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Council District: 22 New Appointment Reappointment Attendance Record:

Library Board of Trustees Commission

The Library Board of Trustees meets at 12:00 Noon on the 4th Monday of each month at the Main Library- 25 Heritage Green Plaza, Greenville.

Name: **Theresa Marchi**

Occupation: **Marketing**

Employer: **United Way of
Greenville County**

Highest Degree Earned: **MBA**

School Attended: **Lander University**

Year of Graduation: **2024**

Field of Study: **Marketing**

Linked In Profile: **linkedin.com/in/theresamarchi**

Social Media Profile:

Military Experience:

Certifications:

Greenville Chamber Pacesetter (2023)
Citizens Transit Academy Graduate (2023)
Propel Greenville Board Training Graduate (2022)

Civic Organizations / Other Affiliations:

Rotary Club of the Reedy River Greenville, Rotary Club of Carolina Forest Sunrise

Volunteer Experience (Please List & Describe):

Becoming the youngest Rotarian in Rotary District 7770, and advocating for the Rotaract program young professionals in Rotary, including speaking at conferences. I've held various leadership positions and was honored to become a Paul Harris Fellow in 2017. Since joining a Rotary Club in Greenville, SC (District 7750 in 2018), I've also helped strengthen the annual Reedy River Duck Derby fundraiser to raise over \$100,000 for community programs through my expertise in marketing. My volunteer passions are supporting educational programming for children and supporting the needs of mothers and young women.

I've also completed the following leadership roles:

Charities Board President (July 2021 - July 2022)

Club President (July 2020 - July 2021, July 2022 - July 2023)

President Elect (July 2019 - June 2020)

Membership Committee (July 2019 - July 2020)

Club President Nominee (February 2019 - June 2019)

Vice President (July 2017 - June 2018)

Rotary Learning Institute - Zone 33 (May 2017)

New Generations Committee (August 2015 - June 2018)

I've also volunteered with United Way of Greenville County, Meals on Wheels, and First Baptist Church Sunday School.

My interest in serving on the Library Board of Trustees Commission:

I'm eager to contribute my dedication to community service and my skills in marketing and design to the Greenville County Library Board of Trustees Commission. With a strong background in nonprofit work, including leadership roles in Rotary, a global volunteer network, I am profoundly committed to positively impacting our community. Currently pursuing an MBA to enhance my ability to communicate the stories of these organizations and increase engagement with their missions, I aim to leverage my marketing and design expertise to advance causes I deeply care about.

Interestingly, there was a pivotal moment in my life when I contemplated a career shift from marketing to becoming a librarian due to libraries' profound impact on our community. Libraries are not limited to books; they serve as vital resources where people can access knowledge and technology, file taxes, and often act as central hubs for fulfilling various community needs. My firm belief that education is the most potent gateway out of poverty and a cornerstone for building strong communities further fuels my desire to serve on the Greenville County Library Board of Trustees Commission. I see this role as an opportunity to contribute to the continued growth and impact of our local library system, helping to provide access to education and resources that empower individuals and strengthen our community as a whole.

Additionally, my love for serving the community and supporting humanitarian efforts, often combined with my passion for outdoor activities like hiking and camping, fuels my desire to join the Commission and help shape the library's role in our community.

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

As a prospective member of the Library Board of Trustees Commission, I understand the critical responsibilities involved in overseeing the Greenville County Library System. This entails tasks such as selecting a qualified chief librarian, managing library assets, and actively seeking collaboration opportunities with various public and private entities. Regional cooperation, financial budgeting, and adhering to personnel policies and regulations are fundamental aspects of the role. I also recognize the significance of financial transparency through audits and comprehensive reporting. My commitment to community service aligns seamlessly with our mission of expanding library resource access, and I am enthusiastic about exploring avenues to broaden our services. Additionally, establishing governance standards and active participation in regular meetings are essential components of fulfilling these responsibilities. In essence, I am prepared to contribute in a professional and dedicated manner to enhance accessibility, collaboration, financial accountability, and community engagement within our library system.

Describe your strengths or skills that would positively contribute to the Library Board of Trustees Commission:

I believe I possess several strengths and skills that would be valuable contributions to the Library Board of Trustees Commission:

Community Engagement: Over the years, my active involvement and leadership roles within Rotary have provided me with a deep understanding of community needs and the ability to connect with the local population. This experience is crucial for shaping library services that genuinely benefit our community.

Nonprofit Expertise: My strong commitment to nonprofit work and my pursuit of an MBA to enhance my ability to communicate their stories and missions underscore my dedication to making a difference in the nonprofit sector. I can leverage this expertise to advocate for the library's role in our community effectively.

Marketing and Design: With a background in marketing and design, I possess the skills necessary to effectively promote library programs, resources, and services. This capability can help attract more users and increase community engagement with our library.

Passion for Education: I firmly believe that education is the most powerful tool for breaking the cycle of poverty and building strong communities. This belief aligns perfectly with the library's mission to provide access to knowledge and educational resources. I am committed to driving initiatives that enhance educational opportunities through our library.

Innovation: My willingness to explore alternative career paths, including considering a role as a librarian, demonstrates my innovative mindset. I believe this quality can be instrumental in helping our library adapt to changing community needs and technological advancements.

Community-Centric Perspective: I recognize that libraries are not merely book repositories but serve as central hubs for various community needs. My holistic view positions me to advocate for and contribute to our library's multifaceted role in serving our community.

In summary, I believe my diverse background in community involvement, nonprofit knowledge, marketing and design skills, passion for education, innovative thinking, and community-centric perspective collectively make me a well-rounded candidate capable of making a significant and positive impact on the Library Board of Trustees Commission.

My community topics of concern that relate to the Library Board of Trustees Commission:

Some of the topics of concern that relate to the Library Board of Trustees Commission are:

1. Accessibility

I am deeply committed to ensuring accessibility in all its forms - physical, digital, and in the availability of resources - within our library. This includes bridging educational gaps, expanding digital literacy, and ensuring that the library is physically accessible to all community members, including those with disabilities.

2. Funding

I am concerned about advocating for sufficient funding for our library to maintain and expand its services, especially in times of budget constraints. This is crucial to ensure that our library continues to meet the community's needs effectively. While others think libraries are a thing of the past, I firmly believe that libraries have historically and continue to evolve with a community, and without them, we'd be worse for it. Libraries need the funding to evolve with the community's needs. Whether this means supporting new grant opportunities or being part of advocating for local/state/federal dollars, funding needs to be a priority.

3. Collaboration

Do you currently hold an elected or appointed office or commission?

Yes No

If yes, please list:

Have you previously held an elected or appointed office or commission?

Yes No

If yes, please list:

Have you ever been fined for an ethics violation?

- 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:

Are you currently, or have ever been, a part or party to any litigation with or against Greenville County?

- Yes No

If yes, please give details:

Would you be willing to submit to a criminal background check and/or credit check?

- Yes No

Are you aware of the meeting schedule and time commitment for the Library Board of Trustees Commission

- Yes No

Have you attended a meeting of the Library Board of Trustees Commission

- Yes No

Are you aware of the County's attendance policy as it relates to County boards and commissions?

- Yes No

Are you aware this is not a compensated position?

- Yes No

It is the policy of Greenville County to require disclosure of any personal or financial interest that may be influenced by decisions of the Committee, Board or Commission for which any citizen applies for membership.

Do you or a member of your immediate family provide goods and/or services to this board?

Yes No

Do you or a member of your immediate family benefit from the action of this board?

Yes No

Does your employer provide goods and/or services to this board?

Yes No

Does your employer receive direct services from this board?

Yes No

Does your employer financially benefit from the actions of this board?

Yes No

By signing your name and turning in your application, you agree to and attest to the following:

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 Clerk to Council's office.

I have read the Greenville County Board and Commission Policy and I understand the rules of conduct for the position for which I am applying.

I understand my lack of attendance for three (3) consecutive meetings or 25% of all regular scheduled meetings within a 12-month period may result in my removal from the board.

I understand that I serve at the pleasure of County Council and all appointments are subject to the Ethics, Government Accountability, and Campaign Reform Act, S.C. Code Ann. Section 8-13-100 et. seq. Any member appointed to a board or commission whose action is inconsistent or may be perceived to be inconsistent with the spirit or intent of the Act, may be subject for removal.

I understand that information provided in this application may be subject to South Carolina Freedom of Information disclosure.

Applicant Signature:

Date:

Applicants are encouraged to notify their representing Council Member of their interest to be considered for a desired board seat.