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Council District: 22

This application is a: Reappointment

New Appointment

### GREENVILLE COUNTY BOARD AND COMMISSION APPLICATION for County-wide Boards

Name of Board or Commission to which you are applying: Greenville Area Development Corporation  
An individual may only apply to serve on one board or commission during any election cycle.

Mr  Mrs   
Ms  Dr

Name: William F. "Tripp" James, III.

Home Address: 20 Rock Side Ct. City: Greenville

Zip: 29615 Email Address: tripp@navigatorci.com

Home Phone: (864) 580-9125 Work Phone: (864) 580-9125 Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Voter Registration Number: 5 760 127  
\*\*You must be registered to vote in Greenville County at the time of application.

Occupation: Co-Owner Employer: Navigator CI, LLC

Employer Address: 330 E. Coffee Street  
Greenville, SC 29601

Highest degree earned: Masters in Business Admin. Field of Study: Business

School attended: Clemson University

Volunteer Experience (Please list and describe): See attached

Describe your understanding of the position for which you are applying. See attached

What specific skills do you believe you could contribute as a member of this board or commission?  
See attached

Have you ever attended a meeting of this board or commission? Yes  No

Are you available to meet at the regularly scheduled date and time of the board or commission meetings? Yes  No

If appointed, will you pledge to faithfully attend the meetings? Yes  No

How many hours/week are you available to give to this board of commission? However many are required to get the job done! Yes  No

Do you reside in a municipality?  
If yes, please name \_\_\_\_\_

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# Greenville County Board and Commission Application for William F. "Tripp" James, III

## Volunteer Experience:

1. PULSE, Greenville Young Professionals, 3 year board member and Sponsorship Committee Chair
2. Clemson CBBS (College of Business and Behavioral Science) Young Alumni Board... mission is to promote alumni involvement with the Business College.
3. SC Junior Golf Association... youngest member of this board... mission is to promote junior golf in SC. Included in this, I'm also involved with the Bobby Chapman Invitational in Spartanburg. A prestigious nationally ranked tournament. My duties focus on running the scoreboards.
4. Junior Achievement Program... volunteered with this program at LaFrance Elementary school. Taught business concepts to students.
5. Kiwanis Main Street Young Professionals

My understanding of the position for which I am applying... I understand the purpose/mission of the GADC Board is the promotion of economic development and investment in Greenville County. The main goal being to increase jobs, opportunities, and the standard of living for every citizen. This is a great cause that helps everyone. It's worth fighting for and I would value an opportunity to participate!

## Specific skills to which I could contribute as a member of this board/commission...

1. My experience with the Greenville Chamber of Commerce. I've been active since I first moved to Greenville in 2004. And specifically, my work with the Chamber Ambassador program. I feel the promotion skills I've developed here certainly could overlap into Economic Development for Greenville County. I've been named Ambassador of the Month twice and am embarking on my 3<sup>rd</sup> year of Ambassador service.
  2. James & James Benefit Brokers, LLC... I founded this insurance agency with a partner in 2005. We grew it, then sold the business. I led the charge to engineer this sale. During the process I learned valuable business lessons in the areas of negotiation, investment, and creating win-win opportunities. In the end, it formed a better business model for all parties involved including our clients. It was a win-win-win.
  3. Navigator CI, LLC... this is my current and newest business. Our mission is to assist entrepreneurs with business solutions. Thus, many of the experiences I've seen and skills I've developed here could definitely have synergy with the mission of this board... promoting business in Greenville County.
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If applying for the Accommodations Tax Advisory Committee or the Construction Board of Adjustments and Appeals, please check the box that applies to your field of expertise:

- Tourism Industry
- Cultural / Arts
- Restaurant
- Hotel Management

- Architectural
- Fire Protection Eng /Contractor
- Electrical Engineer /Contractor
- Design/Architectural /Professional Contractor
- Structural Engineer /Contractor
- Mechanical Engineer /Contractor
- Plumbing Engineer /Contractor

Have you ever been convicted of a crime other than a minor traffic violation?  
If yes, please give details: \_\_\_\_\_

Yes  No

Do you currently hold any elected or appointed office or commission?  
If yes, list \_\_\_\_\_

Yes  No

Have you previously held any elected or appointed office or commission?  
If yes, list \_\_\_\_\_

Yes  No

Have you ever been fined for any ethics violations?  
If yes, please comment: \_\_\_\_\_

Yes  No

Are you current in payment of Greenville County property taxes?

Yes  No

### Statement of Agreement and Understanding

*I understand that appointment to the board for which I am applying will not result in me receiving any compensation for my service. In addition, I attest that neither I, nor any member of my family, are employed by this entity or nor do we have an economic interest in this Board or Commission. If my residency changes so I no longer qualify to serve, I will resign by notifying the Clerk to Council by letter or e-mail. I will resign if a potential conflict of interest is identified. I understand it is my responsibility to insure my application has been submitted within the application period and that it has been received by the County Council Office.*

Signature W. F. [Signature] Date 1/21/12

Please return completed form to:

**Greenville County Council**  
**301 University Ridge, Suite 2400**  
**Greenville, SC 29601-3665**  
or  
**Fax to: 864-467-7358**

If you have questions, please call 467-7115 or check the [www.greenvillecounty.org](http://www.greenvillecounty.org) website.