

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)
COUNTY OF RICHLAND) BEFORE THE STATE ETHICS COMMISSION
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IN THE MATTER OF:)
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Complaints C2024-051)
C2024-055)
C2024-056)
)
Kyle Joslin, Brittney Duncan,)
and Nicholas Duncan)
Complainants.)
)
Charles "Chuck" Wright)
Respondent.)
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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 complaints. The State Ethics Commission will, therefore, convene a formal hearing into the matters, 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, February 19, 2026 at 9:30 a.m. at the State Ethics 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 RECUSE FROM A GOVERNMENTAL DECISION IN WHICH AN
FAMILY MEMBER HAS AN ECONOMIC INTEREST
SECTION 8-13-700(B), S.C. CODE ANN., 1976, AS AMENDED**

That Charles "Chuck" Wright, Spartanburg County Sheriff, did fail to recuse from the hiring process of his son as a deputy sheriff for the Spartanburg County Sheriff's Office in July of 2024, in violation of Section 8-13-700(B).

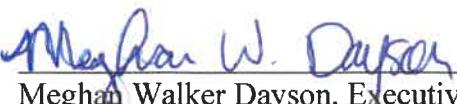
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COUNT TWO
PARTICIPATION IN ACTION RELATING TO EMPLOYMENT OF A FAMILY
MEMBER
SECTION 8-13-750(B), S.C. CODE ANN., 1976, AS AMENDED

That Charles "Chuck" Wright, Spartanburg County Sheriff, did appoint his son as a compensated deputy sheriff for the Spartanburg County Sheriff's Office on July 1, 2024, in violation of Section 8-13-750(B).

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 26th day,
of September 2025.

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Certificate of Service by Certified Mail

I hereby certify that a copy of this **NOTICE OF HEARING** was duly served on Respondent's Attorney Steve Denton, 178 W. Main Street, Spartanburg, SC 29306 by depositing said **NOTICE OF HEARING** in the United States mail, Columbia, South Carolina on this 1st day of October 2025, by CERTIFIED MAIL, E-RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED, appropriate postage affixed, and a return address clearly indicated on said envelope.

Columbia, South Carolina


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