

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
STATE ETHICS COMMISSION

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CASE NUMBER

C 2024-094

COMPLAINT FORM

COMPLAINANT: State Ethics Commission

RESPONDENT: Orangeburg County Democratic  
Party  
Kenneth Glover

ADDRESS: 201 Executive Center Drive  
Suite 150  
Columbia, SC 29210

ADDRESS: [REDACTED]  
TELEPHONE NUMBER: [REDACTED]

TELEPHONE NUMBER: (803) 253-4192

TITLE: Political Party

Section 8-13-1308 (G), S.C. Code Ann., 1976, as amended, requires political parties to file Operating Disclosures within ten (10) days of receiving or expending \$500, within ten (10) days of the end of each quarter; and a final report when the operating account is closed.

Records of the State Ethics Commission indicate that an Operating Disclosure was due no later than January 10, 2021, April 10, 2021, July 10, 2021, October 10, 2021, January 10, 2022, April 10, 2022, April 10, 2023, January 10, 2024, and October 10, 2024.

Respondent was reminded of the filing requirements by letters dated June 23, 2023, August 3, 2023, August 10, 2023, and December 4, 2023 as described in the attached. To date, no properly completed January 10, 2021, April 10, 2021, July 10, 2021, October 10, 2021, January 10, 2022, April 10, 2022, April 10, 2023, January 10, 2024, or October 10, 2024 Operating Disclosure have been received. All in violation of Section 8-13-1308(G), 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 Walker Dayson 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 9th day of December, 2024

[REDACTED]

Meghan Walker Dayson, Executive Director

[REDACTED]

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

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA )  
COUNTY OF RICHLAND ) BEFORE THE STATE ETHICS COMMISSION  
) )  
IN THE MATTER OF: )  
COMPLAINT C2024-094 )  
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State Ethics Commission, ) **DECISION AND ORDER**  
Complainant. )  
) )  
Orangeburg County Democratic )  
Party, )  
Respondent. )

This matter came before the South Carolina Ethics Commission (Commission) by way of a Complaint filed on December 9, 2024. The Commission’s Executive Director reviewed the Complaint, determined it contained facts sufficient to warrant an investigation, and ordered an investigation. On May 15, 2025, the Commission reviewed the Complaint and investigative findings to determine whether probable cause existed to charge Orangeburg County Democratic Party (Respondent) with violating the South Carolina Ethics, Government Accountability, and Campaign Reform Act (Ethics Act). For the reasons stated herein, the Commission finds probable cause exists, but waives further proceedings.

**STATEMENT OF FACTS**

1. Respondent is a county political party and has been filing quarterly Operating Disclosures with the Commission since 2007. Respondent regularly filed quarterly Operating Disclosures with the Commission through 2018.
2. Beginning in 2019, Respondent’s filings became sporadic, resulting in Respondent’s failure to timely file nine (9) quarterly Operating Disclosures that are the subject of this Complaint.
3. On multiple occasions prior to the filing of the Complaint, the Commission attempted, unsuccessfully, to contact Respondent regarding its filings. Ultimately, the Commission was able to contact Kenneth Glover, Respondent’s Chairman, in September of 2023. Glover advised the Commission that the Operating Disclosures would be filed.

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4. Respondent subsequently filed one (1) of the missing Operating Disclosures, but no additional Operating Disclosures were filed.
5. Following the filing of the Complaint, Respondent came into compliance by filing all required Operating Disclosures. According to Respondent, it selected a new Chairman, Anthony Hallmon, in early 2024 and Hallmon was responsible for bringing Respondent into compliance.

**LAW**

Pursuant to Section 8-13-320, the Commission is empowered to receive complaints and conduct investigations related to violations of the Ethics Act. Following the receipt of a Complaint and completion of a corresponding investigation, the Commission must determine whether there is probable cause to believe a violation of the Ethics Act occurred. Section 8-13-320(10)(i). If the Commission determines probable cause exists, it may order a hearing on the merits or, if the Respondent has taken action to remedy or correct the alleged violation, it may waive further proceedings. Section 8-13-320(10)(i). The decision to waive further proceedings lies within the sound discretion of the Commission.

Section 8-13-1300(26) defines “political party” as “an association, a committee, or an organization which nominates a candidate whose name appears on the election ballot as the candidate of that association, committee, or organization.” Section 8-13-1308(B) and (G) require political parties to file quarterly Operating Disclosures. Pursuant to Section 8-13-1300(34), “operating expenses” means “expenditures for salaries and/or fringe benefits for part-time, full-time, temporary and/or contract employees; meeting expenses, travel, utilities, communications and/or communications equipment whether leased or purchased, printing or printing services, postage, food and/or beverage, advertising, consulting services, and/or any other expenditures which are not an authorized contribution to a candidate, committee, or ballot measure committee.”

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**DECISION**

Based on evidence presented, the Commission hereby determines there is probable cause to believe Respondent violated Section 8-13-1308(G) of the Ethics Act by failing to timely file Operating Disclosures from January 10, 2021 through April 10, 2022, and on April 10, 2023, January 10, 2024, and October 10, 2024. However, given that Respondent has taken action to correct the error by filing all required Operating Disclosures, the Commission hereby waives further proceedings with regard to this Complaint.

THEREFORE, pursuant to Section 8-13-320(10)(i), and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder, the Commission finds probable cause but waives further proceedings.

AND IT IS SO ORDERED THIS 27<sup>th</sup> DAY OF May, 2025.

SOUTH CAROLINA ETHICS COMMISSION

  
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F. XAVIER STARKES, CHAIR

Columbia, South Carolina