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Council District: 20

This application is a: New Appointment

Reappointment

Attendance Record: n/a

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

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

Mr.  Mrs.

Ms.  Dr.  Name: Jo Watson Hackl

Home Address: 112 Maruca Drive City Greenville Zip: 29609

Occupation: Attorney Employer: Wyche Law Firm

Employer Address: 200 E. Camperdown Way, Greenville, SC 29601-2972

School attended: Yale Law School

Highest degree earned: J.D. Field of Study: Law

Volunteer Experience (Please list and describe): \_\_\_\_\_

My most recent volunteer experience includes the Greenville Technical College Area Commission and the boards of the United Way of Greenville County, Camperdown Academy, Hollingsworth Funds, ETV Foundation and the Greenville Center for Creative Arts. I am a Riley Fellow, a Liberty Fellow and serve on the Athena and Accelerate initiatives of the Greenville Chamber of Commerce. I am also a Founding Mentor for the MIT/NEXT Venture Mentoring Service and a long-time mentor through the Greenville Chamber's PULSE Pacesetter program. All of these have provided the opportunity for me to work with diverse groups of people from all walks of life. I've had the opportunity to use my leadership, writing, and strategic thinking skills to enhance the organizations that I've been privileged to serve.

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

The Greenville Technical College Area Commission meets regularly to provide oversight and guidance to the Greenville Technical College system, consistent with our fiduciary duties. In addition, we serve as a resource for the college system and regularly contribute within our individual areas of expertise to advance the mission of the college.

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
See Candidate Profile: Jo Hackl (attached). \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

How many hours per week are you able to commit to this board or commission? \_\_\_\_\_

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

Do you, any member of your immediate family, or a business with which you or a family member is associated, provide goods and/or services to this board for payment? Yes  No

If yes, please explain: See Attachment 1  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Do you or any member of your immediate family receive direct services from this board? Yes  No

If yes, please explain: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever been convicted of a crime other than a minor traffic violation? Yes  No

If yes, please give details. \_\_\_\_\_  
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\_\_\_\_\_

Do you currently hold any elected or appointed office or commission? Yes  No

If yes, please list Greenville Technical College Area Commission  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Have you previously held any elected or appointed office or commission? Yes  No

If yes, please list Greenville County Human Relations Commission  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever been fined for an ethics violation? Yes  No

If yes, please explain: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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Have you ever been subject to penalty relating to a violation of State ethics standards? Yes  No

If yes, please explain: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Are you current in payment of your Greenville County property taxes? Yes  No

If applying for the **Accommodations Tax Advisory Committee** the **Construction Board of Appeals** or the **Historic Preservation Commission** please check the box that applies to your field of employment or expertise:

**Accommodations Tax Comm.**

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

**Historic Preservation Comm.**

- Archeologist
- Historian
- Architect
- Member of Historic Preservation Group

**Construction Board of Appeals**

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

## Statement of Agreement and Understanding

*By my signature, I attest all information contained in this application is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge;*

*I understand it is my responsibility to insure my application is submitted within the application period and that it has been received by the County Council office;*

*I understand my appointment to the board for which I am applying will not result in me receiving any compensation for my service;*

*I understand my lack of attendance resulting in three consecutive meetings or 25% of all meetings within a year may result in my removal from the board.*

Signature Joe Watson Hackel

Date 1-30-19

**Please return completed form by mail, fax or email to:**

**Greenville County Council  
301 University Ridge, Suite 2400  
Greenville, SC 29601-3665**

**Fax: (864) 467-7358**

**[rmccaskill@greenvillecounty.org](mailto:rmccaskill@greenvillecounty.org)**

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

**Application for Appointment to Greenville Tech Board**  
**Candidate Profile: Jo Hackl**

- Jo Hackl is a business person, has practiced law for thirty years, and is past President of the Greenville County Bar Association. She has represented local issuers in securities registrations and corporate finance transactions involving over \$1 billion in registrations.
- Jo has a strong record of community involvement (a partial listing is below)

**Community Service**

**Current**

- Greenville Technical College Area Commissioner and Chair of the Performance and Evaluation Committee
- Hollingsworth Foundation Board of Trustees
- Camperdown Academy Board of Directors
- Greenville Center for Creative Arts Board of Directors
- Liberty Fellowship: Mentor
- Chamber PULSE PaceSetter Mentor
- Founding Mentor of NEXT Venture Mentoring Service

**Past**

- Greenville Area Development Corporation, Past Chair and board member
- Community Foundation of Greenville, Past Chair and board member
- Good Deeds Can Go Unpunished — Seminar for Directors of Closely Held Companies and Non-Profit Agencies: Co-Producer and Panelist
- Greenville County Bar Association: Past President
- Greenville Professional Women's Forum: Past-President and Current Member
- The Peace Center for the Performing Arts: Member of Board of Directors and Executive Committee
- United Way of Greenville County Board of Directors
- Emrys Foundation Board of Directors
- Within Reach: Past Board of Directors
- Legal Services Agency of Western Carolina, Inc.: Past Chair
- Leadership Greenville: Class IXX, Past President of the Leadership Greenville Forum
- Greenville County Human Relations: appointed Commissioner by County Council 1993-1995
- First Baptist Kindergarten, PAC Board
- The Children's Museum Board of Directors

**Honors and Awards**

- Tommy Thomason Award, the highest award presented by the Greenville County Bar Association, 2016
- Selected by *The Best Lawyers in America* listing as the 2015 Greenville Business Organizations (including LLCs and Partnerships) "Lawyer of the Year."
- Judge for Community "Who's Who" awards sponsored by Community Journals
- Recipient, Ruth Nicholson Award, Community Giving Awards, 2013
- Recipient, Greenville Chamber's ATHENA Leadership Award, 2013
- Completed Riley Institute at Furman's Diversity Leaders Initiative 2014

- “Fifty Most Influential” Greenville Business Magazine 2010 and 2011
- Woman of Achievement Award 2010 (awarded by YWCA)
- Recipient 2002, Peace Center for the Performing Arts Philanthropist of the Year Award
- Recipient, *Pro Bono* Service Award: South Carolina Bar Association
- Recipient, LIBRA Society 1995 Richard W. Riley Award for outstanding *pro bono* service
- Selected in inaugural issue, *Best & Brightest, 35 and Under: Greenville Business Magazine*
- Featured, *American Barrister* magazine for *pro bono* work: American Bar Association

**Education:**

- Millsaps College, B.A. with high honors
- Yale Law School, JD, winner of the prize for the best student contribution to *The Yale Law Journal*

**Family:**

- Married for thirty-one years to Robert Hackl, chef and co-owner of Augusta Grill. Three children: Abby, Catherine and Robert.

- **Attachment 1**

- I serve as an “of-counsel” attorney to Wyche, P.A. Wyche lawyers provide services to The Greenville Tech Foundation, which supports the work of Greenville Tech, and to Greenville Tech Charter High School, each of which has a separate governance board. I am not part of either of these client teams and these relationships long predated my interest in becoming a board member of the Greenville Technical College Area Commission. I have disclosed my interest in being reappointed to the Greenville Technical College Area Commission to the President of Greenville Technical College and, because the foundation and charter schools are separate entities from that governed by the Greenville Technical College Area Commission, neither I nor Greenville Technical College sees this as a conflict of interest. As an Area Commissioner, I have abstained from voting on any matter involving either the Greenville Tech Foundation or the charter school and I would continue this practice if reappointed.