

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): 1

1. Full Name:

Ms. Carolyn Leone Williams “Carolee”

Home Address: [Redacted]

Business Address: Public Service Commission of South Carolina
101 Executive Center Drive
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Columbia, SC 29210

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(Home) [Redacted]
(Cell) [Redacted]

2. Date of Birth: [Redacted] 1958

Place of Birth: Durham, North Carolina

3. Social Security Number: [Redacted]

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

Voter Registration No.: [Redacted]

5. Family Status: Married on March 10, 1990 to Douglas Randall James
Never Divorced, two children.
[Redacted]

If divorced, state the date, name of moving party, grounds, and the court.
Not Applicable

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.

- a) Summer 1974 Columbia College -Summer School 2 courses
- b) 1975-1979 Wake Forest University - BA History
- c) 1980-1982 University of Virginia - Masters in Urban and Environmental Planning

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

- a) PSC and State of SC
New Commissioner Orientation Parts 1,2,3,4,5
Annual Ethics Training 2020, 20221, 2022, 2023, 2024,2025
Alternative Forms of Regulation (Performance Based)
Regulatory Assistance Project – Performance Based Regulation and Grid Resilience
Various Allowable Ex Parte Non Docketed Hearings 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025

- b) National Regulatory Research Institute/NARUC
Intro to Theory & Practice of Regulation: Why Regulate
Utility Finance
Utility Law - Regulating Public Utility Performance by Judge Scott Hempling
Benefit-Cost Analysis for Distributed Energy Resources
Achieving Equity – and Bill Savings – Through Innovative Customer Programs
Electricity 101
Utility Credit Rating 101
Utility Insurance 101
Integrated Distribution System Planning 2.0
Various NARUC and SEARUC Summits 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025

- c) Center for Public Utilities
"The Basics" Practical Regulatory Training for the Electric Industry
Current Issues 2025

- d) Institute of Public Utilities
Annual Regulatory Studies Program-Fundamentals Course
Accounting and Ratemaking Course

e) Lawrence Berkeley National Lab
Integrated Resource Plan
Resilience
Snapshot of EV-Specific Rate Designs Among US Investor Owned Electric Utilities
Strategies to Advance a More Equitable Energy Future: Lessons from ACEEE’s Leading
with Equity Initiative and Scorecards
Bridging the Gap on Grid Resilience Data, Metric and Analyses

f) Leadership South Carolina 2023-2024

g) American Planning Association
Various webinars on renewable energy, broadband and EV deployment and citizen
engagement 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024

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 (regulation of public utility legal issues)

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

5 years – Commissioner Public Service Commission of South Carolina;

2 years – Lead land and water protection advocacy for Conservation Voters of South Carolina and lowcountry citizen engagement including the creation of an event sharing information regarding electric vehicles

11 years- Project managed sustainability initiatives for the City of Charleston including leading City Council’s Sustainability Advisory Committee, leading City’s Green Business Challenge which includes a focus on demand side management initiatives, trainings on energy and water efficiency, stewardship of financial and other resources and promotion of funding and marketing.

Represented the City of Charleston in resiliency initiatives with National Academies of Sciences, 100 Resilient Cities applications and Charleston Resilience Network all of which includes coordinating resilience efforts with those of water, sewer and energy providers.

Charleston’s representative on the Bureau of Energy Management’s South Carolina Renewable Energy Task Force. Citizen engagement was essential in every City endeavor.

15 years - Managing Capital Projects for the City of Charleston including citizen awareness and input and fundraising for each capital project including the International African American History Museum, Charleston Maritime Center, Lowcountry Senior Center and Lockwood Municipal Complex

6 years - Directing the City of Charleston's Planning Division and 3 years as a Planner which included developing long range plans including planning related to infrastructure such as water and wastewater and working with annexations which often related to water or waste water plans - both their quality of service and the capacities for services. Oversaw the development of the City's Downtown Plan, Charleston 2000 plan, Johns Island Plan, James Island Plan, Highway 61 Growth Management Plan and Special Area Management Plan, each of which involved much citizen visioning and advocacy and numerous public hearings. City representative for the State Ports Authority's 1997 Union Pier Plan.

1 year - planning for City of Cincinnati's riverfront district including their water and waste water treatment plants

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) Public Service Commission 2020 to present. Yes I have filed timely reports with the State Ethics Commission.

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

Yes - Public Service Commission 2013 and 2016

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) 2020 to Present

Commissioner Congressional District 1 Public Service Commission of South Carolina regulates the rates and services of investor-owned electric, natural gas, telecommunications, water, wastewater companies and some transportation services
Supervisors: Public Utilities Review Committee (PURC)

b) 1992 to 2017

Project Manager for Department of Planning, Preservation and Sustainability, City of Charleston, South Carolina.

Represented City of Charleston on Bureau of Ocean Energy Management's Renewable Energy Task Force looking at options for off shore wind energy and the federal leasing process

Represented City of Charleston on its Resilience Initiatives with emergency management and public service associates related to 100 Resilient Cities, Charleston Resilience Network and National Academies of Sciences Resilient America Roundtable
Managed Charleston's Green Business Challenge which supports businesses as they work to reduce their use of energy and water and reduce their waste.

Coordinated Charleston's green initiatives including the development of Charleston's Green Pan: A Roadmap to Sustainability.

Project managed the International African American Museum including over \$2 million in grants and volunteer and committee coordination.

Managed City owned projects such as the Charleston Maritime Center (including environmental permitting coordination), Greenberg Municipal Complex and various fire stations from site selection to design phase. Organized volunteers, fundraising (\$700k) and grant (\$825k) activities for the development of the Lowcountry Senior Center.

Directed the planning for Charleston's Downtown Plan and represented the City in Charleston in the creation of the Union Pier Plan. Directed the Downtown Partnership that prioritized and implemented initiatives of the Downtown Plan including waste management proposals.

Supervisors: Yvonne Fortenberry, The Honorable Joseph P. Riley, Jr.

c) 1986 to 1992

Planning Administrator for Department of Planning and Urban Development, City of Charleston, South Carolina.

Directed division which prepared inter-jurisdictional comprehensive plans for city growth management, coordinated new city projects with community groups, applied for and administered grants, provided maps and graphic resources to the city and annexed new city lands. These plans included the 61 Growth Management Plan, Charleston 2000 Plan, James Island Plan, Johns Island Plan.

Supervisor: Yvonne Fortenberry, The Honorable Joseph P. Riley, Jr.

d) 1989 to 1992

Instructor in urban planning for College of Charleston.

Supervisor: Dr. George Hopkins

e) 1985 to 1986

Planner for City Planning Department, City of Cincinnati, Ohio. Analyzed demographic trends, the commercial market and the area's architectural inventory for a district plan encompassing six neighborhoods with an institutional core. Assisted in the housing, land use, transportation, zoning and capital improvement plan components. Reported to a task

force composed of residential, business district and institutional representatives. Staffed Riverfront Advisory Committee.
Supervisor: Bob Duffy

- f) 1982 to 1985
Planner for Department of Planning and Urban Development, City of Charleston, South Carolina. Performed variety of planning research and analytical projects: comprehensive downzoning of historic neighborhood, history of Charleston's parks, tree conservation covenants, population projections, scattered public housing site selection, Special Area Management Plan for peninsula waterfront land, day care ordinance, etc. Regular duties included acting as the Planning Division's liaison to the Board of Architectural Review and Market Advisory Commission and coordinating consultant work program and selection process and facilitating annexation.
Supervisor: Yvonne Fortenberry

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) 2015 to Present
House Manager Spoleto Festival USA
Welcome guests, manage ushers, coordinate with production staff, solve challenges, ensure patrons have the best possible experience arts performances
- b) 2017 to 2019
Lowcountry Field Director and Land and Water Program Director – Conservation Voters of South Carolina
Lead land and water protection advocacy for Conservation Voters of South Carolina including reauthorization of the Land and Water Conservation Fund and lowcountry engagement including the creation of an event sharing information regarding electric vehicles
- c) 1979 to 1980
Historian for Fort Caswell, an early 19th century fort.
Collected oral and written information of Fort Caswell's history, historically and economically analyzed individual buildings' rehabilitation potential, set up a system for cataloging artifacts, designed a museum depicting its history, wrote articles for newspapers and guided tours.

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

No

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.

No

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.

See Attachment Labelled Question 16

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.)

No

18. To your knowledge, have you ever been under federal, state, or local investigation for possible violation of a criminal statute? If yes, explain.

No

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.

No

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

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.)

Not Applicable

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.)

Not Applicable

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.

None

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 for this 2025-2026 Election. Only in prior elections: 2013, 2016 and 2020

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.

- a) American Planning Association
- b) South Carolina American Planning Association
- c) American Institute of Certified Planners
- d) National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC)
 - i. NARUC - representing South Carolina - Electric Vehicles State Working Group
 - ii. NARUC - Department of Energy-Joint Office of Electric Transportation Executive Dialogue on EV Grid Integration
 - iii. NARUC - Committee on Energy Resources & the Environment
 - iv. NARUC - Committee on Consumers and the Public Interest
 - v. NARUC – Ambassador
 - vi. NARUC – Wildfire Handbook Steering Group
- e) Southeastern Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners

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) Metanoia Circle and Volunteer
- b) Providence Baptist Church
- c) Leadership South Carolina
- d) Diversity Leadership Fellow Riley Institute
- e) Habitat for Humanity: crew member
- f) American Red Cross: every 8 week donor
- g) Charleston Waterkeeper: volunteer
- h) Old Windermere Neighborhood Association Council District 11 Candidate Forum Committee

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.

I believe this will be covered in my letters of recommendations.

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.

- a) Mark Nix; [Redacted]
- b) Rivers T. Jenkins III; [Redacted]
- c) The Honorable Mike Seekings [Redacted]
- d) Mayor William Cogswell; [Redacted]
- e) Banker-Lynn Anne Gillen; [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: Carolyn L Williams

Date: October 15, 2025 uploaded

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

I ACKNOWLEDGE, AS A CANDIDATE, THAT I AM RESPONSIBLE FOR REVIEWING THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTS. THESE DOCUMENTS 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: Carolyn L Williams

Date: October 15, 2025 uploaded