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Taylor, Richele <RicheleTaylor@gov.sc.gov>  
Date: 8/31/2016 1:00:45 PM  
Subject: RE: Richland County election commissioners  
Attachments: Resignation.eml

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Please see the attached email from Marjorie Johnson.

This email and attached letter indicates that the effective date of her resignation [that was apparently indicated in a letter dated June 21, 2016 (which I have not seen)] is today, August 31, 2016.

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From: Godfrey, Rob  
Sent: Wednesday, August 31, 2016 12:52 PM  
To: Schimsa, Rebecca; Philpott, Katie  
Cc: Adams, Chaney; Patel, Swati; Taylor, Richele; Peters, Hal  
Subject: RE: Richland County election commissioners

Ok. Understood.

Just for everyone's background: The reporter is writing for tomorrow, so we'll have to respond today.

**Rob Godfrey**  
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From: Schimsa, Rebecca  
Sent: Wednesday, August 31, 2016 12:30 PM  
To: Philpott, Katie; Godfrey, Rob  
Cc: Adams, Chaney; Patel, Swati; Taylor, Richele; Peters, Hal  
Subject: RE: Richland County election commissioners

We will need to discuss this before presenting any documents to the press.

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From: Philpott, Katie  
Sent: Wednesday, August 31, 2016 12:06 PM  
To: Godfrey, Rob  
Cc: Adams, Chaney; Patel, Swati; Taylor, Richele; Schimsa, Rebecca; Peters, Hal  
Subject: RE: Richland County election commissioners

Rob,

According to the records supplied to our office by the State Election Commission on July 11, 2016, (attachment 1) two members of the Board of Voter Registration and Elections for Richland County were not in compliance with the required training and certification program. Therefore, our office sent out letters (attachment 2) asking for an explanation as to why they are out of compliance. After sending these letters, one of the two members out of compliance, Marjorie Johnson, resigned. The other member did not respond to our letter, but has not yet been removed by our office.

Please let me know if you need any additional information.

Thanks,

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From: Godfrey, Rob  
Sent: Wednesday, August 31, 2016 11:50 AM  
To: Adams, Chaney; Philpott, Katie; Patel, Swati; Taylor, Richele; Schimsa, Rebecca  
Subject: FW: Richland County election commissioners

Katie/legal shop –

Take a look at the email below.

Chaney is going to need to be able to get back to Clif relatively soon.

Thanks y'all.

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From: LeBlanc, Clif [<mailto:cleblanc@thestate.com>]  
Sent: Wednesday, August 31, 2016 11:40 AM  
To: Godfrey, Rob; Clif LeBlanc  
Subject: Richland County election commissioners

Mr. Godfrey,

I request access to any letters, emails or other communications from the governor's office in regard to certification of any member of the Richland County Voter Registration & Elections Commission. If the governor's office has produced any such communication related to other matters dealing with that commission, please include those as well.

Further, I ask if any member of that commission is not properly/currently certified to hold the position, was yesterday's (Aug. 30, 2016) meeting lawful either by meeting the standard for a quorum of certified members or in the actions the commission took in regard to Kim Murphy?

Thanks for your prompt attention to this matter.

Clif LeBlanc, The State newspaper  
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