

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
STATE ETHICS COMMISSION

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CASE NUMBER

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COMPLAINT FORM

COMPLAINANT: S.C. House Legislative  
ADDRESS: 519 Ethics Committee  
Blatt Bldg. Columbia, SC  
TELEPHONE NUMBER: 803-734-3114 29201  
TITLE: House Ethics Committee

RESPONDENT: Patricia Cannon  
ADDRESS: 106 Bonnie Lane Summerville, SC  
TELEPHONE NUMBER: 843-642-4883 29485  
TITLE: Former candidate for the House

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).

See attached Supplemental Sheet.

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 \_\_\_\_\_

Personally appeared before me \_\_\_\_\_ 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 \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Complainant Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Public for South Carolina

My Commission expires \_\_\_\_\_

SEC-7 (Revised 3/2022)

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Supplemental Sheet to Complaint  
Complainant: S.C. House Legislative Ethics Committee (HEC)  
Respondent: Former House Candidate Patricia Cannon Fisher (Cannon) but filed  
ethics reports as Cannon  
February 10, 2022

On or about September 15, 2021, HEC staff identified Cannon as a potential candidate for the administrative closure of her campaign account due to a number of factors, including lack of activity, failure to file Campaign Disclosure Reports and Statements of Economic Interests, and failure to respond to written and oral correspondences from HEC staff. She failed to pay ethics fines owed that total \$29,200.00 as of February 10, 2022. Following Administrative Closure Protocol adopted by the HEC, Truist formerly known as BB&T (the banks merged in late 2019) was served a Subpoena Duces Tecum dated October 5, 2021 to obtain relevant bank records from the campaign account of Cannon. NIC South Carolina identified Cannon's campaign bank account as BB&T, 904 Main St., Summerville, SC 29483 and provided the bank account number Cannon listed. Truist was unable to locate any campaign bank account records for Cannon even when subsequently provided with Cannon's last four digits of her social security number. A second Subpoena Duces Tecum was sent to BB&T (now Truist) on December 1, 2021 to obtain the campaign bank account records of Cannon. BB&T through Truist was unable to identify any campaign bank account for Cannon. (Exhibit A, Responses from Truist and Cannon's ethics account noting her campaign bank account information).

In the three Campaign Disclosure reports Cannon filed, she reported a total of 34 contributions which totaled \$608.40 and no expenditures or loans. She has since failed to file five Campaign Disclosure reports. (Exhibit B, Campaign Disclosure Reports and Statement of Economic Interests). S.C. Code Ann. Section 8-13-1312, required that Cannon deposit these contributions within ten days of receipt into a campaign bank account. HEC staff sent fine letters on the following dates for late or not filed reports: April 7, 2020, June 3, 2020, January 21, 2021, April 19, 2021, July 19, 2021, October 19, 2021, and January 19, 2022. (Exhibit C, fine letters). Staff tried to contact her by phone on May 1, 2020, May 18, 2020, January 15, 2021, February 3, 2021, April 13, 2021, April 22, 2021, July 6, 2021, and August 4, 2021. E-mails were also sent by staff on August 9, 2021, September 9, 2021, September 10, 2021, October 29, 2021, and January 12, 2021. (Exhibit D, Entries from the House Ethics Committee's Master Excel log sheets for 2020 - 2022 on Cannon and e-mails). Thus, the HEC cannot confirm the proper use of campaign funds by Cannon as we are unable to locate her campaign bank account statements, and she failed to file required Campaign Disclosure Reports. Thus, the HEC has identified

potential violations resulting from the attempted subpoena duces tecums of Cannon's campaign bank account records. Therefore, the HEC is referring the Committee's complaint regarding Cannon to the State Ethics Commission for investigation as to whether violations of Section 8-13-100 *et seq* of the Ethics, Government Accountability, and Campaign Reform Act of 1991 occurred.

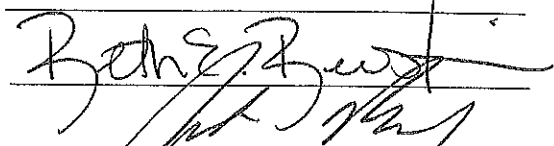
AND IT IS SO ORDERED, this 10th day of February, 2022, by the following members of the House Ethics Committee:

Rep. Wallace H. "Jay" Jordan, Jr., Chairman

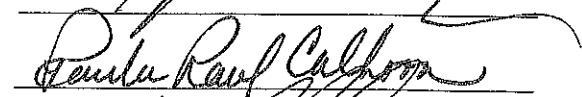


Rep. J. David Weeks, Vice-Chairman

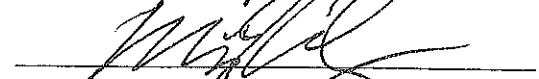
Rep. Beth E. Bernstein, Secretary



Rep. Justin T. Bamberg



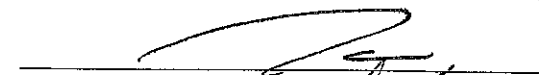
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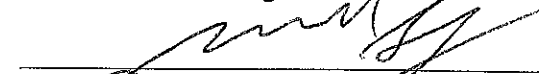
Rep. Micajah P. "Micah" Caskey IV



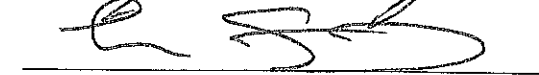
Rep. Neal A. Collins



Rep. J. Todd Rutherford



Rep. G. Murrell Smith, Jr.



Rep. Leonidas E. "Leon" Stavrinakis





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*Exhibit A*

Date: November 17, 2021

WALLACE H JORDAN JR  
1105 Pendleton St.  
Room 519 Blatt Building  
Columbia, SC 29201

RE: CANNON, PATRICIA ET AL  
SS-142046

- Enclosed please find the bank documents and/or video responsive to the subpoena.
- Enclosed please find partial bank documents in response to the Subpoena. The remaining documents to follow.
- CD password(s) will be mailed or faxed separately from CD(s). The disk(s) and/or password(s) may arrive within 2-3 days of each other.
- Signature card/Corporate Resolution not on file.
- The requested information is beyond the records retention period (7 years- Statements, Checks & Deposits, 5 years- Wire transfers, 5 years- CTR).
- The requested information is beyond the video retention period for this branch/ ATM.
- Account closed prior to requested date range.
- Invalid Account Number(s) / Invalid SSN.
- Based upon the information provided, we are unable to locate records for account number #xxx [REDACTED]
- Designated person or entity cannot be confirmed. Please provide additional information via fax 844-234-9280 and we will renew our search (i.e., SSN, TIN, Account #, Address).
- OTHER -- A search of our records was unable to locate any campaign bank accounts for the time frame requested.

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**Truist Financial cannot comply with the Subpoena for Improper Service:**

- District of Columbia: The subpoena must be served personally at any Truist Financial or by certified mail.
- Maryland: The subpoena must be served personally at any Truist Financial or by certified mail.
- Virginia: Subpoena must be served personally on the registered agent or at any Truist Financial.
- Incorrect bank served, should be served on \_\_\_\_\_.
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

- .....
- Truist Financial does not hold any records for this individual(s). However, you may attempt to contact separate entities of the Truist family of companies.**



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Date: November 4, 2021

WALLACE H. JORDAN, JR  
SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE ETHICS COMMITTEE  
1105 PENDLETON STREET  
ROOM 519 BLATT BUILDING  
COLUMBIA SC 29201

RE: CANNON, PATRICIA ET AL  
SS-143904

- Enclosed please find the bank documents and/or video responsive to the subpoena.
- Enclosed please find partial bank documents in response to the Subpoena. The remaining documents to follow.
- CD password(s) will be mailed or faxed separately from CD(s). The disk(s) and/or password(s) may arrive within 2-3 days of each other.
- Signature card/Corporate Resolution not on file.
- The requested information is beyond the records retention period (7 years- Statements, Checks & Deposits, 5 years- Wire transfers, 5 years- CTR).
- The requested information is beyond the video retention period for this branch/ ATM.
- Account closed prior to requested date range.
- Invalid Account Number(s) / Invalid SSN.
- Based upon the information provided, we are unable to locate records for Patricia Cannon Fisher with [REDACTED]
- Patricia Cannon Fisher with social ending [REDACTED] cannot be confirmed. Please provide additional information via fax 844-234-9280 and we will renew our search (i.e., SSN, TIN, Account #, Address).
- OTHER -

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- Incorrect bank served, should be served on \_\_\_\_\_
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

**Truist Financial does not hold any records for this individual(s). However, you may attempt to contact separate entities of the Truist family of companies.**



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Date: January 3, 2022

WALLACE H. JORDAN, JR.  
 South Carolina House Ethics Committee  
 1105 Pendleton Street  
 Room 519  
 Columbia, SC 29201

SUB: 191876  
 RE: CANNON, PATRICIA ET AL  
 SS-145915

- Enclosed please find the bank documents and/or video responsive to the subpoena.
- Enclosed please find partial bank documents in response to the Subpoena. The remaining documents to follow.
- CD password(s) will be mailed or faxed separately from CD(s). The disk(s) and/or password(s) may arrive within 2-3 days of each other.
- Signature card/Corporate Resolution not on file.
- The requested information is beyond the records retention period (7 years- Statements, Checks & Deposits, 5 years- Wire transfers, 5 years- CTR).
- The requested information is beyond the video retention period for this branch/ ATM.
- Account closed prior to requested date range.
- Invalid Account Number(s) / Invalid SSN.
- Based upon the information provided, we are unable to locate records for account number [REDACTED]
- Designated person or entity cannot be confirmed. Please provide additional information via fax 844-234-9280 and we will renew our search (i.e., SSN, TIN, Account #, Address).
- OTHER - We were unable to locate any campaign bank accounts within the date range requested.

**Truist Financial cannot comply with the Subpoena for Improper Service:**

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- Maryland: The subpoena must be served personally at any Truist Financial or by certified mail.
- Virginia: Subpoena must be served personally on the registered agent or at any Truist Financial.
- Incorrect bank served, should be served on \_\_\_\_\_.
- Other \_\_\_\_\_.

- Truist Financial does not hold any records for this individual(s). However, you may attempt to contact separate entities of the Truist family of companies.*

# SC.GOV - SC State Ethics Commission: Public Disclosure and Accountability Reporting

## Electronic Filing

### Candidate Campaign Disclosure: Financial Information

*Patricia Cannon*

#### Financial Information

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Savings Account Number

Savings Bank

Savings Bank Address

City

State



Zip Code

\*Checking Account Number \*\*\*\*\* [Edit](#)

\*Checking Bank BB&T

\*Checking Bank Address 904 N Main Street

\*City Summerville

\*State SC



\*Zip Code 29483

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## Electronic Filing Candidate's Campaign Disclosures

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\*To file a new report, click ['START A NEW FILING'](#).

If you did a **Final** Candidate's Campaign Disclosure report for your last election, you need to [click here](#) to new campaign.

### Directions

Use the left menu to navigate between report types. To review information you have entered, click each tab below. To work with or view a report, click on one of the links to the right of the report.

### Working with Reports

You may only have one Original version of a "Saved" report at a time. To begin a new report, first complete and file your Original "saved" report.

Click the 'Amend' link for the report you need to amend, make necessary changes and file the report again. **Recalculations of totals will automatically carry through for all subsequently filed reports in the order they were filed- both original and amendments - in "Current Filings"**.

If you choose to amend a report, you are responsible for making any changes necessary to other reports that may be affected.

[START A NEW FILING](#)

Current Filings		Archived Filings					
Date Filed	Filing Type	Report Type	Election Type	Election Date	View	Edit/Amend	Delete
<a href="#">10/15/2020</a> <a href="#">Edit</a>	Filed	<a href="#">2020, October 10th, Pre-Election</a>	General	<a href="#">11/03/2020</a>	Original	<a href="#">Amend</a>	<a href="#">Admin Removal</a>
<a href="#">07/06/2020</a> <a href="#">Edit</a>	Filed	<a href="#">2020, July 10th</a>	General	<a href="#">11/03/2020</a>	Original	<a href="#">Amend</a>	
<a href="#">07/06/2020</a> <a href="#">Edit</a>	Filed	<a href="#">2020, Pre-Election</a>	Primary	<a href="#">06/09/2020</a>	Original	<a href="#">Amend</a>	
<a href="#">04/03/2020</a> <a href="#">Edit</a>	Filed	<a href="#">2020, Initial</a>	Primary	<a href="#">06/09/2020</a>	Original	<a href="#">Amend</a>	

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## Electronic Filing

### Candidate Campaign Disclosure: Review

#### 2020, Initial Report

**Candidate:** Cannon, Patricia  
**Position Sought:** State House Representative  
**Election Type:** Primary  
**Election Date:** 06/09/2020  
**Filing Type:** Original, Filed

#### Demographic Information

106 Bonnie Lane  
Summerville, SC 29485  
843.642.4803  
County: Dorchester

#### Report Type

2020, Initial

Contributions	This Period	Election Cycle
A. Candidates: Personal Funds	\$0.00	\$0.00
B1. Individual Contributions or other (+)	\$84.20	\$84.20
B2. Loans (+)	\$0.00	\$0.00
C. In-Kind Contributions (+)	\$0.00	\$0.00
D. Total Contributions (=)	<b>\$84.20</b>	<b>\$84.20</b>

Expenditures	This Period	Election Cycle
A. In-Kind Expenditures	\$0.00	\$0.00
B. Expenditures (+)	\$0.00	\$0.00
C. Total Expenditures (=)	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>

Balance of Contributions	This Period
A. Contributions on Hand (Beginning this Period)	\$0.00
B. Total Contributions (This Period) (+)	\$84.20
C. Total Expenditures (This Period) (-)	\$0.00
D. Contributions On Hand (Period End) (=)	<b>\$84.20</b>

#### Loans

Loan Balance: **\$0.00**

#### Contributions

Date	Contributor	Address	Occupation	Amount
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04/03/2020	Tina Fogg	PO Box 19481 Portland, OR 97280	PT Conclerge	\$25.00
04/03/2020	Wendy Bachman	5515 Walnut St. Spokane, WA 99205	Office Manager	\$20.00
04/03/2020	Carol Berman	1819 Washington St. 5A Hollywood, FL 33020	Not employed	\$5.00
04/03/2020	Kim Waughtel	4095 N. Phillips Rd Harrod, OH 45850	Not employed	\$4.20
04/03/2020	Cynthia Hale	832 S Lantern Ln Ellettsville, IN 47429	Not employed	\$25.00
04/03/2020	Laurie Beckman	607 Saint Charles Ct Charleston, SC 29407	Not employed	\$5.00
<b>Total</b>				<b>\$84.20</b>

\*\*\* No Expenditures Reported. \*\*\*

\*\*\* No Loans Reported. \*\*\*

\*\*\* No Loan Repayments Reported. \*\*\*

\*\*\* No Assets Purchased or Received Reported. \*\*\*

\*\*\* No Disposition of Assets Reported. \*\*\*

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Candidate Campaign Disclosure: Review

2020, Pre-Election Report

Candidate: Cannon, Patricia  
Position Sought: State House Representative  
Election Type: Primary  
Election Date: 06/09/2020  
Filing Type: Original, Filed

Demographic Information

106 Bonnie Lane  
Summerville, SC 29485  
843.642.4803  
County: Dorchester

Report Type

2020, Pre-Election

Contributions	This Period	Election Cycle
A. Candidates: Personal Funds	\$0.00	\$0.00
B1. Individual Contributions or other (+)	\$39.20	\$123.40
B2. Loans (+)	\$0.00	\$0.00
C. In-Kind Contributions (+)	\$0.00	\$0.00
D. Total Contributions (=)	\$39.20	\$123.40

Expenditures	This Period	Election Cycle
A. In-Kind Expenditures	\$0.00	\$0.00
B. Expenditures (+)	\$0.00	\$0.00
C. Total Expenditures (=)	\$0.00	\$0.00

Balance of Contributions	This Period
A. Contributions on Hand (Beginning this Period)	\$84.20
B. Total Contributions (This Period) (+)	\$39.20
C. Total Expenditures (This Period) (-)	\$0.00
D. Contributions On Hand (Period End) (=)	\$123.40

Loans

Loan Balance: \$0.00

Contributions

Date	Contributor	Address	Occupation	Amount
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05/03/2020	Klm Waughtel	4095 N. Phillips Rd Harrod, OH 45850	Not employed	\$4.20
04/09/2020	Shell Dill	790 Line Camp Loop Spring Branch, TX 78070	Home health	\$10.00
04/06/2020	Kathleen Lusiak	1843 Luke Place Chippewa, WI 54729	Not employe	\$25.00
<b>Total</b>				<b>\$39.20</b>

\*\*\* No Expenditures Reported. \*\*\*

\*\*\* No Loans Reported. \*\*\*

\*\*\* No Loan Repayments Reported. \*\*\*

\*\*\* No Assets Purchased or Received Reported. \*\*\*

\*\*\* No Disposition of Assets Reported. \*\*\*

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## Electronic Filing

### Candidate Campaign Disclosure: Review

2020, July 10th Report

**Candidate:** Cannon, Patricia  
**Position Sought:** State House Representative  
**Election Type:** General  
**Election Date:** 11/03/2020  
**Filing Type:** Original, Filed

### Demographic Information

106 Bonnie Lane  
Summerville, SC 29485  
843.642.4803  
County: Dorchester

### Report Type

2020, July 10th

<b>Contributions</b>	<b>This Period</b>	<b>Election Cycle</b>
A. Candidates: Personal Funds	\$0.00	\$0.00
B1. Individual Contributions or other (+)	\$0.00	\$0.00
B2. Loans (+)	\$0.00	\$0.00
C. In-Kind Contributions (+)	\$0.00	\$0.00
D. Total Contributions (=)	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>

<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>This Period</b>	<b>Election Cycle</b>
A. In-Kind Expenditures	\$0.00	\$0.00
B. Expenditures (+)	\$0.00	\$0.00
C. Total Expenditures (=)	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>

<b>Balance of Contributions</b>	<b>This Period</b>
A. Contributions on Hand (Beginning this Period)	\$123.40
B. Total Contributions (This Period) (+)	\$0.00
C. Total Expenditures (This Period) (-)	\$0.00
D. Contributions On Hand (Period End) (=)	<b>\$123.40</b>

### Loans

Loan Balance: **\$0.00**

\*\*\* No Contributions Reported. \*\*\*

\*\*\* No Expenditures Reported. \*\*\*

\*\*\* No Loans Reported. \*\*\*

\*\*\* No Loan Repayments Reported. \*\*\*

\*\*\* No Assets Purchased or Received Reported. \*\*\*

\*\*\* No Disposition of Assets Reported. \*\*\*

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## Electronic Filing

### Candidate Campaign Disclosure: Review

2020, October 10th, Pre-Election Report

**Candidate:** Cannon, Patricia  
**Position Sought:** State House Representative  
**Election Type:** General  
**Election Date:** 11/03/2020  
**Filing Type:** Original, Filed

### Demographic Information

106 Bonnie Lane  
Summerville, SC 29485  
843,642,4803  
County: Dorchester

### Report Type

2020, October 10th, Pre-Election

<b>Contributions</b>	<b>This Period</b>	<b>Election Cycle</b>
A. Candidates: Personal Funds	\$0.00	\$0.00
B1. Individual Contributions or other (+)	\$485.00	\$485.00
B2. Loans (+)	\$0.00	\$0.00
C. In-Kind Contributions (+)	\$0.00	\$0.00
D. Total Contributions (=)	<b>\$485.00</b>	<b>\$485.00</b>

<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>This Period</b>	<b>Election Cycle</b>
A. In-Kind Expenditures	\$0.00	\$0.00
B. Expenditures (+)	\$0.00	\$0.00
C. Total Expenditures (=)	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>

<b>Balance of Contributions</b>	<b>This Period</b>
A. Contributions on Hand (Beginning this Period)	\$123.40
B. Total Contributions (This Period) (+)	\$485.00
C. Total Expenditures (This Period) (-)	\$0.00
D. Contributions On Hand (Period End) (=)	<b>\$608.40</b>

### Loans

Loan Balance: **\$0.00**

### Contributions

<b>Date</b>	<b>Contributor</b>	<b>Address</b>	<b>Occupation</b>	<b>Amount</b>
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10/10/2020	Kim Waughtel	4095 N. Phillips Rd Harrod, OH 45850	Not employed	\$25.00
09/30/2020	Tina Fogg	PO Box 19481 Portland, OR 97280	PT Conclerge	\$25.00
09/28/2020	Stacey Hacker	94 holt street Dumont, NJ 07628	Unemployed	\$15.00
09/26/2020	Patricia Dempsey	10031 oak Forest Dr Riverview, FL 33569	Not employed	\$5.00
09/25/2020	Catherine Young	1560 Connecticut Ave Northeast St Petersburg, FL 33703	Clerk	\$10.00
09/18/2020	Lourdes Quinones	208 Canaberry Circle Summerville, SC 29483	Intern	\$10.00
09/14/2020	Wendy Bachman	5515 Walnut St. Spokane, WA 99205	Office Manager	\$25.00
09/10/2020	Kim Waughtel	4095 N. Phillips Rd Harrod, OH 45850	Not employed	\$25.00
09/03/2020	Deborah Lackey	510 W Village Green Ln Madison, WI 53704	Not employed	\$10.00
09/01/2020	Catherine Young	1560 Connecticut Ave Northeast St Petersburg, FL 33703	Clerk	\$10.00
09/01/2020	Tracy Wilson	535 W 28 the Ave Eugene, OR 97405	Not employed	\$25.00
08/24/2020	Debra Lodge	427 Lakeview Dr Summerville, SC 29485	Not employed	\$25.00
08/19/2020	Catherine Young	1560 Connecticut Ave Northeast St Petersburg, FL 33703	Clerk	\$10.00
08/19/2020	Robin Bly	3830 6th Ave 5B Des Moines, IA 50313	Insert Operator	\$10.00
08/18/2020	Tina Fogg	PO Box 19481 Portland, OR 97280	PT Conclerge	\$50.00
08/10/2020	Kim Waughtel	4095 N. Phillips Rd Harrod, OH 45850	Not employed	\$25.00
08/08/2020	Wendy Bachman	5515 Walnut St. Spokane, WA 99205	Office Manager	\$25.00
08/07/2020	Jo Chapman	3650 Latimar Street Mims, FL 32754	Unemployed	\$25.00
08/07/2020	Cynthia Parran	3255 Brookvlew Court Adrian, MI 49221	Not employed	\$25.00
08/07/2020	Eleanor Marchant	91-30 191st street Apt 50 Hollis, NY 11423	School Librarian	\$50.00
08/06/2020	Stacey Hacker	94 holt street Dumont, NJ 07628	Unemployed	\$20.00
08/06/2020	Vanessa Pilz	2510 NE 165TH STREET Citra, FL 32113	PT Conclerge	\$10.00
08/06/2020	Tina Fogg	PO Box 19481 Portland, OR 97280	PT Conclerge	\$25.00
<b>Total</b>				<b>\$485.00</b>

\*\*\* No Expenditures Reported. \*\*\*

\*\*\* No Loans Reported. \*\*\*

\*\*\* No Loan Repayments Reported. \*\*\*

\*\*\* No Assets Purchased or Received Reported. \*\*\*

\*\*\* No Disposition of Assets Reported. \*\*\*

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## Electronic Filing

### Statement of Economic Interests

#### Directions

To view, edit a saved report, or amend a filed report, click the View, Edit, or Amend link.

[START A NEW FILING](#)

Current Filings		Archived Filings						
Date Filed	Status	Report Year	Filing Type	Report Type	View	Edit/Amend	Delete	
7/6/2020 <a href="#">Edit</a>	<b>Filed</b>	2020	Original	Statement of Economic Interests	<a href="#">View</a>	<a href="#">Amend</a>	<a href="#">Admin Removal</a>	

**SC.GOV - SC State Ethics Commission: Public Disclosure and Accountability Reporting****Electronic Filing****Statement of Economic Interests: Review****Filing Report Review**

**Name:** Patricia Cannon  
**Year:** 2020  
**Filing Type:** Original

**Demographic Information**

Name	Address	Phone	County
Patricia Cannon	106 Bonnie Lane Summerville, SC 29485	843.642.4803	Dorchester

**Positions**

Position/Title	Entity	Type	Term of Office	Date Filed
House Representative	House of Representatives	Candidate	11/2020 - 11/2022	3/2020

**Income and Benefits**

\*\*\* Filer does not have any personal income and benefit items to disclose. \*\*\*

**Family Income and Benefits**

\*\*\* Filer does not have any family income and benefit items to disclose. \*\*\*

**Regulated Business Associations**

\*\*\* Filer does not have any regulated business items to disclose. \*\*\*

**Real Property Interests**

\*\*\* Filer does not have any property interest items to disclose. \*\*\*

**Real or Personal Property Interests II**

\*\*\* Filer does not have any sold, leased, or rented property interest items to disclose. \*\*\*

**Business Interests**

\*\*\* Filer does not have any business interest items to disclose. \*\*\*

**Creditors**

\*\*\* Filer does not have any creditor items to disclose. \*\*\*

**Lobbyist/Lobbyist's Principal**

\*\*\* Filer does not have any Lobbyist/Lobbyist's principal items to disclose. \*\*\*

**Government Contracts**

\*\*\* Filer does not have any government contract items to disclose. \*\*\*

**Gifts**

\*\*\* Filer does not have any gift items to disclose. \*\*\*

**Speaking Engagement Reimbursement**

\*\*\* Filer does not have any speaking engagement items to disclose. \*\*\*

**Additional Information**

\*\*\* No Additional Information Reported. \*\*\*

**General Assembly**

\*\*\* Filer does not have any general assembly items to disclose. \*\*\*

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April 7, 2020

Patricia Cannon Fisher  
106 Bonnie Lane  
Summerville, SC 29485

Dear Ms. Fisher:

This letter is to inform you that your 2020 Statement of Economic Interests Report has not been filed and is late.

Except as otherwise specifically provided in this chapter, 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:

1) 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

(2) 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 has been 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.

Please be aware that it is the practice of the House Legislative Ethics Committee to issue a PUBLIC REPRIMAND to someone that has not filed a report or paid a late fine that is two quarters in arrears.

Make the check payable to the House Legislative Ethics Committee and mail it to the House Legislative Ethics Committee, P.O. Box 11867, Room 519 Blatt Building, Columbia, SC 29211. Fines may not be paid from campaign funds. If you have any questions, contact the House Legislative Ethics Committee at 803-734-3114.

Sincerely,

Lynne Short  
Executive Assistant  
House Ethics Committee

June 3, 2020

Patricia Fisher  
106 Bonnie Lane  
Summerville, SC 29485

Dear Ms. Fisher:

This letter is to inform you that your Primary Pre-Election 2020 Campaign Disclosure Report has not been filed and is late.

Except as otherwise specifically provided in this chapter, 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:

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Sincerely,

Lynne Short  
Executive Assistant  
House Ethics Committee

January 21, 2021

Patricia Fisher  
106 Bonnie Lane  
Summerville, SC 29485

Dear Ms. Fisher:

This letter is to inform you that your January 2021 Campaign Disclosure Report has not been filed and is late.

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Sincerely,

Lynne Short  
Executive Assistant  
House Ethics Committee



April 19, 2021

Patricia Fisher  
106 Bonnie Lane  
Summerville, SC 29485

Dear Ms. Fisher:

This letter is to inform you that your April 2021 Campaign Disclosure Report has not been filed and is late.

Except as otherwise specifically provided in this chapter, 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:

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Sincerely,

Lynne Short  
Executive Assistant  
House Ethics Committee

July 19, 2021

Patricia Fisher  
106 Bonnie Lane  
Summerville, SC 29485

Dear Ms. Fisher:

This letter is to inform you that your July 2021 Campaign Disclosure Report has not been filed and is late.

Except as otherwise specifically provided in this chapter, 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:

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Sincerely,

Jane O. Shuler  
Chief Legal Counsel  
House Ethics Committee

October 19, 2021

**CERTIFIED & REGULAR MAIL**

Patricia Fisher  
106 Bonnie Lane  
Summerville, SC 29485

Dear Ms. Fisher:

This letter is to inform you that your October 2021 Campaign Disclosure Report has not been filed and is late.

Except as otherwise specifically provided in this chapter, 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:

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Sincerely,

Jane O. Shuler  
Chief Legal Counsel  
House Ethics Committee

January 19, 2022

**CERTIFIED & REGULAR MAIL**

Patricia Fisher  
106 Bonnie Lane  
Summerville, SC 29485

Dear Ms. Fisher:

This letter is to inform you that your January Quarter 4 2021 Campaign Disclosure Report has not been filed and is late.

Except as otherwise specifically provided in this chapter, 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:

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Sincerely,

Klara Richardson  
Executive Assistant  
House Ethics Committee

**FISHER, PATRICIA (files-CANNON)**  
**Summary of Contact Attempts as noted on House Ethics Committee's Master Excel Log Sheets for**  
**2020-2022 for Cannon**  
**(as of 2/2/22)**

- DO NOT CALL/EMAIL - Jane will work on Administratively Closing her acct. 9.15.21 KSR
- Lynne has audited Initial CD and confirmed that it was filed on time.
- Lynne called on 5/1/2020 b/c her SEI has not been filed; no ans; left MOM.
- Lynne s/w on 5/18/2020; she is in the hospital and said she withdrew from the race. I am sending her another late fine letter b/c she still needs to file the SEI and pay the late fine.
- Lynne s/w on 1/15/21 for reminder to file January report.
- Lynne called on 2/3/21 for reminder to file Jan report; no ans; left MOM.
- Lynne sent her an email on 2/10/21 for reminder to file Jan report.
- Lynne called on 4/13/21 for reminder to file April report; no ans; left MOM.
- Lynne called on 4/22/21 for reminder to file Jan & April reports; no ans; left MOM. Lynne also sent her an email.
- JJF left vm 7/6/21 re July report.
- JOS called about filing past reports on 8/4/21
- KSR sent email 8/9/21 about fine appeal process
- Sent follow up email regarding closing account before new system launch 9/9/21 KSR
- JOS sent follow-up email 9/10/21 responding to Fisher's e-mail
- 10.29.21 KSR sent email re: late filing/fines
- 1/12/22 KSR sent email reminder regarding filing deadlines

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**Kiara Richardson**

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**From:** Trish Fisher <trishfish1964@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, January 14, 2022 5:23 PM  
**To:** House Ethics  
**Subject:** Re: REMINDER: Three days left to file your Quarter 4 2022 Campaign Disclosure Report

Once again, I am not running for ANY OFFICE. I closed out at the end of my campaign in 2020. I'm not sure why the ETHICS Committee keeps trying to make me file. Please cease and dissist. I've been told about the UNETHICAL practices of the ETHICS Committee.

On Wed, Jan 12, 2022, 4:31 PM House Ethics <[ethics@schouse.gov](mailto:ethics@schouse.gov)> wrote:

January 12, 2022

Dear Former Member & Candidates ,

**REMINDER:** You have **THREE** days left to file your Quarter 4 2021 Campaign Disclosure Report, without receiving a fine. The report is due by January 15, 2022.

If you have any questions, please contact 803-734-3114, and the House Ethics Committee staff: Executive Assistant Kiara Richardson and Counsels Julia Foster and Jane Shuler, are glad to walk you through how to file your Quarter 4 2021 CD report.

Sincerely,

*Kiara Richardson*

Executive Assistant

House Rules & Ethics Committees

803-734-3114 (Ethics)

**Kiara Richardson**

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**From:** House Ethics  
**Sent:** Friday, October 29, 2021 11:42 AM  
**To:** trishfish1964@gmail.com  
**Subject:** Late/Not Filed October Campaign Disclosure Report

October 29, 2021

Good Morning Ms. Fisher,

You are receiving this email because you have not filed your October Quarter 3 2021 report in the Ethics Filing System. The State Ethics Commission launched a new ethics filing system which you would have to migrate your old account into the new system to continue your ethics filing. If you have any questions or need any help with the process, please give us a call.

In addition, the late fines will continue to increase but not to exceed \$5,100 for not filing your ethics reports timely.

Best Regards,

South Carolina House Ethics Committee  
Room 519 Solomon Blatt Building  
(803) 734-3114  
Ethics@schouse.gov

**Jane Shuler**

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**From:** Trish Fisher <trishfish1964@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, September 13, 2021 3:33 AM  
**To:** Jane Shuler  
**Subject:** Re: FW: Ethics Filing  
**Attachments:** image001.jpg

Once again, the final was filed. Why am I hearing from so many candidates that this is the Ethic Committees UNETHICAL practices. Must we all get together and bring suit against you? Im not sure where the downfall came but Im pretty sure its not on my part. Please cease from your harassment. Thank you.

On Fri, Sep 10, 2021, 12:36 PM Jane Shuler <[JaneShuler@schouse.gov](mailto:JaneShuler@schouse.gov)> wrote:

September 10, 2021

Dear Ms. Fisher,

House Ethics Committee Executive Assistant Kiara Richardson forwarded your e-mail below to me for response. You are required to continue your quarterly campaign disclosure (CD) filings until you file a Final CD report with a \$0 balance and close your campaign bank account. You have not filed a Final CD report. Below is the link to your last ethics filings:

<https://apps.sc.gov/PublicReporting/IndividualCandidate/CandidateFilerResult.aspx>

Your last CD report, October 2020, Pre-election Report reflected the following:

**Candidate:**Cannon, Patricia

**Position Sought:**State House Representative

**District/Locality:**94

**Election Type:**General

**Election Date:**11/03/2020

**Filing Type:**Original



**Kiara Richardson**

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**From:** Jane Shuler  
**Sent:** Friday, September 10, 2021 12:37 PM  
**To:** trishfish1964@gmail.com  
**Cc:** Kiara Richardson  
**Subject:** FW: Ethics Filing  
**Attachments:** 7.13.21 Revised Fine Appeal Form.pdf; NOTICE AND AGENDA 9.15.21.docx

**Importance:** High

September 10, 2021

Dear Ms. Fisher,

House Ethics Committee Executive Assistant Kiara Richardson forwarded your e-mail below to me for response. You are required to continue your quarterly campaign disclosure (CD) filings until you file a Final CD report with a \$0 balance and close your campaign bank account. You have not filed a Final CD report. Below is the link to your last ethics filings:

<https://apps.sc.gov/PublicReporting/IndividualCandidate/CandidateFilerResult.aspx>

Your last CD report, October 2020, Pre-election Report reflected the following:

**Candidate:**Cannon, Patricia  
**Position Sought:**State House Representative  
**District/Locality:**94  
**Election Type:**General  
**Election Date:**11/03/2020  
**Filing Type:**Original  
**Filing Date:**10/15/2020

Select a tab to view more.

- **Summary**
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- [Loans](#)
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**Demographic Information**

Cannon, Patricia  
106 Bonnie Lane  
Summerville, SC 29485  
843.642.4803  
Dorchester County

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**Report Type**

2020, October 10th, Pre-Election

<b>Contributions</b>	<b>This Period</b>	<b>Election Cycle</b>
A. Candidates: Personal Funds	\$0.00	\$0.00
B1. Individual Contributions or other (+)	\$485.00	\$485.00
B2. Loans (+)	\$0.00	\$0.00
C. In-Kind Contributions (+)	\$0.00	\$0.00
D. Total Contributions (=)	\$485.00	\$485.00

<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>This Period</b>	<b>Election Cycle</b>
A. In-Kind Expenditures	\$0.00	\$0.00
B. Expenditures (+)	\$0.00	\$0.00
C. Total Expenditures (=)	\$0.00	\$0.00

<b>Balance of Contributions</b>	<b>This Period</b>
A. Contributions on Hand (Beginning this Period)	\$123.40
B. Total Contributions (This Period) (+)	\$485.00
C. Total Expenditures (This Period) (-)	\$0.00
D. Contributions On Hand (Period End) (=)	\$608.40

#### **Loans**

Loan Balance:	\$0.00
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Thus, you have \$608 left in your campaign account. To close the account, you can give it to a political party, a 501(c)(3), or the State's General Fund. We can talk with you on how to file your Final Report.

Also, you owe the following fines for not filing or late filing your CD reports:

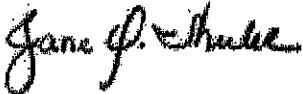
4/08/20-\$5,100  
6/03/20-\$2,400  
1/19/21-\$5,100  
4/19/21 - \$5,100  
**Total-\$17,700.00**

You may file a fine appeal form to request the House Ethics Committee waive or reduce your fines. See attached form. The House Ethics Committee will meet on Wednesday, September 15<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 am, Room 433 Blatt Building; see attached notice but we would need your fine appeal form by Monday, the 13<sup>th</sup> to have it heard at this meeting. You can still submit the fine appeal form to be considered at a future meeting.

If you retain an attorney, the attorney may reach me at the number listed below.

Sincerely,

Jane



**Jane O. Shuler**  
Chief Legal Counsel  
House Ethics Committee  
Room 519, Blatt Building  
Columbia, SC 29201  
803-734-3115 (M-Th)  
[JaneShuler@schouse.gov](mailto:JaneShuler@schouse.gov)

**From:** Trish Fisher <[trishfish1964@gmail.com](mailto:trishfish1964@gmail.com)>  
**Sent:** Friday, September 10, 2021 7:59 AM  
**To:** Kiara Richardson <[KiaraRichardson@schouse.gov](mailto:KiaraRichardson@schouse.gov)>  
**Subject:** Re: Ethics Filing

My campaign was closed out at the end of my bid. I have not taken in one penny from ActBlue. I've read several articles in our local paper about the UNETHICAL practices of the Ethics Committee. I suggest you get it together or I will have my attorney contact you. I've told Linda Short that my final was filed last year.

On Thu, Sep 9, 2021, 10:03 AM Kiara Richardson <[KiaraRichardson@schouse.gov](mailto:KiaraRichardson@schouse.gov)> wrote:

September 9, 2021

Good Morning Ms. Fisher,

I hope this email finds you well. I wanted to reach out to inform you that the State Ethics Commission is launching a new filing system this September 2021. Before the new filing system launch we want to encourage you to file a final report and close out your campaign account. If you would like to submit a fine appeal to address your current fines, I will attach that form to this email as well as a notice for the next Committee meeting. Ms. Fisher you also have a balance of \$608 in your campaign account. We recommend that you donate those funds to a 501(c)(3) or a political party of your choice. Getting that \$0 balance will allow you to file a final report.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out to our office at 803-734-3114.

Thank you,

*Kiara Richardson*

Executive Assistant

House Rules & Ethics Committees

803-734-3112

[KiaraRichardson@schouse.gov](mailto:KiaraRichardson@schouse.gov)

**Kiara Richardson**

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**From:** Kiara Richardson  
**Sent:** Monday, August 9, 2021 1:00 PM  
**To:** trishfish1964@gmail.com  
**Cc:** cannonforstatehouse@gmail.com  
**Subject:** Final Report & Fine Appeal Process  
**Attachments:** 7.13.21 Revised Fine Appeal Form.pdf; Meeting Notice and Agenda. August 31.2021.pdf

August 9, 2021

Ms. Fisher,

I hope you are well. I am emailing you to follow up on the setoff debt notice that you have received in the mail. I took the liberty of pulling your file and it looks as though you have not filed your Final Report. You would need to have a **\$0 balance** in your campaign account and file a Final Report. Doing this ensures that you will no longer accrue fines for filing late. You have to have filed a Final Report in order to appeal the fines that you owe. You currently have **\$608.40** in your campaign account. You can donate these funds to a 501(c)(3) and close out that account. Once you have a \$0 balance you can file a Final Report.

However, you have the following ethics fines that are outstanding:

4/8/20 CD Report-\$5,100  
6/3/20 CD Report-\$2,400  
1/19/21 CD Report-\$5,100  
4/19/21 CD Report-\$5,100  
**Total-\$17,700.00**

The Committee has a fine appeal process; see attached Fine Appeal form and you can ask the Committee to waive or reduce your fines. Financial hardship is one ground the Committee will consider in waiving or reducing an ethics fine. The House Ethics Committee is meeting on August 31, 2021 at 10:30 am in Room 433, Blatt Building, Statehouse grounds. Please e-mail your fine appeal by August 13<sup>th</sup>. I would strongly encourage you to personally appear to present your appeal but it is not a requirement.

If you file a fine appeal, we will wait to put the ethics fines you owe on setoff debt to see if the Committee waives or reduces the fines owed. If the Committee does not waive or reduce your fines, you may file a protest of the fines owed.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

*Kiara Richardson*

Executive Assistant  
House Rules & Ethics Committees  
803-734-3112  
KiaraRichardson@schouse.gov

**State Ethics Commission—Recommendation to House Legislative Ethics Committee**  
**In the Matter of Patricia Cannon Fisher**

**COMPLAINANT INFORMATION**

<b>Name</b>	House Legislative Ethics Committee
<b>Address</b>	519 Blatt Building Columbia, SC 29201
<b>Telephone Number</b>	803-734-3114
<b>Fax Number</b>	803-734-8795
<b>Email</b>	None

**RESPONDENT INFORMATION**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Patricia Cannon Fisher</b>
<b>Address</b>	757 Roscoe Court Cross, SC 29436
<b>Telephone Number</b>	843-642-4803
<b>Fax Number</b>	None
<b>Email</b>	trishfish1964@gmail.com
<b>Attorney Information</b>	None
<b>Confidentiality Waived</b>	No

**COMPLAINT INFORMATION**

<b>Complaint No.</b>	C2022-021
<b>Complaint Received</b>	February 14, 2022
<b>Facts Sufficient Determination</b>	February 15, 2022
<b>Facts Sufficient Determination Made By</b>	Meghan Walker, Executive Director

**COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION**

The State Ethics Commission recommends that the House Ethics Committee find probable cause is present and charge Respondent with the following:

1. Six (6) counts of violating Section 8-13-1308 for failing to file CDRs beginning January 10, 2021 through April 10, 2022;
2. One (1) count of violating Section 8-13-1308 for failing to report a \$250.00 contribution;

3. One (1) count of violating Section 8-13-1308 for failing to disclose two (2) contributions received via ActBlue totaling \$75.00;
4. Four (4) counts of violating Section 8-13-1308 for failing to disclose expenditures incurred from ActBlue fees on four (4) quarterly CDRs from April 10, 2020 through January 10, 2021;
5. One (1) count of violating Section 8-13-1308 for failing to disclose an expenditure of \$208.00;
6. One (1) count of violating Section 8-13-1312 for failing to open a campaign bank account;
7. One (1) count of violating Section 8-13-1348 for using campaign funds for personal use;
8. One (1) count of violating Section 8-13-1302 for failing to maintain records;
9. Four (4) counts of violating Section 8-13-1312 for failing to timely deposit four (4) contributions.

J. David Weeks  
Vice-Chairman

Wallace H. "Jay" Jordan, Jr.  
Chairman

Beth E. Bernstein  
Secretary

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## House Legislative Ethics Committee



Julia J. Foster  
Assistant Legal Counsel

Kiara Richardson  
Executive Assistant

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COLUMBIA, SC 29211  
TELEPHONE: 803-734-3114  
FAX: 803-734-8795

### HOUSE ETHICS COMMITTEE AUGUST 31, 2022 ADVISORY OPINION IN THE MATTER OF PATRICIA CANNON FISHER COMPLAINT NO. C2022-021

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**Complainant:** S.C. House Legislative Ethics Committee  
**Address:** 519 Blatt Building  
Columbia, South Carolina 29201  
**Telephone:** 803-734-3114

**Respondent:** Patricia Cannon Fisher  
**Address:** 757 Roscoe Court  
Cross, South Carolina 29436  
**Telephone Number:** 843-642-4803

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This is in response to the State Ethics Commission's (herein "SEC") Recommendation for Probable Cause dated July 22, 2022. The House Legislative Ethics Committee (herein "Committee") met on Wednesday, August 31, 2022 and issues the following advisory opinion pursuant to S.C. Code Section 8-13-540(a).

#### BACKGROUND

Patricia Cannon Fisher, who filed her ethics reports under the last name of Cannon (Respondent), was a former candidate for House District 94 in the general election held on November 3, 2020. On or about September 15, 2021, Committee staff identified Respondent as a potential candidate for the administrative closure of her campaign account due to a number of factors, including lack of activity, failure to file Campaign Disclosure Reports (CDRS), and failure to respond to written and oral correspondences from Committee staff. As of August 29, 2022, she failed to pay ethics fines owed that totaled \$38,200.00.

The Committee met on February 10, 2022 and referred the complaint to the SEC as to whether violations of Section 8-13-100 *et seq* of the Ethics, Government Accountability, and Campaign Reform Act of 1991 occurred. Specifically, the Committee could not confirm the proper use of campaign funds by Respondent as the Committee was unable to locate her campaign bank



account statements, and she failed to file required CDRS. On February 15, 2022, Executive Director of the SEC, Meghan L. Walker, reviewed the complaint, determined it contained facts sufficient, and ordered an investigation. On July 22, 2022, the SEC having met, considered, and duly investigated the Complaint against Respondent, issued a recommendation to the Committee for a finding of probable cause. Specifically, the SEC recommended that the Committee find probable cause is present and charge Respondent with the following ethics violations:

1. 6 counts of violating Section 8-13-1308 for failing to file CDRS beginning January 10, 2021- April 10, 2022;
2. 1 count of violating Section 8-13-1308 for failing to report a \$250.00 contribution;
3. 1 count of violating Section 8-13-1308 for failure to disclose 2 contributions received via ActBlue totaling \$75.00;
4. 4 counts of violating Section 8-13-1308 for failing to disclose expenditures incurred from ActBlue on 4 quarterly CDRS from April 10, 2020 through January 10, 2021;
5. 1 count of violating Section 8-13-1308 for failing to disclose an expenditure of \$208.00;
6. 1 count of violating Section 8-13-1312 for failing to open a campaign bank account;
7. 1 count of violating Section 8-13-1348 for using campaign funds for personal use;
8. 1 count of violating Section 8-13-1302 for failing to maintain records;
9. 4 counts of violating Section 8-13-1312 for failing to timely deposit contributions.

Total Ethics Violations: 20.

On August 29, 2022 and August 31, 2022, the Committee met to consider, *inter alia*, this matter.

## FINDINGS

Upon review of the SEC's recommendation and relevant evidence, the Committee makes the following findings:

### **I. S.C. Code § 8-13-1308**

**Failure to File Campaign Disclosures Beginning January 10, 2021 through April 10, 2022; Failure to Report a \$250.00 Contribution; Failure to disclose one campaign contribution received from ActBlue totaling \$25.00 and one individual contribution totaling \$50.00; Failure to Report Expenditures Incurred from ActBlue fees on CDRS beginning April 10, 2020 through January 10, 2021; and Failure to Disclose a Filing Fee Expenditure of \$208.00**

S.C. Code Section 8-13-1308 provides, in relevant part:

(B) 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

...

(F)(1) certified campaign reports detailing campaign contributions and expenditures must contain: the total of contributions accepted by the candidate or committee; the name and address of each person making a contribution of more than one hundred dollars and the amount and date of receipt of each contribution

(F)(3) the total expenditures made by or on behalf of the candidate or committee.

SC Code Ann § 8-13-1308(B), (F)(1), and (F)(3) (2019). See also House Ethics Committee Advisory Opinion 2018-6.

A review of Respondent's campaign disclosure reports indicated that when the complaint was sent by the Committee for investigation that Respondent failed to file 6 CDRS, that is, January 10, 2021 through April 10, 2022, as required by Section 8-13-1308. Since the complaint, the CDRS were submitted on June 1, 2022, with the same \$608.40 balance as reported on the October 10, Pre-election 2020 campaign disclosure report (CDR). These are known as "statements of inactivity."

The SEC subpoenaed Respondent's personal bank account records with Truist since Respondent did not open a campaign bank account. The investigation revealed that Respondent deposited into her personal bank account, a campaign contribution check dated October 23, 2020 from SC Equality PAC for \$250.00 but Respondent did not report this contribution on a CDR.

The SEC subpoenaed the records of Respondent's campaign contributions received through ActBlue. The investigation revealed that Respondent did not report a \$25.00 contribution from Kim Waughtel on November 10, 2020 on her CDR. This instance is listed in Table 1, Contributions received by ActBlue, which is attached hereto and made a part hereof. The investigation further revealed that Respondent did not report on her CDR, the individual contribution check for \$50.00 from Thomas K. Taylor dated September 7, 2020 payable to "Patricia Cannon" with the memo line stating "political contribution," which was deposited into her personal bank account with Truist.

The investigation revealed that Respondent failed to document the ActBlue processing fees totaling \$25.13 assessed for 33 contributions as expenditures on her four CDRS. The processing fees are also listed in Table 1.

The investigation further revealed that Respondent paid her \$208.00 filing fee for the 2020 election, but Respondent did not document her March 30, 2020 expenditure of \$208.00 on her CDR.

Therefore, the Committee finds probable cause is present and charges Respondent with one violation of § 8-13-1308 for failure to file CDRS, failure to report three contributions on her CDRS, and failure to report the ActBlue processing fees as expenditures on her CDRS. The Committee does not find probable cause is present to charge Respondent with one violation of § 8-13-1308(F)(3) for failing to disclose her filing fee paid from her personal bank account.

## **II. S.C. Code § 8-13-1312**

### **Failure to Open a Campaign Bank Account and Failure to Timely Deposit 4 Contributions**

S.C. Code Section 8-13-1312 provides, *inter alia*, that “Except as is required for the separation of funds and expenditures under the provisions of Section 8-13-1300(7), a candidate shall not establish more than one campaign checking account and one campaign savings account for each office sought, . . . A candidate's accounts must be established in a financial institution that conducts business within the State and in an office located within the State that conducts business with the general public. The candidate or a duly authorized officer of a committee must maintain the accounts in the name of the candidate or committee . . . All contributions received by the candidate or committee, directly or indirectly, must be deposited in the campaign account by the candidate or committee within ten days after receipt. All contributions received by an agent of a candidate or committee must be forwarded to the candidate or committee not later than five days after receipt. . . .”

SC Code Ann § 8-13-1312.

The investigation revealed that Respondent did not open a campaign bank account. It also revealed that Respondent established an ActBlue contribution account and that she received 33 contributions through Act Blue. She subsequently received 14 checks from ActBlue payable to “Patricia Cannon for State House” and deposited 13 of those checks into her personal bank account with Truist.

The investigation further revealed after a subpoena to Truist that Respondent failed to timely deposit the following contributions:

- ActBlue check issued 4/12/20 for \$33.61 and deposited 5/4/20;
- ActBlue check issued 9/30/20 for \$38.41 and deposited 10/18/20;
- ActBlue check issued 10/11/20 for \$24.01 and deposited 10/28/20 with a contribution check for \$250.00 from SC Equality PAC; and
- ActBlue check issued 11/15/20 for \$24.01 and deposited 12/2/20.

Therefore, the Committee finds probable cause is present and charges Respondent with one violation of § 8-13-1312 for failure to open a campaign bank account. However, the Committee does not find probable cause to charge Respondent with one violation of § 8-13-1312 for failing to timely deposit four contributions as the investigation did not determine the date of receipt of the ActBlue checks by Respondent; rather the date on the checks were used in recommending probable cause.

## **III. S.C. Code § 8-13-1348**

### **For Using Campaign Funds for Personal Use**

S.C. Code Section 8-13-1348(A) provides “No candidate, committee, public official, or political party may use campaign funds to defray personal expenses which are unrelated to the campaign or the office if the candidate is an officeholder nor may these funds be converted to personal use. The prohibition of this subsection does not extend to the incidental personal use of

campaign materials or equipment nor to an expenditure used to defray any ordinary expenses incurred in connection with an individual's duties as a holder of elective office.”

The investigation revealed from a subpoena to Truist bank for Respondent’s personal bank account records that 13 ActBlue checks payable to “Patricia Cannon for State House” were deposited into her personal account. Further, the SEC investigator’s review of Respondent’s Truist account revealed there were no identifiable expenses that appeared associated with Respondent’s campaign.

Therefore, the Committee finds probable cause is present and charges Respondent with one violation of § 8-13-1348 for converting her campaign funds to personal use.

#### **IV. S.C. Code § 8-13-1302 Failure to Maintain Records**

S.C. Code Section 8-13-1302(A)(5) provides “A candidate, committee, or ballot measure committee must maintain and preserve an account of: . . . all receipted bills, canceled checks, or other proof of payment for each expenditure.

After subpoenas to ActBlue and Truist, the investigation revealed that Respondent received 33 contributions online through ActBlue. ActBlue mailed 14 checks to Respondent less assessed fees. Respondent’s personal bank account with Truist revealed 13 of the 14 checks with ActBlue were deposited into Respondent’s account. The remaining check for \$4.03 from ActBlue dated May 3, 2020 does not appear to be transacted. Further, the SEC investigator’s review of Respondent’s Truist account, revealed there were no identifiable expenses that appeared associated with Respondent’s campaign. These checks are listed in Table 2, Checks issued by ActBlue, which is attached hereto and made a part hereof.

Therefore, the Committee finds probable cause is present and charges Respondent with one violation of § 8-13-1302 for failing to maintain campaign records.

### **CONCLUSION**

Accordingly, the Committee hereby **CONCURS** with the SEC’s recommendation of probable cause and finds probable cause is present to charge Respondent with the following ethics violations:

1. One violation of Section 8-13-1308 for failing to file CDRS beginning January 10, 2021- April 10, 2022; for failing to report three contributions, and for failing to report expenditures incurred from ActBlue on her CDRS;
2. One violation of Section 8-13-1312 for failing to open a campaign bank account;
3. One violation of Section 8-13-1348 for using campaign funds for personal use; and
4. One violation of 8-13-1302 for failing to maintain records;

The Committee **NONCONCURS** with the SEC’s recommendation of probable cause on the following:

1. One violation of Section 8-13-1308(F)(3) for failing to report the filing fee of \$208.00; and
2. One violation of Section 8-13-1312 for failing to timely deposit campaign contributions into a campaign bank account.

The Committee additionally **FINDS** that Respondent currently owes \$38,200.00 in fines for late ethics filing. Thus, this should be considered the penalty owed by Respondent and it should be paid within thirty (30) days of the date of this Advisory Opinion.

The Committee **ORDERS** Respondent, with the assistance of Committee staff, to amend her CDRS as noted in the SEC's investigation, and to file her Final CD report within thirty (30) days of the date of this Advisory Opinion. The Committee notes that Staff is permitted to file a technical accounting error correction for the Final CDR, if necessary.

AND IT SO ORDERED, this 31st day of August 2022, by the following members of the House Ethics Committee:

Rep. Wallace H. "Jay" Jordan, Jr., Chairman

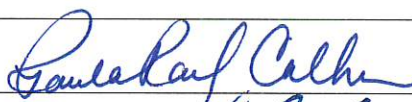


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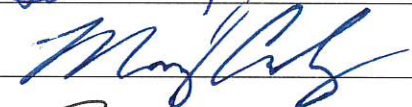
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Rep. Justin T. Bamberg

Rep. Paula Rawl Calhoun



Rep. Micajah P. "Micah" Caskey IV



Rep. Neal A. Collins



Rep. J. Todd Rutherford

Rep. Leonidas E. "Leon" Stavrinakis



TABLE 1: Contributions received by ActBlue

	Date	Contributor	Amount	Fees
1	04/03/20	Tina Fogg	\$25.00	\$0.99
2	04/03/20	Wendy Bachman	\$20.00	\$0.79
3	04/03/20	Carol Berman	\$5.00	\$0.20
4	04/03/20	Kim Waughtel	\$4.20	\$0.17
5	04/03/20	Cynthia Hale	\$25.00	\$0.99
6	04/03/20	Laurie Beckman	\$5.00	\$0.20
7	04/06/20	Kathleen Lusaik	\$25.00	\$0.99
8	04/09/20	Shelli Dill	\$10.00	\$0.40
9	05/03/20	Kim Waughtel	\$4.20	\$0.17
10	08/04/20	Wendy Bachman	\$25.00	\$0.99
11	08/06/20	Stacy Hacker	\$20.00	\$0.79
12	08/06/20	Vanessa Pilz	\$10.00	\$0.40
13	08/06/20	Tina Fogg	\$25.00	\$0.99
14	08/07/20	Jo Chapman	\$25.00	\$0.99
15	08/07/20	Cynthia Parran	\$25.00	\$0.99
16	08/07/20	Eleanor Marchant	\$50.00	\$1.98
17	08/10/20	Kim Waughtel	\$25.00	\$0.99
18	08/18/20	Tina Fogg	\$50.00	\$1.98
19	08/19/20	Catherine Young	\$10.00	\$0.40
20	08/19/20	Robin Bly	\$10.00	\$0.40
21	08/24/20	Debra Lodge	\$25.00	\$0.99
22	09/01/20	Cathy Young	\$10.00	\$0.40
23	09/01/20	Tracy Wilson	\$25.00	\$0.99
24	09/03/20	Deborah Lackey	\$10.00	\$0.40
25	09/10/20	Kim Waughtel	\$25.00	\$0.99
26	09/14/20	Wendy Bachman	\$25.00	\$0.99
27	09/18/20	Lourdes Quinones	\$10.00	\$0.40
28	09/25/20	Cathy Young	\$10.00	\$0.40
29	09/26/20	Patricia Dempsey	\$5.00	\$0.20
30	09/28/20	Stacy Hacker	\$15.00	\$0.60
31	09/30/20	Tina Fogg	\$25.00	\$0.99
32	10/10/20	Kim Waughtel	\$25.00	\$0.99
33	11/10/20	Kim Waughtel	\$25.00	\$0.99

**TABLE 2: Checks issued by ActBlue**

	<b>Date</b>	<b>Check Number</b>	<b>Amount</b>
<b>1</b>	04/05/20	400002931	\$80.86
<b>2</b>	04/12/20	400006503	\$33.61
<b>3</b>	05/03/20	400019585	\$4.03
<b>4</b>	08/09/20	400094839	\$172.87
<b>5</b>	08/16/20	400101124	\$24.01
<b>6</b>	08/23/20	400106134	\$67.22
<b>7</b>	08/30/20	400111833	\$24.01
<b>8</b>	09/06/20	400119107	\$43.21
<b>9</b>	09/13/20	400124883	\$24.01
<b>10</b>	09/20/20	400131201	\$33.61
<b>11</b>	09/27/20	400137029	\$14.40
<b>12</b>	09/30/20	400144082	\$38.41
<b>13</b>	10/11/20	400154711	\$24.01
<b>14</b>	11/15/20	400188740	\$24.01