

### STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA STATE ETHICS COMMISSION

**FOR COMMISSION USE ONLY:**  
CASE NUMBER  
C 2025-163

### COMPLAINT FORM

**COMPLAINANT:** Jessica L Stewart, PhD, MPH  
**ADDRESS:** [REDACTED]  
**TELEPHONE NUMBER:** [REDACTED]  
**TITLE:** Army Vet and resident of Edgefield County

**RESPONDENT:** Phillip Dean Campbell  
**ADDRESS:** [REDACTED]  
**TELEPHONE NUMBER:** [REDACTED]  
**TITLE:** Chairman, Edgefield County Council

*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).*

This complaint concerns South Carolina's Code of Annotated Laws: Chapter 8: PUBLIC OFFICIALS / EMPLOYEES  
Chapter 13 Ethics, Government Accountability, and Campaign Reform

The above mentioned public councilman has not submitted an SEI to disclose potential COIs related to his campaign for reelection or his ascent to serve as Chairman of the council. The greater concern are recent changes to open doors without oversight for land developers in our county. We need accountability and transparency to push aside concerns of conflicts that seem aparant, given the reversal of decisions to side with developers over residents with environmental and safety concerns.

The last year the that County Councilman Campbell disclosed his economic interest was in 2024 for his 2023 SEI. As copied and pasted below from his most recent SEI, Campbell then ran for office again and is current serving as Edgefield County's Chairman for the county council. He submitted his last SEI on Feb 9, 2024, then announced his candidacy for the same office the following month, in March 2024. He has not submitted an SEI since then, nor since assuming the leadership role of Chairman of the council.

Candidate  
Edgefield County County Council  
Office Term  
1/2025 - 12/2026  
Registered to Run for Office  
3/2024

**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 Jessica Stewart - Aiken

Personally appeared before me Jessica Stewart 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  
29 day of Oct, 2025

[REDACTED]

Complainant Signature

[REDACTED]  
Notary Public for South Carolina  
My Commission expires 10/11/2034

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**KATHERINE HUGHEY**  
Notary Public, State of South Carolina  
My Commission Expires 10/11/2034

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA )  
COUNTY OF RICHLAND )  
IN THE MATTER OF: )  
Complaint C2025-103 )  
Dr. Jessica L. Stewart, )  
Complainant. )  
Phillip Dean Campbell, )  
Respondent. )  
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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, June 18, 2026 at 9:30 a.m. at the Commission Hearing Room located at: 201 Executive Center Drive, Suite 150, Columbia, South Carolina 29210.

The following allegation will be heard:

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

That Phillip Dean Campbell, Edgefield County Councilmember, failed to timely file a 2025 Statement of Economic Interests, 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 March 2026.

*Certificate of Service by Certified Mail*

I hereby certify that a copy of this **NOTICE OF HEARING** was duly served on RESPONDENT Phillip Dean Campbell, 802 Ouzts Street, Johnson, SC 29832 by depositing said **NOTICE OF HEARING** in the United States mail, Columbia, South Carolina on this 23 day of March 2026, by CERTIFIED MAIL, E-RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED, appropriate postage affixed, and a return address clearly indicated on said envelope.



**Erin Caughman**  
State Ethics Commission

Columbia, South Carolina

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