

STATE REGULATION OF PUBLIC UTILITIES REVIEW COMMITTEE

**CANDIDATES FOR THE
SOUTH CAROLINA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
EDITED PERSONAL DATA QUESTIONNAIRE**

NOTICE: The information requested herein is needed to assist the Committee in its investigation of candidates for the Public Service Commission. This questionnaire is the initial step in the investigation of your candidacy. A **completed** questionnaire should be returned to the Committee as soon as possible, but in any event **no later than noon, 12:00 p.m., on Friday, August 11, 2017.** *(Use and attach separate sheets, if necessary.)*

PLEASE SPECIFY THE SEAT FOR WHICH YOU ARE APPLYING (THE CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT IN WHICH YOU RESIDE): DISTRICT 4

1. Full Name: Mr. William Kevin Newman

Home Address: 362 Copper Creek Circle
Inman, SC 29349

Business Address: The Frame House & Gallery
28 Mill Street
Inman, SC 29349

6. List each institution of higher learning you attended, including dates of attendance and degrees awarded. Please provide an official transcript prior to your screening hearing. If you left any institution without receiving a degree, state the reason for leaving.

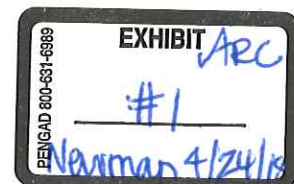
University of South Carolina-Columbia Aug 1989- May 1990
Aug 1991- Dec 1994

B.S. Hotel, Restaurant, Tourism Administration

University of South Carolina-Spartanburg Aug 1990- May 1991
(Finished Degree in Columbia)

7. List any continuing education courses or other professional education or training programs that you have attended in the past five years.

- Municipal Association of South Carolina Annual Meeting (2017 Hilton Head)
 - Making the 2020 Census Count
 - Follow the Code to Safer Buildings
 - Social Media in a Crisis
 - Keys to Downtown Development
 - Legislative Update
 - Trash Talk with Palmetto Pride
- Advanced Municipal Elected Officials Institute of Government (2016 Graduate)



- Advanced Budgeting and Municipal Finance (2015)
- Advanced Municipal Economic Development (2014)
- Municipal Utility Policy and Administration (2015)
- Public Safety Policy and Administration (2016)
- National Swimming Pool Foundation Instructor School (2016 Graduate - Nashville)
- World Aquatic Health Conference (2016 Nashville)
- Certified Pool Operator Certification Renewal 2016
- Municipal Association of South Carolina Annual Meeting (2016 Charleston)
- Municipal Association of South Carolina Annual Meeting (2015 Hilton Head)
- Municipal Association of South Carolina Annual Meeting (2014 Charleston)

8. Have you been employed or held any position in any of the following areas?

- No (a) energy issues
- No (b) telecommunications issues
- No (c) consumer protection and advocacy issues
- No (d) water and wastewater issues
- No (e) finance, economics, and statistics
- No (f) accounting
- No (g) engineering
- No (h) law

Please provide the duration of your employment or service and details about the nature of the work or the position.

9. Have you served in the military? If so, give the dates of service, branch of service, highest rank, serial number, present status, and the character of your discharge or release.

- No

10. Have you ever held public office? If so, provide details, including the office, whether elected or appointed, the length and dates of your service. Also, state whether or not you timely filed reports with the State Ethics Commission during the period you held public office. If not, were you ever subject to a penalty. If so, provide details, including dates.

- Inman City Council, 1st elected 2006, re-elected 2010 and 2014.
I have always filed with the State Ethics Commission in a timely manner.

11. Have you ever been an unsuccessful candidate for elective, judicial, or other public office? If so, provide details, including dates.

- Yes, **2014 District 4 Public Service Commission**. Was named one of two finalist for the position, along with the current commissioner. Was advised by my State House Representative to withdraw from the race when he knew I did not have enough votes to secure the commission.

12. Please list in chronological order any employment of you by any governmental agency (whether full time or part time, contractual or at will, consulting or otherwise). Provide dates of employment, name of employer, name of supervisor, and major job responsibilities.

2006 - Current Inman City Council Member City of Inman

Job Responsibilities include: adopt an annual balanced budget, elect a mayor pro-tem, and appoint a city clerk, attorney and judge.

In addition to the official job responsibilities I have been an active presence on council to include chairing and organizing many of our city events, serving on the finance committee and being involved as much as allowed in the Mayor - Council form of government. Served as Mayor Pro Tem 2013-2014.

13. Please list in chronological order any occupation, business, or profession in which you have been engaged or employed (other than serving in a public office or being employed by a governmental agency). Please briefly note the nature of your work during each period.

- 2017 - Current Instructor/Owner Pool Guy Trainers Inman, SC
Provide training for certification courses to certified pool operator candidates. Conduct training courses for aquatic play features, emergency response planning, and aquatic facility audits. Organize Training classes including location selection, enrollment and office administration.
- 2012 - Current Certified Pool Operator Copper Creek HOA Inman, SC
Perform daily testing of pool chemicals to ensure compliance with State standards. Implement best practices to ensure longevity of the pool. Conduct preventative and routine maintenance on pool and pool area.
- 2004 - Current Manager The Frame House & Gallery Inman, SC
I am involved with every aspect of the day-to-day operation of a small business, from the initial consultation with the customer, through the finished framing product. Also, responsible for advertising and marketing, inventory control, staying current on the latest framing technology, financials, training, and maintaining a strong presence in the community.
- 1996 - 2004 Travel Consultant AAA Carolinas Spartanburg & Greenville, SC
I was responsible for domestic and international personal travel. Including, vacation packages, cruises, airline tickets, hotel bookings, driving directions, and anything else involved with booking a trip. I had over a million dollars in sales my final year.
- 1995-1996 Senior Night Auditor Hilton Resort Hilton Head, SC
My primary responsibility was reconciling daily receipts for end of day accounting and bookkeeping management. Also served as Front Desk Clerk, Bellman, and Security when needed.

14. Are you now an officer or director or involved in the management of any business enterprise? Explain.

- Manager – The Frame House and Gallery
Family custom picture framing business started by my father in 1983.
- Owner – Pool Guy Trainers
Started this enterprise in 2017, after completing Instructor school in 2016, instructing students to gain their accreditation as a Certified Pool operator.

15. Describe any financial arrangements or business relationships that you currently have or have had in the past that could pose a conflict of interest in the position you seek. Explain how you would resolve any potential conflict of interest.
- None
22. Are you now or have you ever been employed as a “lobbyist,” as defined by S.C. Code Section 2-17-10(13), or have you acted in the capacity of a “lobbyist’s principal,” as defined by S.C. Code Section 2-17-10(14)? If so, please provide the dates of your employment or activity in such capacity and specify by whom you were directed or employed.
- No
23. Since your decision to seek a position on the Public Service Commission, have you accepted lodging, transportation, entertainment, food, meals, beverages, money, or any other thing of value, as defined by S.C. Code Section 2-17-10(1), from a lobbyist or lobbyist’s principal? If so, please specify the item(s) received, date of receipt, and the lobbyist or lobbyist’s principal providing the item(s).
- No
27. Please list the amount and recipient of all contributions made to members of the General Assembly within six months of filing this questionnaire.
- None
28. Have you directly or indirectly requested a pledge of any member of the General Assembly as to your election for the position for which you are being screened? Have you received the assurance of any public official or public employee that they will seek the pledge of any member of the General Assembly as to your election for the position for which you are being screened?
- No
29. Have you or has anyone on your behalf solicited or collected funds to aid in the promotion of your candidacy for the position of Public Service Commissioner? If so, please specify the amount, solicitor (if applicable), donor, and date of solicitation and/or receipt.
- No
30. List all professional organizations of which you are a member and give the titles and dates of any offices that you have held in such groups.
- Former member, Professional Picture Framers Association
31. List all civic, charitable, religious, educational, social, and fraternal organizations of which you are or have been a member during the past five (5) years.
- Inman First Baptist Church
 - Inman Downtown Merchants Association, former member and vice-president
 - Greater Inman Chamber of Commerce, member (2013 Business of the Year)
 - Chairman and event organizer - Music on Mill
 - Chairman and event organizer - Light Up Inman
 - Event organizer - Inman Ignites Cruise-In

32. State any other information which may reflect positively or negatively on you, or which you believe should be disclosed in connection with consideration of you for a position on the Public Service Commission.

- While my formal training is not in energy, telecommunications, consumer protection or water and wastewater issues, serving in a small city government for the past eleven years I have been afforded the opportunity to work on the fringe of many of these issues. My time on council has honed a skill which I believe would be of upmost importance as a Public Service Commissioner, the ability to listen to all sides of an argument before exploring and weighing options to make a decision.

I believe this job takes a knowledgeable and ethical person who is not afraid to stand up for what is best for the people and businesses of South Carolina and I believe I am the person for the job

33. List the names, addresses, and telephone numbers of five (5) persons, including your banker, from whom references could be required. Also, provide this Committee with original letters of recommendation from each person listed herein, including their signature. A photocopy, facsimile, or electronic submission of a letter of recommendation will not be accepted.

- 1) Banker Letter
- 2) Ginger Morrow McGuire - Inman, SC
- 3) Jason Johnson - Lexington, SC
- 4) Stewart Curry - Simpsonville, SC
- 5) Leanna Johnson - Jonesborough, TN

YOUR SIGNATURE WILL BE HELD TO CONSTITUTE A WAIVER OF THE CONFIDENTIALITY OF ANY PROCEEDING BEFORE A GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE OR ANY RECORD INFORMATION CONCERNING YOUR CREDIT.

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE ANSWERS TO THE ABOVE QUESTIONS ARE TRUE AND CORRECT TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE.

Signature:

Date:

PLEASE NOTE: S.C. CODE SECTIONS REFERRED TO IN THIS DOCUMENT ARE ATTACHED