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Council District: 20

This application is a: New Appointment

Reappointment

Attendance Record: _____

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, P.A.

Employer Address: 200 East Broad Street, Suite 400, Greenville, SC 29601

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 serving as Vice Chair and Board Member of Greenville Technical College Area Commission, as a board member and member of the Executive Committee of the South Carolina Research Authority, and on the board of Hollingsworth Funds. I am past chair of the Greenville Area Development Corporation, past chair of the Community Foundation of Greenville, and Past President of the Greenville County Bar Association. 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 planning skills to support 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?

Please see Candidate Profile: Jo Hackl (attached)

How many hours per week are you able to commit to this board or commission? 10

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?
If yes, please explain: See attachment 1

Do you or any member of your immediate family receive direct services from this board?
If yes, please explain: _____

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

Do you currently hold any elected or appointed office or commission?
If yes, please list Greenville Technical College Area Commission

Have you previously held any elected or appointed office or commission?
If yes, please list Greenville County Human Relations Commission
Greenville Area Development Corporation

Have you ever been fined for an ethics violation?
If yes, please explain: _____

Have you ever been subject to penalty relating to a violation of State ethics standards?
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 *Jo Watson Hackel* Date *1/24/23*

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

If you have questions, please call 467-7115 or check the www.greenvillecounty.org website.

Greenville County Boards and Commissions

Accommodations Tax Advisory Commission
Airport Commission
Airport Environs Planning Commission
Alcohol and Drug Abuse Commission
Arena District Commission **
Board of Tax Assessment and Appeals
Construction Board of Appeals
Greater Greenville Sanitation District Commission **
Greenlink Board (GTA)
Greenville Area Development Corporation (GADC)
Historic Preservation Commission
Human Relations Commission
Library Board of Trustees
Metropolitan Sewer Sub-district **
Museum Commission
Parks, Recreation and Tourism Advisory Board
Greenville County Planning Commission
Greenville County Redevelopment Authority
South Carolina Technology and Aviation Center Board (SCTAC)
Thrive Upstate (formerly Disabilities and Special Needs Board) **
Zoning Board of Appeals

* Boards that are appointed by the Legislative Delegation upon recommendation of the Greenville County Council.

** Boards that are appointed by the Governor of South Carolina upon recommendation of the Greenville County Council.

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

➤ Jo Hackl is a business person and local investor, has practiced law for over thirty years, and is past Chair of the Greenville Area Development Corporation, and past President of the Greenville County Bar Association. The Greenville County Bar Association has awarded her the Tommy Thomason award, its highest honor. She has represented local issuers in securities registrations and corporate finance transactions involving over \$1 billion in registrations. She brings her business experience and skillset to any organization she is honored to serve. These skills include strategic planning, problem solving, fundraising, and communication. Jo has a collaborative leadership style and seeks to build partnerships across the community to create opportunities for every Greenville County citizen to thrive and prosper.

➤ Jo Hackl has a strong record of community leadership (a partial listing is below)

➤ **Community Service**

Current

- Vice-Chair, Greenville Technical College Area Commissioner and Chair of the Performance and Evaluation Committee
- Member of the Board of Directors and of the Executive Committee of the South Carolina Research Authority
- Hollingsworth Foundation Board of Trustees and Chair of the Investment Committee
- Liberty Fellowship: Mentor
- Chamber PULSE Pacesetter Mentor
- Founding Mentor of NEXT Venture Mentoring Service

Past

- Greenville Area Development Corporation, Past Chair and Member of the Board of Directors
- Community Foundation of Greenville, Past Chair and Member of the Board of Directors
- 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 and Member of the Executive Committee
- Greenville Professional Women's Forum: Past-President and Current Member
- The Peace Center for the Performing Arts: Past Member of Board of Directors and Executive Committee
- United Way of Greenville County: Past Member, Board of Directors, and Past Member of the Campaign Cabinet
- Within Reach: Past Member, Past Member of the Board of Directors

- Legal Services Agency of Western Carolina, Inc.: Past Chair and Member of the Board of Directors
 - 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, Past member, PAC Board
 - The Children’s Museum: Past Member of the Board of Directors
 - Completed the Riley Institute at Furman’s Diversity Leaders Initiative
 - Greenville Center for the Creative Arts, Past Member of the Board of Directors
 - Camperdown Academy, Past Member of the Board of Directors
 - South Carolina ETV Endowment: Past Member of the Board of Directors
- **Honors and Awards**
- Tommy Thomason Award, the highest award presented by the Greenville County Bar Association
 - Recognized by *Best Lawyers* and *Super Lawyers*
 - Selected by The Best Lawyers in America listing as the 2015 Greenville Business Organizations (including LLCs and Partnerships) “Lawyer of the Year.”
 - Recipient, Ruth Nicholson Award, Community Giving Awards
 - Recipient, Greenville Chamber’s ATHENA Leadership Award
 - “Fifty Most Influential” Greenville Business Magazine
 - Women of Achievement Award (presented by the YWCA)
 - Recipient, Peace Center for the Performing Arts Philanthropist of the Year Award
 - Recipient, Pro Bono Service Award: South Carolina Bar Association
 - Recipient, LIBRA Society Richard W. Riley Award for outstanding pro bono service
 - Featured, American Barrister magazine for pro bono work: American Bar Association
 - Winner, Southern Book Prize for her novel, *Smack Dab in the Middle of Maybe*, published by Random House Children’s Books; the book also has been named an Amazon “Teacher’s Pick”
- **Education**
- Millsaps College, B.A. in Economics and Political Science, with high honors
 - Yale Law School, JD, winner of the prize for the best student article in *The Yale Law Journal*
- **Family**
- Married for thirty-four years to Robert Hackl, Chef and owner of Augusta Grill. Three children: Abby, Catherine, and Robert

Attachment 1

I serve as an “of-counsel” attorney to Wyche, P.A. Wyche attorneys provide services to The Greenville Tech Foundation, which supports the work of Greenville Tech, and to Greenville Tech Charter schools, 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 Greenville Technical College nor I see 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 any charter school, and I would continue this practice if reappointed.