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### 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: Joseph Poore

Occupation: CFO

Highest

Degree Bachelor of Science

Earned:

Year of

Graduation: 2009

Linked In

Profile: <https://www.linkedin.com/in/josephpoore/>

Employer: GEM Mining

School

Attended: Bob Jones University

Field of

Study: Accounting

Social

Media Profile: <https://www.facebook.com/joe.poore.3>

#### Military Experience:

Sergeant in the US Marine Corps. Deployed to Iraq as a part of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

#### Certifications:

Certified Public Accountant

#### Civic Organizations / Other Affiliations:

In addition to my current service on the Library Board of Trustees, I also serve on the Vestry (board) at Village Anglican Church.

**Volunteer Experience (Please List & Describe):**

Greenville County Library Board of Trustees- have served as trustee since 2011. Have previously chaired the Finance Committee and currently serve as the Vice-Chair of the Board.

United Way- served as a Loaned Executive for United Way for 3 years. Worked as a part of committee that evaluated applications for funding and monitored performance of funded agencies.

Junior Achievement- taught finance classes to elementary and middle school kids.

YWCA- taught Smart Money financial classes offered through YWCA.

Greenville Chamber of Commerce- PULSE- Chaired the Pacesetters program which provides a year long mentorship program for young professionals. My role as Chair involved coordinating and scheduling activities, managing the budget and pairing mentors/mentees.

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

I grew up in a working class family in Berea. While my family wasn't blessed with the same material means as others, my parents believed in the value of education and work ethic. Those two things unlocked part of the world for me and my family that I could only dream about as a child.

Education and ideas have the power to change. Change people, change circumstances, change lives. I am living proof of that.

I have served on the Board since 2011 and still have the same passion to serve as Board member to support the executive team in carrying out the Library's mission to champion literacy, inspire learning and foster community connection.

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

The Library Board is primarily responsible for oversight of the Library's operations, appointment and annual evaluation of the Executive Director, and approving an annual budget. Other duties include entering into contracts from time to time, such as land purchases for new branches, appointing an external auditor, and setting policy guidance necessary for the efficient and effective operation of the Library System. The Board has oversight of the System as a whole but is not primarily responsible for day to day tactical operation of the System. The Board meets once a month (typically) with additional committee meetings on an as needed basis.

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

In my professional career, I previously worked as a partner in a top 25 US accounting firm and now currently serve as a CFO. My career has included extensive work in accounting, financial reporting and analysis, management of personnel and mergers and acquisitions. I am also a certified public accountant. My strengths for strong financial management, prudent risk management and fiscal discipline have contributed significantly to the Library moving from a weak financial position when I joined the board to an extremely strong position today. Additionally, I have a strong institutional knowledge from my Board experience and the conflicts we have faced especially in the past 5 years. My experience on the Board along with my professional experience in tense negotiations have me well prepared to contribute positively, calmly and coherently to the Board as we manage thorny issues.

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

Greenville is an incredible place to call home. But too many have been left behind from Greenville's prosperity. I believe a big part of closing the gap is education, literacy and affordable access to the tools needed to grow personally and professionally. The Library is a hub for providing these things to residents of Greenville County.

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

- Yes       No

If yes, please list:

Greenville County Library Board of Trustees

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

- Yes       No

If yes, please list:

Greenville County Library Board of Trustees (originally appointed in 2011)

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:

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Date:

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