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STATE ETHICS COMMISSION
201 Executive Center Drive
Suite 150
Columbia, SC 29210
ETHICS ACT COMPLAINT FORM

Section 1. READ BEFORE COMPLETING THIS FORM:

Investigative Authority: The Ethics, Government Accountability, and Campaign Reform Act (the Act) gives the State Ethics Commission (Commission) the authority to investigate complaints against candidates, public officials, public members, public employees, at the state or local government level in South Carolina as well as lobbyists, and lobbyist's principals.

The Commission has the authority to investigate violations of Title 8, Chapter 13 of the South Carolina Code of Laws, Title 2, Chapter 17 of the South Carolina Code of Laws, Title 59, Chapter 150 of the South Carolina Code of Laws, various provisions of Title 42, Chapter 3 of the South Carolina Code of Laws, and various provisions of Title 58, Chapter 3 of the South Carolina Code of Laws

Statute of Limitations: Pursuant to Section 8-13-320(9)(d) of the Act, the Commission cannot take action on a complaint more than four years after the violation is alleged to have occurred.

Blackout Period: Pursuant to Section 8-13-320(9)(b)(1) of the Act, no complaint may be accepted against a candidate for elective office during the fifty-day period before an election in which he is a candidate.

Please note that the Commission does not have the jurisdiction to investigate alleged violations of South Carolina's Freedom of Information Act, violations of the criminal code, instances of rude or discourteous treatment, federal officials, or violations of local ordinances, policies, or procedures.

Section 2. PROCEDURES FOR SUBMITTING A COMPLAINT:

Complaints must be submitted by mailing the original of a fully completed complaint form to the Commission at 201 Executive Center Drive, Suite 150, Columbia, SC 29210. Failing to completely fill out the complaint form will result in the form being returned to you without an investigation being opened. Complaint forms must be either typed or written in clear, legible handwriting.

Both the Complainant and the Respondent have the right to be represented by legal counsel of their choosing. If either the complainant and/or the respondent chooses to be represented by legal counsel, they do so at their own expense.

Section 3. CONFIDENTIALITY:

Complaint forms become public documents if the Commission finds probable cause that a violation of law has occurred. Please note that upon receiving a properly filed complaint form, the Commission will share an unredacted copy of the complaint with the Respondent whether or not an investigation is ordered.

Section 4. COMPLAINT ACKNOWLEDGEMENT:

Please check each circle to acknowledge that you have read and understand the following:

- ☒ I understand that I may be called to testify in an administrative or criminal proceeding should probable cause be found on this matter.
- ☒ I understand that I may be subpoenaed to sit for a deposition where I will be required to answer questions under oath.
- ☒ I understand that my name, address, and phone number will be shared with the Respondent.
- ☒ I understand that my name may be made public by the Respondent or the Commission.

Section 5. CHECK THE POSITION OF THE PERSON AGAINST WHOM THIS COMPLAINT IS FILED:

- ☒ Candidate for public office
- ☐ Elected official at the state or local level
- ☐ Employee of local or state government
- ☐ Lobbyist
- ☐ Lobbyist's Principal
- ☐ Member of South Carolina Legislature
- ☐ Public member (a person appointed to a part-time board, commission, or council at the state or local level)

Section 6. COMPLAINANT AND RESPONDENT INFORMATION:

I. PERSON BRINGING THE COMPLAINT (COMPLAINANT)			
Name:	State Ethics Commission		
Address:	201 Executive Center Drive, Suite 150		
City:	Columbia	State: SC	Zip Code: 29210
Telephone	(803) 253-4192	Email Address:	
II. PERSON AGAINST WHOM COMPLAINT IS BROUGHT (RESPONDENT)			
Name:	Angele White-Bradley		
Address:	[REDACTED]		
City:	Lamar	State: SC	Zip Code: 29069
Telephone	[REDACTED]		

Section 7. THE INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THIS COMPLAINT COMES FROM:

- ☒ Personal knowledge
- ☐ Media Reports
- ☐ From a third-party
- ☐ Other
- ☐ Please specify: _____

Section 8: STATEMENT OF FACTS (Please state the actions of the Respondent upon which your ethics complaint is based):

Section 8-13-1308, S.C. Code Ann., 1976, as amended, requires candidates to file Campaign Disclosures within ten (10) days of receiving or expending an accumulated aggregate of \$500.00 or more; fifteen (15) days prior to each election; within ten (10) days of the end of each quarter; and a final report when the campaign account is closed. In addition, certified campaign reports detailing campaign contributions and expenditures must contain the total of contributions accepted, the name and address of each person making a contribution, the total expenditures made by or on behalf of the candidate or committee, and the name and address of each person to whom an expenditure is made from campaign funds. Pursuant to Section 8-13-1362 and Regulation 52-504 (C), the Pre-Election and quarterly report are required even when there have been no contributions or expenditures. Records of the State Ethics Commission indicate that a Pre-Election Campaign Disclosure was due between October 18, 2023 and October 23, 2023 for the November 7, 2023 election and quarterly Campaign Disclosures were due no later than January 10, 2024, April 10, 2024, July 10, 2024, October 10, 2024, and January 10, 2025.

Respondent was reminded of the Pre-Election filing requirement by letters dated June 12, 2025 and October 22, 2025 as described in the attached. To date, a properly completed Pre-Election, Quarter 4 2023, Quarter 1 2024, Quarter 2 2024, Quarter 3 2024, and Quarter 4 2024 Campaign Disclosure have not been received. All in violation of Section 8-13-1308(A), Section 8-13-1308(B), Section 8-13-1308(D)(1), and Section 8-13-1308 (F), S.C. Code Ann., 1976, as amended.

Section 9. VERIFICATION BY OATH OR AFFIRMATION - ORIGINAL NOTARY AND SIGNATURES REQUIRED:

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF RICHLAND

Personally appeared before me Meghan Walker Dayson who, first being duly sworn, says that he 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 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
8th day of January, 2026


Meghan Walker Dayson
Executive Director



Notary Public for South Carolina

My Commission expires 8/22/26

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)
COUNTY OF RICHLAND)
IN THE MATTER OF:)
Complaint C2026-002)
State Ethics Commission)
Complainant.)
Angele White Bradley)
Respondent.)

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, August 20, 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 allegations will be heard:

COUNT ONE
FAILURE TO FILE INITIAL CAMPAIGN DISCLOSURE REPORT
SECTION 8-13-1308(A), S.C. CODE ANN., 1976, AS AMENDED

That Angele White Bradley, member of Lamar Town Council, failed to file a 2023 Initial Campaign Disclosure Report by October 20, 2023, in violation of Section 8-13-1308(A).

COUNT TWO
FAILURE TO FILE A CAMPAIGN DISCLOSURE REPORT
SECTION 8-13-1308(B), S.C. CODE ANN., 1976, AS AMENDED

That Angele White Bradley, member of Lamar Town Council, failed to file a Quarter 4 2023 Campaign Disclosure Report, in violation of Section 8-13-1308(B).

COUNT THREE
FAILURE TO FILE A CAMPAIGN DISCLOSURE REPORT
SECTION 8-13-1308(B), S.C. CODE ANN., 1976, AS AMENDED

That Angele White Bradley, member of Lamar Town Council, failed to file a Quarter 1 2024 Campaign Disclosure Report, in violation of Section 8-13-1308(B).

COUNT FOUR
FAILURE TO FILE A CAMPAIGN DISCLOSURE REPORT
SECTION 8-13-1308(B), S.C. CODE ANN., 1976, AS AMENDED

That Angele White Bradley, member of Lamar Town Council, failed to file a Quarter 2 2024 Campaign Disclosure Report, in violation of Section 8-13-1308(B).

COUNT FIVE
FAILURE TO FILE A CAMPAIGN DISCLOSURE REPORT
SECTION 8-13-1308(B), S.C. CODE ANN., 1976, AS AMENDED

That Angele White Bradley, member of Lamar Town Council, failed to file a Quarter 3 2024 Campaign Disclosure Report, in violation of Section 8-13-1308(B).

COUNT SIX
FAILURE TO FILE A CAMPAIGN DISCLOSURE REPORT
SECTION 8-13-1308(B), S.C. CODE ANN., 1976, AS AMENDED

That Angele White Bradley, member of Lamar Town Council, failed to file a Quarter 4 2024 Campaign Disclosure Report, in violation of Section 8-13-1308(B).

COUNT SEVEN
FAILURE TO FILE A PRE-ELECTION CAMPAIGN DISCLOSURE REPORT
SECTION 8-13-1308(D), S.C. CODE ANN., 1976, AS AMENDED

That Angele White Bradley, member of Lamar Town Council, failed to file a 2023 Pre-Election Campaign Disclosure Report for the November 7, 2023, election in violation of Section 8-13-1308(D).

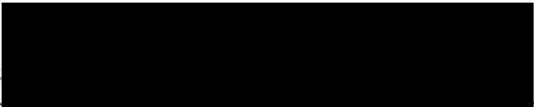
COUNT EIGHT
FAILURE TO USE CAMPAIGN BANK ACCOUNT
SECTION 8-13-1312, S.C. CODE ANN., 1976, AS AMENDED

That Angele White Bradley, member of Lamar Town Council, made expenditures on behalf of the campaign using funds from a source other than the designated campaign bank account, in violation of Section 8-13-1312(D).

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.

Dated this 21st day,
of May 2026


Meghan Walker Dayson, Executive Director
State Ethics Commission

Certificate of Service by Certified Mail

I hereby certify that a copy of this **NOTICE OF HEARING** was duly served on RESPONDENT Angele White Bradley, 112 Teachers Drive, Lamar, SC 29069 by depositing said **NOTICE OF HEARING** in the United States mail, Columbia, South Carolina on this 22 day of May 2026, by CERTIFIED MAIL, E-RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED, appropriate postage affixed, and a return address clearly indicated on said envelope.



Maquita S. Kessler, Paralegal
State Ethics Commission

Columbia, South Carolina

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)
COUNTY OF RICHLAND) BEFORE THE STATE ETHICS COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF:)
COMPLAINT C2026-002)

State Ethics Commission,)
Complainant.)

Angele White-Bradley,)
Respondent.)

DECISION AND ORDER

Pursuant to Section 8-13-320(10)(i) of the South Carolina Ethics, Government Accountability, and Campaign Reform Act of 1991 (Ethics Act), the Commission reviewed the above-captioned Complaint against Angele White-Bradley (Respondent) and probable cause was found to warrant an evidentiary hearing. Present at the hearing on August 20, 2026 were Commissioners Helen Munnerlyn, Mary Hunter B. Tomlinson, and F. Xavier Starkes, Hearing Panel Chair. The Commission was represented by Jordan C. Davis. Respondent was duly notified but did not appear.¹ The following charges were considered: five (5) counts of Section 8-13-1308(B) for failing to file Campaign Disclosure Reports (CDR) from Quarter 4 of 2023 through Quarter 4 of 2024; one (1) count of Section 8-13-1308(D) for failing to file a 2023 Pre-Election CDR (PECD); and one (1) count of Section 8-13-1312, for failing to use a campaign bank account.²

FINDINGS OF FACT

Having carefully reviewed the evidence presented, the Panel finds as fact:

¹ On May 21, June 19, and June 30, 2026, the Commission issued a Notice of Hearing informing Respondent of the August 20, 2026 proceedings. On July 13, 2026, Respondent confirmed receipt of the NOH via email.

² The Notice of Hearing contained an additional charge for Respondent's failure to timely file an Initial CDR in violation of Section 8-13-1308(A). At the call of the case, Commission staff moved to dismiss this charge because the deadline for the Initial CDR and the deadline for the Pre-Election CDR overlapped, meaning Respondent was only required to file one (1) of these CDRs. The Panel granted Commission staff's motion and the case proceeded on the remaining counts.

JH #1

1. Respondent was a successful candidate in the November 7, 2023 election for Lamar Town Council (Council).
2. Respondent did not file a PECD prior to the November 7, 2023 election.
3. In a June 12, 2025 certified letter, Commission staff attempted to notify Respondent of her failure to file a PECD between October 18 and 23 of 2023. There is no evidence this letter was successfully delivered to Respondent.
4. On October 22, 2025, Commission staff remailed the letter via first-class mail with a United States Postal Service (USPS) tracking number. According to the USPS, this letter was delivered on November 1, 2025.
5. Upon receipt of the letter, Respondent contacted Commission staff for filing assistance. On November 19, 2025, Respondent stated she needed to obtain her bank statements in order to complete the filings.
6. On November 20, 2025, Respondent sent partial bank statements to Commission staff. A review of these records indicated Respondent was required to file additional quarterly CDRs.
7. On December 18, 2025, Respondent and Commission staff made an appointment to complete Respondent's filings on December 29, 2025. Respondent failed to attend this appointment.
8. After no further contact from Respondent, a complaint was filed on January 8, 2026. The complaint alleged Respondent failed to file the 2023 PECD and five (5) additional quarterly CDRs.
9. On February 2, 2026, Commission Investigator Timothy Plunkett spoke with Respondent by telephone. Respondent subsequently accepted service of the complaint via email on February 27, 2026.

JH #2

10. Investigator Plunkett subsequently obtained Respondent's campaign bank account records from Wells Fargo. These records revealed that Respondent's campaign bank account opened on October 11, 2023, and carried a positive balance of contributions until September of 2024, when account maintenance expenses exceeded the value of the funds available. Wells Fargo credited the account the difference and closed the account on December 2, 2024.
11. On March 26, 2026, Investigator Plunkett spoke with Respondent by telephone. Respondent admitted to spending personal funds on balloons and food for a campaign event in the amount of approximately \$140.00.
12. On April 1, 2026, came into compliance by filing the required CDRs.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Based upon the Findings of Fact, the Commission concludes, as a matter of law:

1. At all times relevant, Respondent was a candidate, as defined by Section 8-13-1300(4). Therefore, the Commission has personal and subject matter jurisdiction.
2. As a candidate, Respondent failed to file a PECD before the November 7, 2023 election, in violation of Section 8-13-1308(D)(1), which provides, in relevant part:

At least fifteen days before an election, a certified campaign report must be filed showing contributions of more than one hundred dollars and expenditures to or by the candidate [] for the period ending twenty days before the election. The candidate [] must maintain a current list during the period before the election commencing at the beginning of the calendar quarter of the election of all contributions of more than one hundred dollars and expenditures.

3. As a candidate carrying a balance of contributions in her campaign bank account, Respondent failed to file quarterly CDRs for Quarter 4 2023, Quarter 1 2024, Quarter 2 2024, Quarter 3 2024, and Quarter 4 2024, all in violation of Section 8-13-1308(B), which provides, in relevant part:

JA #3

Following the filing of an initial certified campaign report, additional certified campaign reports must be filed within ten days following the end of each calendar quarter in which contributions are received or expenditures are made, whether before or after an election until the campaign account undergoes final disbursement pursuant to the provisions of Section 8-13-1370.

4. As a candidate, Respondent failed to make the aforementioned \$140.00 expenditure from a campaign bank account, in violation of Section 8-13-1312, which states, in relevant part, that “expenses paid on behalf of a candidate or committee must be drawn from the campaign account and issued on a check signed by the candidate.”
5. Section 8-13-130 allows the Commission to “levy an enforcement or administrative fee on a person who is in violation of any provision of the Ethics Act.”
6. Section 8-13-320(10)(i) allows the Commission to require payment of a civil penalty of up to two thousand dollars for each violation of the Ethics Act.
7. Respondent has accrued \$12,500.00 in late-filing penalties in accordance with Section 8-13-1510, which provides:

A person required to file a report or statement under this chapter who files a late statement or report or fails to file a required statement or report must be assessed a civil penalty as follows...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; and after notice has been given by certified or registered mail that a required statement or report has not been filed, a fine of ten dollars per calendar day for the first ten days after notice is given, and one hundred dollars for each additional calendar day in which the required statement or report is not filed, not exceeding five thousand dollars.³

³ As to the PECD, Respondent received notice of her failure to file via the Commission’s certified letter on November 1, 2025. As to the remaining CDRs, Respondent received notice of her failure to file via service of the Complaint on February 27, 2026. Thus, at the time Respondent came into compliance on April 1, 2026, Respondent had accrued the statutory maximum of \$5,000.00 with regard to the PECD and \$1,500.00 for each of the five (5) quarterly CDRs.

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DECISION

NOW, THEREFORE, based on the foregoing Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, the Panel has determined, based on a preponderance of the evidence, that Respondent is in violation of five (5) counts of Section 8-13-1308(B), one (1) count of Section 8-13-1308(D)(1), and one (1) count of Section 8-13-1312.

THEREFORE, the Panel hereby issues a Public Reprimand to Respondent for violations of the Ethics Act;

AND orders Respondent to pay to the Commission, within one (1) year from her receipt of this Order, a reduced late-filing penalty of \$6,900.00 (\$1,150.00 per CDR) for the violations of Section 8-13-1308, a civil penalty of \$2,000.00 for the violation of Section 8-13-1312, and an administrative fee of \$1,100.00, for a total of \$10,000.00.

AND, pursuant to Section 8-13-320 of the Ethics Act, if the \$10,000.00 is not paid in full within one year from Respondent's receipt of this Order, the total amount owed shall revert to the maximum possible assessment of \$15,600.00 (late-filing penalties in the amount of \$12,500.00, a civil penalty of \$2,000.00, and an administrative fee of \$1,100.00) and the Commission shall enter a judgment against Respondent in the amount of \$15,600.00 with the Clerk of Court in the county of Respondent's last known residence. In that event, the Clerk of Court shall enter this Order in the amount of \$15,600.00 in its judgment rolls, without cost to the Commission.

FINALLY, Respondent has ten (10) days from receipt of this Order to appeal this Decision and Order to the full Commission.

[SIGNATURE PAGE FOLLOWING]

JA #5

AND IT IS SO ORDERED THIS 8th DAY OF September, 2026.

STATE ETHICS COMMISSION



F. XAVIER STARKES, HEARING CHAIR

Columbia, South Carolina