 Statement of Economic Interests (SEI), in violation of Section 8-13-1140.

**COUNT TWO**  
**FAILURE TO FILE A STATEMENT OF ECONOMIC INTERESTS**  
**SECTION 8-13-1140, S.C. CODE ANN., 1976, AS AMENDED**

That Tamika Myers, Richland County School District One Board Member, did in Richland

County, fail to file a 2024 SEI, in violation of Section 8-13-1140.

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.

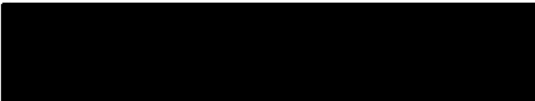


Meghan Walker Dayson, Executive Director  
State Ethics Commission

Dated this 19<sup>th</sup> day,  
of September 2024.

Certificate of Service by Certified Mail

I hereby certify that a copy of this **NOTICE OF HEARING** was duly served on the RESPONDENT Tamika Myers, 380 Harvester Loop, Hopkins, SC 29061 by depositing said **NOTICE OF HEARING** in the United States mail, Columbia, South Carolina on this 23rd 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 (803) 253-4192

Columbia, South Carolina

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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 June 7, 2024. Pursuant to Section 8-13-320(10)(i) of the South Carolina Ethics, Government Accountability, and Campaign Reform Act (Ethics Act), the Complaint against Tamika Myers (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 on the Richland County School District One Board of Trustees from 2020 through 2024.
2. Respondent did not file a Statement of Economic Interests (SEI) on or before March 30 in 2023 or 2024.
3. On July 9, 2024, Respondent came into compliance by filing a 2023 SEI and a 2024 SEI.

**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 “public official” pursuant to Section 8-13-100(27).  
Therefore, the Commission has personal and subject matter jurisdiction.
2. Section 8-13-1140 provides, in relevant part:

A person required to file a [SEI] under this chapter annually shall file, pursuant to Section

8-13-365, an updated statement for the previous calendar year, no later than noon on March thirtieth of each calendar year . . .

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

. . . 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 . . .<sup>1</sup>

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 two (2) counts of violating Section 8-13-1140 for failing to timely file 2023 and 2024 SEIs. Through this Consent Order, Respondent admits she violated the Ethics Act in each of these instances. In mitigation, Respondent states that she believed she had filed her SEI each year. However, following the filing of the Complaint, she discovered she had only saved the SEIs rather than filed them.

### **DISPOSITION**

1. The Commission hereby finds Respondent in violation of two (2) counts of violating Section 8-13-1140.
2. The Commission hereby adopts the Statements of Fact, Conclusions of Law, Discussion, and Disposition as agreed upon by the Respondent.

THEREFORE, the Commission hereby issues a Written Warning and orders the

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<sup>1</sup> The present Complaint was filed by a third party rather than the Commission. Following the filing of the Complaint, a review of the Commission’s records revealed that the Commission attempted to notify Respondent of her failure to file her 2023 and 2024 SEIs via certified letter dated April 5, 2024. However, Respondent does not recall receiving this letter and the return receipt does not appear to contain Respondent’s signature. Accordingly, no additional late-filing penalties are assessed pursuant to 8-13-1510(A)(2).

Respondent to pay the Commission, within six (6) months from receipt of this Order, a late-filing penalty of \$200.00 and an administrative fee of \$300.00, for a total of \$500.00.

By executing this Consent Order, Respondent understands that she is not only admitting to violations of the Ethics Act, but also confessing to a judgment of \$500.00 (less any money paid to the Commission) in the event she does not make full and timely payment as provided for in this Order. In that event, the Commission shall file a Judgment against Respondent in the Clerk of Court's Office in the County of Respondent's last known residence. Upon said filing, the Clerk of Court shall enter this Order in the amount of \$500.00 (less any money paid to the Commission) in its Judgment Rolls, without cost to the Commission.

AND IT IS SO ORDERED THIS 11<sup>th</sup> DAY OF January <sup>2025</sup> ~~2024~~ JEF

STATE ETHICS COMMISSION

  
SCOTT E. FRICK, CHAIR

  
TAMIKA MYERS  
RESPONDENT