

# 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 Wednesday, August 1, 2018. (Use and attach separate sheets, if necessary.)

PLEASE SPECIFY THE SEAT FOR WHICH YOU ARE APPLYING (THE CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT IN WHICH YOU RESIDE): 2

1. Full Name: Mrs. Patricia Pijut Carson

Home Address: 8510 Salley Road  
North, SC 29112

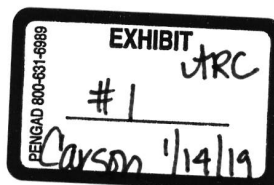
Business Address: 9305 North Road  
North, SC 29112

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.

Missouri School of Mines and Metallurgy  
B.S. Engineering Management, 1977

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

MASC Elected Officials Institute (graduate)  
MASC Elected Officials Advanced Institute (graduate)  
SC Rural Water Association Fiscal Sustainability & Asset Management  
MASC Accreditation in Business Licensing (*received scholarship/currently enrolled*)  
MASC Set Off Debt Training  
Orangeburg County Voter Registration Municipal Election training  
Zoning Board of Appeals and Planning Commission annually required Cont Ed  
SCWARN (SC Water Agency Response Network)  
MASC Law Enforcement Liability  
Mission Communications SCADA training



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.

- Water & Wastewater (2015-Present)
  - As Mayor of North, SC, I oversee daily operations of licensed operator and trainee; collaborated with engineering firm to specify, bid, award and implement \$73k of improvements to wastewater treatment plant in 2017; maintain relationship with Silver Springs Water District and Bull Swamp Rural Water Company as inter-connect back-ups.
  - Works to ensure compliance with DHEC annual inspections and reporting of drinking water quality, laboratory certification, sanitary survey and solid waste collection data.
  - Determine priority and funding for CPST projects for wastewater and sewer/water system improvements; budget of \$444k for CPST IV.
- Finance, Economics, Statistics & Engineering (1975-Present)
  - My engineering discipline and degree readied me to undertake corporate projects, government finances, and economies of scale initiatives. Throughout my career, I have always excelled at data and business analyses, capacity planning, return on investment and variance analyses. As an Industrial Engineer, my objective was optimization of complex processes and systems, thus elimination of time, money, materials, machine time, energy and other resources that do not generate value. In other words, I determined how to do things better, by combining technical skills with business acumen. These traits are my core foundation throughout my work history:
    - Colonial Life Insurance                      Public Sector Analyst  
   Actuarial Analyst  
   Product Manager  
   Corporate Project Manager  
   Columbia, SC
    - Citicorp Acceptance Company              Senior Operations Research/Financial Analyst  
   St. Louis, MO & Columbia, SC
    - Lever Brothers, Inc.                              Industrial Engineer  
   St. Louis, MO
    - Olin Brass/Winchester Western              Marketing Engineer

- Proctor & Gamble Paper Products, Inc.

Alton, IL  
Industrial Engineer  
Cape Girardeau, MO

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 military service.
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.

Mayor, Town of North, SC 11/2015 – Present (elected)  
Councilmember, Town of North, SC 1999-2015 (elected)  
Filed Statements of Economic Interest with the SC Ethics Commission yearly and on time.

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

No.

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.

11/2015 – Present  
Employer: Town of North, SC  
Positions: Mayor, 2015-Present & Councilmember, 2010-2015

As Mayor, manage the daily operations of:

- Water & Wastewater licensed operator and trainee
- Police department (Chief and staff of two officers and SRO)
- Administrative staff: Town Clerk, Clerk of Court and CPA
- Public Works employee (staff of one)

Primary responsibilities are to serve the residents of North by providing clean drinking water and a safe community in which to live. I prepared and manage a budget of \$900k, implemented \$73k of wastewater improvements in 2017, have received numerous beautification grants for the town (Palmetto Pride, CCCF, CSX, PARD), and planned an Eartha Kitt gala in 2017 at which her daughter, Kitt Shapiro, was in attendance; presented her with a key to the town. I manage our CPST funds of \$444k.

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| ○ Colonial Life Insurance<br>Columbia, SC                     | Public Sector Analyst<br>Actuarial Analyst<br>Product Manager<br>Corporate Project Manager |
| ○ Citicorp Acceptance Company<br>St. Louis, MO & Columbia, SC | Sr Operations Research/Financial Analyst   |
| ○ Lever Brothers, Inc.<br>St. Louis, MO                       | Industrial Engineer  |
| ○ Olin Brass/Winchester Western<br>Alton, IL                  | Marketing Engineer   |
| ○ Proctor & Gamble Paper Products, Inc.<br>Cape Girardeau, MO | Industrial Engineer  |

- No.

- No conflict.

- No.

- No.

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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.

MASC Mayors Association  
Orangeburg County Chamber of Commerce Mayors Group  
South Carolina Rural Water Association  
MASC Business Licensing Officials 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.

- Association of SC Mayors
- North Arbor Day, Inc. – *I created this organization as a non-profit arm of the town in order to receive grant monies for beautification.*
- Honorary Commander of Joint Base Charleston AFB – *I was tapped to join this group and this is the first time that anyone from North has been invited to join this honorary group. The program was developed to encourage an exchange of ideas, experiences, and friendship between key members of the civilian community and the Charleston military command. The mission is to foster goodwill, understanding, support and acceptance from community leaders.*
- Lower Savannah Council of Governments - *Board Member*
- North Mayor's Youth Council - *Creator & Leader*
- North Cooperative Ministry - *consulting member for Eartha Kitt gala*
- North United Methodist Church – *associate member in order to retain my Catholic denomination; Church Trustee, member of Finance committee, Offertory Steward, and Worship Lector; leader of youth mission teams to Asbury Hills, SC, and Corbin, KY; mission team member to Guyana and Haiti*
- Orangeburg County Chamber of Commerce Mayors Group

- North Senior Center – *an exercise and fitness center*

#### HONORS:

- Leadership Orangeburg County, 1994
- Unum Chairman's Award, 1996 (*in recognition of distinguished performance*)
- Honorary Commander, Joint Base Charleston Air Force Base, Current

#### PUBLICATION:

- Understanding Copper Alloys, Olin Brass (*contributing author*)

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.

My background in engineering, government operations and finance is a unique set of valuable skills. My determination to succeed is best exemplified in my successful work experiences and my passion for the same. My core competencies are:

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| • Executive Level Accountability | • Reliability & Dedication   |
| • Data & Business Analysis       | • Initiative & Collaboration |
| • Ethical Philosophy             | • Friendly & Forthright      |
| • Financial Management Expertise | • Honest & Impartial         |
| • Psychologically Self-Employed  |                              |

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. Paula M. Pijut
- 2) Mr. William Hancock
- 3) Mr. Jaque Moore
- 4) Mr. Matthew Perry
- 5) Banker Letter

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: *Patricia P. Carson*

Date: 9.2.2018

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