

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA STATE ETHICS COMMISSION

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CASE NUMBER
C 2025-094

COMPLAINT FORM

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

RESPONDENT: Corey W. Ulmer, Jr.
ADDRESS: [REDACTED]
TELEPHONE NUMBER: [REDACTED]
TITLE: Board Member – Willow Swamp
Watershed District

Section 8-13-1140, SC Code Ann., 1976, as amended, requires the filing of an updated Statement of Economic Interests for the previous calendar year annually thereafter prior to March 30. Records in the State Ethics Commission indicate that the Respondent was required to file the 2024 and 2025 Statement of Economic Interests.

Respondent was reminded of the filing requirement by a certified letter dated January 31, 2025 as described in the attached. In addition, an email reminder was sent thirty days prior to the deadline. To date, a 2024 and 2025 Statement of Economic Interests have not been received. All in violation of Section 8-13-1140, SC 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 24th day of October, 2025

[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 C2025-094)	
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State Ethics Commission,)	DECISION AND ORDER
Complainant.)	
)	
Corey W. Ulmer,)	
Respondent.)	
_____)	

This matter came before the South Carolina Ethics Commission (Commission) by way of a Complaint filed on October 29, 2025. The Commission’s Executive Director reviewed the Complaint, determined it contained facts sufficient to warrant an investigation, and ordered an investigation. On January 15, 2026, the Commission reviewed the Complaint and investigative findings to determine whether probable cause existed to charge Corey W. Ulmer (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. At all times relevant, Respondent has served on the Willow Swamp Watershed District.
2. Respondent did not file a 2024 Statement of Economic Interests (SEI) on or before March 30, 2024.
3. In a January 31, 2025, certified letter, the Commission notified Respondent of his failure to file a 2024 SEI. According to the United States Postal Service (USPS), the certified letter was delivered to Respondent’s address of record on February 3, 2025, at 1:40 p.m.
4. Respondent did not file a 2025 SEI on or before March 30, 2025.
5. On October 8, 2025, prior to the filing of the Complaint, a Commission staff member contacted

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Respondent and left a voicemail. Respondent returned the call on October 9, 2025.

6. On October 21, 2025, Respondent contacted Commission staff and was given instructions for filing his 2024 and 2025 SEIs.
7. The Complaint was filed on October 29, 2025.
8. On November 3, 2025, prior to receiving the Complaint, Respondent came into compliance by filing his 2024 and 2025 SEIs.
9. According to USPS, Respondent received the Complaint on November 5, 2025, at 2:38 p.m.

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. S.C. Code Ann. § 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 acted to remedy or correct the alleged violation, it may waive further proceedings. S.C. Code Ann. § 8-13-320(10)(i). The decision to waive further proceedings lies within the sound discretion of the Commission.

Section 8-13-1140 of the Ethics Act requires public officials to file a SEI on or before March 30 of each year.

DECISION

Based on the evidence presented, the Commission hereby determines there is probable cause to believe that Respondent violated Section 8-13-1140 by failing to timely file 2024 and 2025 SEIs. However, given that Respondent has acted to remedy or correct these errors, and in light of the mitigating facts listed herein, the Commission hereby waives further proceedings with

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regard to this Complaint.

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

AND IT IS SO ORDERED THIS 11th DAY OF February, 2026.

SOUTH CAROLINA ETHICS COMMISSION


F. XAVIER STARKES, CHAIR

Columbia, South Carolina