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To: Schimsa, Rebecca <RebeccaSchimsa@gov.sc.gov>
Date: 10/24/2016 11:20:47 AM
Subject: FW: Charleston Constituent Board
Attachments: D20 constituent board.eml
FW: T. Lewis - D20 Constituent School Board in Charleston County.eml
FW: Trespass Notice - D20 Constituent School Board in Charleston County.eml

Rebecca –

See if you agree with my response:

Katie, we have reviewed the below issue. A school board members is not a “county” officer, but a special district officer. Thus, the Governor is not given the power to remove. A school board member can be removed under SC Statute 59-16-60, which provides: “School district trustees shall be subject to removal from office for cause by the county boards of education, upon notice and after being given an opportunity to be heard by the county board of education. Any such order of removal shall state the grounds thereof, the manner of notice and the hearing accorded the trustee, and any such trustee shall have the right to appeal to the court of common pleas, as provided in Section 59 19 560.”

Richele

From: Philpott, Katie
Sent: Thursday, October 13, 2016 10:49 AM
To: Taylor, Richele
Cc: Schimsa, Rebecca
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Richele,

Todd Garrett, a member of the Charleston County School District Board of Trustees, informed our office of supposed misconduct by Tony Lewis, a member of the Charleston County Constituent Board for District 20 (elected position). He alleges that Mr. Lewis attempted to blackmail a school employee; he also has been given a No Trespassing Order by the School District Legal Counsel (pertinent emails are attached).

He has asked the Governor to consider removing him as a member of the Charleston County Constituent Board. I told him that it is my understanding that unless Mr. Lewis is indicted for a crime of moral turpitude, the Governor cannot remove an elected member, but that I would check with y’all to see what the options are.

Can you let me know when you have a chance?

Thanks,
Katie