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Clemson trustees again asked that lawsuit be dismissed

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GREENVILLE -- Clemson University trustees and other school officials are again asking a federal judge to dismiss a lawsuit by the former executive secretary of the board.

Chalmers Eugene Troutman III sued in January, alleging he was fired in retaliation for his accusations of fiscal mismanagement.

The defendants say Troutman can't sue them "in their individual capacities."

Troutman's suit was filed against the trustees and school officials as individuals and as college representatives. He says he was improperly fired because he exercised his First Amendment right to speak out on matters of public concern.

Trustees and school officials deny that.

U.S. District Judge Matthew Perry in March rejected a request to dismiss the lawsuit. The Greenville News reported Monday a hearing on the new request is set for June 11.
