

**STATE REGULATION OF PUBLIC UTILITIES REVIEW COMMITTEE**

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

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**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, February 28, 2020. *(Use and attach separate sheets, if necessary.)*

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**PLEASE SPECIFY THE SEAT FOR WHICH YOU ARE APPLYING (THE CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT IN WHICH YOU RESIDE; YOU MAY ONLY APPLY FOR ONE SEAT): District 7**

1. Full Name: **Mr. Clint Alan Elliott**

Home Address: **640 Swale Ave Murells Inlet, SC 29576**

Business Address: **3230 Mr Joe White Ave Myrtle Beach, SC 29577**

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.

**Clemson University 1988 – 1993 BS Microbiology**

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

- **WEASC Laboratory Workshop 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019**
- **South Carolina Environmental Conference 2014 ,2015, 2016, 2017, 2018**
- **South Carolina Surface Water Association Surface Water Workshop 2014, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019**
- **2018 Annual Surface Water Meeting**
- **2019 Southeastern Regional Technology Transfer Conference**
- **2019 South Carolina Water/Wastewater Agency Response Network Workshop**
- **AWWA Webinar “PFAS Removal for Drinking Water & Discharge: Protecting What Matters Most.”**
- **AWWA Source Water Protection Workshop**
- **Water Environment Association of South Carolina 2019 Midyear Meeting**

- **U.S. Drought Monitor Workshop: Forecasting, Monitoring And Responding to Drought in the Southeast**

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
- X   (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.

- **March 1995 – October 1998**  
**Department of Health and Environmental Control**  
**Microbiologist Analytical Services Division of Environmental Microbiology**  
**Responsible for testing potable water for: Total Coliform, Fecal Coliform, E. coli, Iron bacteria, Salmonella-Shigella, Actinomycetes and Legionella. Also testing samples other than potable: Natural recreation areas, Chlorinated swimming pools, Wastewater, Streams, Lakes, Ditches, and Standing water for Fecal Coliforms using CDC methods with EPA approved tests. Responsible for identification of non-coliform bacteria using CDC methods with EPA approved tests when called upon to do so. Also responsible for Biochemical Oxygen Demand and Total Suspended Solids as directed by EPA regulations on Municipal and Industrial wastewater and also streams, surface and drinking waters.**
- **October 1998 – July 2006**  
**City of Myrtle Beach Surface Water Treatment Facility**  
**Chemist / Lab Supervisor**  
**Responsible for supervising the day-to-day chemical testing of a 40 MGD water treatment facility. Tests include pH, Chlorine (Total and Free), Iron, Manganese, Phosphates (Ortho and Total), UV 254, DOC, TOC, DO, Alkalinity, Calcium hardness, Ammonia (when needed), Fluoride, and Bacteriological tests.**
- **July 2006 – Present**  
**Grand Strand Water and Sewer Authority**

**Lab Supervisor**

**Responsible for supervising the day-to-day chemical testing of two surface water treatment facilities. Tests include pH, Chlorine (Total and Free), Iron, Manganese, Phosphates (Ortho and Total), UV<sup>-254</sup>, DOC, TOC, DO, Alkalinity, Calcium Hardness, Ammonia (when needed), Fluoride, and Bacteriological tests. Responsible for reporting NPDES permit data and for the monthly operating report to DHEC annually and monthly.**

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.

**No**

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.

- **January 1991 - December 1993**  
**Consulting and Technical Services Clemson University**  
**Computer Technical Services Student Supervisor**  
**Responsible for supervising 15 - 20 students who worked in the computer lab seeing that they follow proper procedures and perform**

specific daily duties. Responsible for maintaining 62 computers and their network, along with their hardware and software. Experienced with following software: dBASE III Plus, dBASE IV, MacWrite, MacPaint, ClarisWorks, Lotus 123, WordPerfect, Microsoft Windows, and Microsoft word.

- **March 1994 - March 1995**  
**Department of Health and Environmental Control Columbia, SC**  
**Microbiologist Newborn Screening Section Division of Analytical Chemistry**

**Supervisor Everett W. Siedschlag**

Responsible for testing blood for metabolic diseases using Isoelectric focusing, High Pressure Liquid Chromatography, an Alpkem Autoanalyzer, and Radioactive Immunoassay methods. Enzymes such as Thyroxine, 17 Hydroxyprogesterone, and Thyroid Stimulating Hormone were identified using these methods and determined as normal or abnormal when compared to normal values.

- **March 1995 – October 1998**

**Supervisor Nancy Oswald**

**Department of Health and Environmental Control Columbia, SC**  
**Microbiologist Analytical Services Division of Environmental Microbiology**

Responsible for testing potable water for: Total Coliform, Fecal Coliform, E. coli, Iron bacteria, Salmonella-Shigella, Actinomycetes and Legionella. Also testing samples other than potable: Natural recreation areas, Chlorinated swimming pools, Wastewater, Streams, Lakes, Ditches, and Standing water for Fecal Coliforms using CDC methods with EPA approved tests. Responsible for identification of non-coliform bacteria using CDC methods with EPA approved tests when called upon to do so. Also responsible for Biochemical Oxygen Demand and Total Suspended Solids as directed by EPA regulations on Municipal and Industrial wastewater and also streams, surface and drinking waters.

- **October 1998 – July 2006**

**Supervisor Samuel Scialdone**

**City of Myrtle Beach Surface Water Treatment Facility Myrtle**

**Beach, SC**

**Chemist / Lab Supervisor**

**Responsible for supervising the day-to-day chemical testing of a 40 MGD water treatment facility. Tests include pH, Chlorine (Total and Free), Iron, Manganese, Phosphates (Ortho and Total), UV 254, DOC, TOC, DO, Alkalinity, Calcium hardness, Ammonia (when needed), Fluoride, and Bacteriological tests.**

- **July 2006 – Present**

**Supervisor Ira Hardwick**

**Grand Strand Water and Sewer Authority**

**Lab Supervisor**

**Responsible for supervising the day-to-day chemical testing of two surface water treatment facilities. Tests include pH, Chlorine (Total and Free), Iron, Manganese, Phosphates (Ortho and Total), UV<sup>-254</sup>, DOC, TOC, DO, Alkalinity, Calcium Hardness, Ammonia (when needed), Fluoride, and Bacteriological tests. Responsible for reporting NPDES permit data and for the monthly operating report to DHEC annually and monthly.**

- **2017 – Present**

**SC Drought Response Committee**

**Hope Mizzell, SC State Climatologist**

**Local committee member for the Northeast region of SC. The committee meets when necessary to discuss and make recommendations to the Governor's office as to the state of drought in South Carolina. I have been a participating member but as of yet have not received official appointment by the governor's office.**

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.

- **Cinnamon Hill Restaurant, waiter in an upscale fine dining environment**

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

**I am currently the Lab Supervisor for two drinking water laboratories with Grand Strand Water and Sewer Authority.**

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.

**The only financial arrangement I can recall that could pose a potential conflict of interest was a deal brokered by Jeremy Lee f Right of Way Services on May 20, 2010 for the sale of 0.01 of an acre of my property at 9565 Sullivan Drive Murrells Inlet, SC I sold to SCDOT for the expansion of Highway 707. This transaction was completed and filed in the Horry County Courthouse and would have no further bearing in my position as a Public Service Commissioner for the 7<sup>th</sup> district.**

20. Have you ever been a named party in a lawsuit, either personally or professionally? If so, provide details.

**No**

**Amended Response (3/25/20):**

**In my original response to this question, I answered “No” as I had forgotten an issue I had with a couple that rented property from me back around 2011. I rented my house off Sullivan Drive in Murrells Inlet to a couple, Matthew and Michelle Taylor, on the recommendation of a dear friend of my current wife. The story I got from the friend was that this family was being evicted from their home due to the owner taking the rental payments but not paying the mortgage and as such the house was in foreclosure and they desperately needed a place to stay. I was assured that this couple was of sound financials and of the upmost integrity and based on those recommendations I placed them in my rental house under an opened ended rental contract. At first, everything was fine, they seemed nice enough and the rental payments were on time. Within approximately 6 months, the rental payments started to become late, then later and sometimes not at all. This progressed and I kept giving the couple the benefit of the doubt allowing them to pay when they could as there always seemed to be some sort of excuse for the late payment or later no payment. Finally, in 2012 I decided to evict them and filed a Rule to Vacate on 10/22/2012 in the magistrate’s court of Surfside Beach. The couple pleaded with me and made restitution for some of the owed monies and I withdrew the eviction notice. They were good again for a few months and then it started again with late payments and again I filed a Rule to Vacate on 1/25/2013 with the magistrate. This time they were evicted and I filed a summons with the Magistrate to recover the monies I had spent over the course of their rental history. Judge Blanton ruled in my favor and ordered the Taylors to pay \$6,606.93 to me and I worked out a payment plan with Mr Taylor with the blessing of the court. By now, the Taylors**

**had moved and I had no idea where they had gone. Mr. Taylor never paid any of the money owed to me and finally on 10/23/2014 I filed a judgement against them for the money owed plus the interest dictated by Judge Blanton with the Horry County Courthouse. To date I hold this debt as unrecoverable as I do not believe I will ever see any of the money owed.**

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**

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.

**Not Applicable**

27. Please list the amount and recipient of all contributions made to members of the General Assembly within six months of filing this questionnaire.

**Not Applicable**

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.

- **Grand Strand Water and Sewer Authority has blanket memberships in the following organizations: American Water Works Association, Water Environment Association of South Carolina, Association of Metropolitan Water Agencies, American Water Works association of South Carolina, South Carolina Association of Special Purpose Districts, and South Carolina Water Quality Association. As an employee, I am considered a member even though individual memberships are not obtained.**

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.

- **Coastal Conservation Association – Waccamaw Chapter Board Member**
- **National Wild Turkey Federation Murrells Inlet Longbeards Chapter Board Member**
- **Leadership Grand Strand**

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.

**In 2006, I accomplished several milestones in my life. First, I completed a nine-month commitment with a local leadership program called Leadership Grand Strand. This program strives to develop a corps of informed, committed, and qualified individuals capable of providing dynamic leadership for the Grand Strand area. During this time, I was also honored as the Public Works Employee of the Year. In addition to these accomplishments, I also completed the Emergency Medical Technician Basic (EMT-B) prerequisites and passed my National Registry and skills test to become a Nationally Registered EMT-B. Two years later, I competed the prerequisites for my Emergency Medical Technician Intermediate (EMT-I) and subsequent written and skills tests to become a Nationally Registered EMT-I. I used these skills to volunteer with Myrtle Beach Fire Rescue Company One and Surfside Beach Rescue Squad Company Four on an ambulance serving the**



**public as a volunteer EMT. I received my continuing education through an in-house EMT program with the City of Myrtle Beach Fire Department until 2009.**

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) **Rodney Thomason**
- 2) **Mark Branstrom**
- 3) **Thomas B Barrineau Jr.**
- 4) **Scott Plyler**
- 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:

Date:

***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 PROVIDED ON THE USB FLASH DRIVE WITH THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION APPLICATION MATERIALS AND ARE ACCESSIBLE ON THE PUBLIC UTILITY REVIEW COMMITTEE'S WEBSITE:**

- (1) An Introduction to the Public Service Commission;**
- (2) The press 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) The Judicial Code of Conduct;**
- (6) Statutory definitions and statute concerning pledges; and**
- (7) Information regarding accessing your credit report.**

**Signature:**

**Date:**