

STATE REGULATION OF PUBLIC UTILITIES REVIEW COMMITTEE

**CANDIDATES FOR THE
SOUTH CAROLINA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
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, October 24, 2025. (Use and attach separate sheets, if necessary.)

PLEASE SPECIFY THE SEAT FOR WHICH YOU ARE APPLYING (THE CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT IN WHICH YOU RESIDE; YOU MAY ONLY APPLY FOR ONE SEAT): _____

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2. Date of Birth: [Redacted]1952

Place of Birth: Bennettsville, Marlboro County, South Carolina

3. Social Security Number: [Redacted]

4. SCDL No. or SCHD No.: [Redacted]

Voter Registration No.: [Redacted]

5. Family Status: Are you single, married, widowed, or divorced?

Divorced

If married, state date of marriage and spouse's full name.

If divorced, state the date, name of moving party, grounds, and the court.
[Redacted]

Names and ages of children. If children are old enough to work, state occupation of each.
Three children. [Redacted]

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, 1970-74, BS Degree in Finance and Banking.
University of South Carolina School of Law, 1974-77, JD Degree.

7. List any continuing education courses or other professional education or training programs that you have attended in the past five years.
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8. Have you been employed or held any position in any of the following areas?

- (a) energy issues
- (b) telecommunications issues
- (c) consumer protection and advocacy issues
- (d) water and wastewater issues
- (e) finance, economics, and statistics
- (f) accounting
- (g) engineering
- (h) law

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

(A)I was a practicing attorney for 42 years before joining the SCPSC in September, 2020. As an attorney, I handled a myriad of matters both as an attorney, a mediator, hearing officer and judge.

(B)I served on the South Carolina Coastal Council from 1985-1993 and it's successor, the Office of Coastal Resource Management, DHEC, from 1997-2005. The agencies were involved in all permitting in the South Carolina coastal counties, as well as environmental protection. The agency was instrumental in controlling and approving building, beach renourishment, economic development and permitting issues. I am very proud of the work done after Hurricane Hugo, the approval of the Charleston Aquarium, the protection of

wetlands, and the development of the ACE Basin. The work we did was a great incentive for the economic development of the State.

(C) As a Commissioner for 5 years, and as Chairman of the Commission, I have had the opportunity to deal with all these issues above and have learned a great deal about the operation of utilities. I have had numerous educational trainings as well during this period.

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. Please provide a copy of your DD-214 prior to your screening hearing. 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.

(A) I was elected by the Legislature to serve on the South Carolina Coastal Council in 1985-93 and OCRM, DHEC, from 1997-2005.

(B) I was appointed Magistrate in Marlboro County by Governor McMaster, 2018-19.

No penalties of questioning of submissions.

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

Yes, I ran for Family Court Judge in 2017, Roving Seat #7. I was found qualified and screened out successfully but lost in a floor vote.

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.

(A) I did contract work for SC Department of Social Services prosecuting child neglect and abuse cases, particularly in Marlboro County. I was called on to handle difficult case in counties throughout the State, particularly bad sexual abuse cases and Termination of Parental Rights cases. The supervising attorney at that time was Adrienne Woods, from York County DSS in Rock Hill, SC.

(B) I served on both the South Carolina Coastal Council and it's successor agency the Office of Coastal Resource Management under Executive Director Dr. H. Wayne Beam as described above.

(C) I presently serve on the Supreme Court Commission on Lawyer Conduct as appointed by the SC Supreme Court and have since 2007. The job entails reviewing lawyer

misconduct and participation in hearings when necessary, making recommendations to the Supreme Court.

(D) I served for many years on the SC Bar Lawyer Fee Dispute Committee, deciding matters when there were questions of attorney fees and responsibilities.

(E) I have served as a Hearing Officer for the Department of Revenue on Alcoholic Beverage applications.

(F) I've twice been appointed by the Supreme Court on occasion to handle the affairs and matters of other attorneys who have been disbarred or deceased. This requires properly notifying clients, closing down and rectifying accounts and completing pending matters,

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.

(A). I worked throughout childhood in family's grocery and worked construction in college.

(B) Page in South Carolina House of Representatives, 1973-77, and other part time jobs.

(C) Attorney, Rogers Law Firm, Bennettsville, SC, 1977-78, General Law Practice

(D) Assistant Solicitor, 4th Circuit, 1978-82, Solicitor J Dupre Miller, Prosecutor in General Sessions and Family Court.

(E) Executive Director, Legal Services of the Fourth Judicial Circuit, 1982-84, Ran Agency which provided Legal Services to indigent individuals in 6 counties. Supervised Contract Attorneys in these counties and handled numerous types of cases.

(F) 1984-1994, Partner, Rogers and Powers, PA, general law practice in Bennettsville, SC.

(G) 1994-2020, Owner, Powers Law Firm, PC. General law practice with 20+ years of contract work prosecuting child neglect and abuse cases for the SC Department of Social Services throughout the State. Also spent several years as part time Special Prosecutor under Solicitor Gordon McBride in the Fourth Judicial Circuit with primary duties of prosecution in Marlboro County.

(H) 2002-2003 Part time work with attorney Dalton Floyd in Surfside Beach, SC while maintaining Powers Law Firm in Bennettsville. General practice with real estate emphasis.

(I) 2003-2009, Partner in firm of Joye, Locklair and Powers in Murrell's Inlet, SC, as well as maintaining practice in Bennettsville. I was Supervising attorney for firm, handled civil, criminal and real estate matters, and Also part of owner of title insurance company with the same partners.

During my career from 2012 to 2020, I was a Certified Mediator in both the Court of Common Pleas, and in the Family Court.

(G) 2020 to present. Commissioner with the South Carolina Public Service Commission, presently serving as Chairman.

14. Are you now an officer or director or involved in the management of any business enterprise? Explain. No. I have an existing corporation for real estate investments but presently it is inactive.

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. There are no conflicts.
16. If you currently hold an interest in stock or other securities, list each stock or other security you currently own. If you prefer, you may attach broker or account records containing the requested information instead of listing it here. This will be attached and submitted.
17. Have you ever been convicted of a violation of any federal law or regulation, state law or regulation, county or municipal law, regulation, or ordinance? Are there any charges pending against you for a violation of any federal law or regulation, state law or regulation, county or municipal law, regulation, or ordinance? If so, provide details. (DO NOT include traffic violations for which a fine of \$200 or less was imposed.) None.
18. To your knowledge, have you ever been under federal, state, or local investigation for possible violation of a criminal statute? If yes, explain.
[Redacted]
19. Has a tax lien or other collection procedure ever been instituted against you by federal, state, or local authorities? Have you ever defaulted on a student loan? Have you ever filed for bankruptcy? If so, provide details. No
20. Have you ever been a named party in a lawsuit, either personally or professionally? If so, provide details.
 - (A) I was named professionally and personally as a member of the South Carolina Coastal Council in the case of Lucas v. State of South Carolina, which was a taking case that went to the US Supreme Court. The State eventually settled the matter and paid Mr. Lucas.
 - (B) My wife and I were named in a Crossclaim by a Defendant realtor in Chesterfield County who was being sued for misrepresentation in the sale of a house we had previously owned. We counterclaimed against the realtor, and the claim against us was dismissed. The realtor settled with the Plaintiffs, and we dismissed our counterclaim.
 - (C) I was named as Defendant Personal Representative of the Estate of David Redfearn

in case 91-CP-34-209. I served at the request of the attorneys who were involved in a civil case against the deceased and needed someone to serve in that capacity. I was represented by Karl Folkens in an automobile accident in 2016 in Florence County where another driver t-boned my car when running a light. That case was settled.

21. Have you ever been disciplined or cited for a breach of ethics or unprofessional conduct by, or been the subject of a complaint to, any court, administrative agency, bar association, disciplinary committee, or other professional group? If so, provide details.
No. [Redacted]
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
24. S.C. Code Section 8-13-700 provides, in part, “No public official, public member, or public employee may knowingly use his official office, membership, or employment to obtain an economic interest for himself, a member of his immediate family, an individual with whom he is associated, or a business with which he is associated.” Please detail any knowledge you may have of any formal charges or informal allegations that you or any other candidate violated these provisions. (Include the disposition, if any, of such charges.) None.
25. S.C. Code Section 8-13-765 provides, in part, “No person may use government personnel, equipment, materials, or an office building in an election campaign.” Please detail any knowledge you may have of any formal charges or informal allegations that you or any other candidate violated these provisions. (Include the disposition, if any, of such charges.) None.

26. Other than expenditures for travel or room and board, please itemize all expenditures (by amount, type, and date) by you, or on your behalf, in seeking the office of Public Service Commissioner. Stamps, approximately \$150. They may or may not be used.
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.
South Carolina Bar, since 1977. No office.
(A) Member, Pee Dee Inn of Court.
(B) Member, National Association of Utility Regulatory Commissioners (NARUC). I serve on the Board of Directors for NARUC, and on several committees.
(C) I serve as a Board Member of the New Mexico State University School of Utility Finance and have been a presenter at two of their meetings.
(D) Member, Southeastern Board of Utility Regulatory Commissioners, and the Commission Chair Committee in Washington.
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.
(A). The Well by the Sea, Anglican Church in Myrtle Beach, SC.
(B). University of South Carolina Alumni Association

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.

The experience and knowledge gained in the past five years as Commissioner I feel provide a strong background for continued service to the State. I have also had the honor of serving as both Vice Chair and Chairman of the PSC which has provided me with an even deeper understanding of governmental affairs, legal understanding of utilities, the administration of hearings, and personnel matters and management.

My service nationally in being named to the Board of Directors of NARUC has brought positive exposure to South Carolina and has helped to make connections nationwide. I've learned a lot about other states and their procedures and learned things that make me a better Commissioner which can also be shared with staff here.

I was elected to serve as a Board Member of the New Mexico State School of Public Utility Finance, which takes a forward view as to the future of the utility industry and its place in economic development as well as future technologies and innovations. This too has been invaluable for education and exposure for our Commission and State.

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) Dr. H. Wayne Beam, [Redacted]
- 2) The Honorable James E. Lockemy, [Redacted]
- 3) Fr. Tom Woodle, [Redacted]
- 4) Pete Strom, [Redacted]
- 5) Robert Davidson, [Redacted]

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: Delton W. Powers, Jr.

Date: October 16, 2025

PLEASE NOTE: S.C. CODE SECTIONS REFERRED TO IN THIS DOCUMENT ARE CONTAINED IN THE PDQ STATUTORY REFERENCES DOCUMENT.

I ACKNOWLEDGE, AS A CANDIDATE, THAT I AM RESPONSIBLE FOR REVIEWING THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTS. THESE DOCUMENTS ARE ARE ACCESSIBLE ON THE PUBLIC UTILITY REVIEW COMMITTEE'S WEBSITE:

- (1) An Introduction to the Public Service Commission;**
- (2) The media release issued by the Committee announcing the start of its application process;**
- (3) An Advisory Opinion relating to attendance by candidates for the Public Service Commission at legislative receptions;**
- (4) An Advisory Opinion relating to attendance by candidates for the Public Service Commission at legislative caucus meetings;**
- (5) An Advisory Opinion relating to attendance by candidates for the Public Service Commission at political gatherings;**
- (6) The Judicial Code of Conduct;**
- (7) Statutory definitions and statute concerning pledges; and**
- (8) Information regarding accessing your credit report.**

Signature: Delton W. Powers, Jr.

Date: October 16, 2025