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**To:** Schimsa, RebeccaRebeccaSchimsa@gov.sc.gov  
**CC:** Philpott, KatieKatiePhilpott@gov.sc.gov  
**Date:** 8/1/2016 10:18:39 PM  
**Subject:** Re: USC Board member

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Yes, that was my understanding.

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On Aug 1, 2016, at 4:29 PM, Schimsa, Rebecca <RebeccaSchimsa@gov.sc.gov> wrote:

Holly – My understanding was that Swati spoke with Martha about this specific board member, and therefore, the inquiry to our office is no longer pending. Was that your understanding as well?

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**From:** Patel, Swati  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 30, 2016 2:51 PM  
**To:** Pisarik, Holly; Schimsa, Rebecca  
**Subject:** Fwd: USC Board member

Please let me know our legal authority on this issue next week. Thanks.

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Begin forwarded message:

**From:** "Patel, Swati" <SwatiPatel@gov.sc.gov>  
**Date:** June 30, 2016 at 2:49:44 PM EDT  
**To:** Martha Casto <MarthaCasto@scsenate.gov>  
**Cc:** "Veldran, Katherine" <KatherineVeldran@gov.sc.gov>, "Mottel, Haley" <HaleyMottel@gov.sc.gov>  
**Subject:** **Re: USC Board member**

Martha,

We have not removed Charles Williams. Our legal office is reviewing the state laws to determine what authority the Governor has to remove him. We will follow up with you soon.

Thanks and have a great holiday weekend!

Swati

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On Jun 30, 2016, at 11:59 AM, Martha Casto <MarthaCasto@scsenate.gov> wrote:

Swati: As you are aware Sen. Peeler chairs the college/university screening committee. Recently we learned that a USC board of trustee member, Charles

Williams, pled guilty to federal charges of unlawful trapping and killing of hawks. Section 8-1-100, says that upon “conviction” in any court for any crime, the Governor shall declare that office vacant.

We are determining which college and university seats are vacant or will be vacant for the purpose of screenings this fall for elections in 2017. Has the Governor removed Mr. Williams from the USC Board of Trustees and declared his seat vacant?

Thanks!

Martha

<Charles Williams - USC.pdf>