

**STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
STATE ETHICS COMMISSION**

**FOR COMMISSION USE ONLY:**  
**CASE NUMBER**  
C 2024-085

**COMPLAINT FORM**

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

**RESPONDENT:** Ivan Mathena  
**ADDRESS:** [REDACTED]  
**TELEPHONE NUMBER:** [REDACTED]  
**TITLE:** Candidate – Greenville County Council  
District 19

Section 8-13-1302 of the South Carolina Code Ann., requires that all candidates maintain a record of campaign contributions, expenditures, all receipted bills, canceled checks, or other proof of payment for each expenditure and the occupation of each person making a contribution for a period of four years. South Carolina Code of Regulations, Reg. 52-501.D requires that campaign records must be made available to the State Ethics Commission upon request. The Respondent failed to provide the occupation of two contributors on his Quarter 2 2022 and Final Campaign Disclosure.

Respondent was reminded of the filing requirements by a letter dated February 17, 2023 as described in the attached. All in violation of Section 8-13-1302, 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 Davson 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 6<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2024

[REDACTED]

Notary Public for South Carolina  
My Commission expires 01/12/26

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Meghan Walker Davson, Executive Director

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA )  
COUNTY OF RICHLAND ) BEFORE THE STATE ETHICS COMMISSION  
) )  
IN THE MATTER OF: )  
COMPLAINT C2024-085 )  
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State Ethics Commission, ) **DECISION AND ORDER**  
Complainant. )  
) )  
Ivan Mathena, )  
Respondent. )  
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This matter came before the South Carolina Ethics Commission (Commission) by way of a Complaint filed on November 6, 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 Ivan Mathena (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 was an unsuccessful candidate for Greenville County Council in a June 14, 2022 primary election.
2. When Respondent filed his Final Campaign Disclosure Report (CDR) in 2022, he failed to report the occupations of five (5) contributors.
3. The Commission notified Respondent of his failure to report the aforementioned occupations and requested records related to that information.
4. Respondent subsequently provided occupations of three (3) contributors, but failed to provide occupations for the remaining two (2).
5. Following the filing of the Complaint, Respondent obtained the remaining two (2) contributors’ occupations and amended the CDR accordingly.

**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 on the complaint. Section 8-13-320(10)(i). The decision to waive further proceedings lies within the sound discretion of the Commission.

Section 8-13-1302(A)(6) of the Ethics Act requires candidates to maintain a record of the occupation of each person making a contribution.

**DECISION**

Based on evidence presented, the Commission hereby determines there is probable cause to believe that Respondent violated Section 8-13-1302(A)(6) by failing to maintain records of two (2) contributors' occupations. However, given that Respondent has since amended his CDRs to disclose the occupations of the two (2) contributors, 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 hereby 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