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Council District: 19

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: Stephen Shelato

Occupation: Consultant

Employer: Team Co-op

Highest Degree Earned: Bachelors

School Attended: University of South Carolina

Year of Graduation: 2018

Field of Study: Human Services

Linked In Profile: <https://www.linkedin.com/in/sshelato/>

Social Media Profile:

### Military Experience:

N/A

### Certifications:

Masters in Social Work (USC, in progress) 2020 - Present,  
The Art & Science of Cooperative Development (CooperationWorks) 2022,  
Registered SMART Addiction Recovery Facilitator (SMART Recovery) 2021,  
Mobility Mentoring Foundations Course (EMPath Economic Mobility Pathways) 2021,  
Credit as an Asset Coach (Credit Builders Alliance Training Institute) 2020,  
Motivational Interviewing (Bolter Consulting & University of South Carolina) 2017 – 2020,  
Mental Health First Aid (National Council for Behavioral Health) 2016 & 2019

### Civic Organizations / Other Affiliations:

Professional Development Committee (CooperationWorks) 2022 - Present,  
Board Member (Sans Souci Neighborhood Alliance) 2022 - Present,  
Working Group Member (Greenville Homeless Alliance) 2021 - Present,  
Transit Advocacy Academy (Greenlink) 2021

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

Professional Development Committee (CooperationWorks, training new cooperative business developers) 2022 - Present,  
Board Member (Sans Souci Neighborhood Alliance) 2022 - Present,  
Working Group Member (Greenville Homeless Alliance, supervising the leadership and fostering organizational best practices) 2021 - Present,  
GED Tutor (United Ministries) 2016 - 2017,  
Web Development Mentor (SC Codes, training web programmers) 2016,  
Cub Scout Summer Camp Counselor (Blue Ridge Council, Boy Scouts of America) 2005 – 2008,  
Eagle Scout Service Project (BSA & Simpsonville United Methodist Church) 2003

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

To encourage good governance, thoughtful long-term planning, and efficient use of county resources.

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

Library trustees provide essential oversight of high-level library operations including supervising the library director, expanding and enhancing library properties and services, and ensuring alignment with local, state, and federal regulations.

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

I have a deep understanding of the needs of Greenville County residents as a result of over a decade of education, coaching, and community building work. I have played a key role in developing new GCLS services and program offerings. I am acutely aware of librarians' training needs as a result of my work in Staff Development at GCLS. And in my current career I specialize in building effective teams and crafting governance policies and routines that ensure effective top-level management.

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

The public library is an under-utilized resource for adult education and, especially, workforce development. The library has locations accessible to every community in Greenville, with free meeting spaces and ample resources for hosting self-directed peer learning. Greenville County has a severe need for workforce development. Instead of being used as a political tool by a small number of local leaders, the library of the future must focus on remaining relevant and effective as an educational tool. Libraries are a place of connection, self-help, and efficient resource sharing. When we ignore libraries, we kill communities.

**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:

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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.*