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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: **Gregory Somers**

Occupation: Equal Opportunity Investigator

Employer: EEOC

Highest Degree Earned: Bachelor's

School Attended: University of Minnesota

Year of Graduation: 2000

Field of Study: Spanish; Political Science

Linked In Profile: Gregory Somers

Social Media Profile: Gregory Somers on Facebook

#### **Military Experience:**

none

#### **Certifications:**

CPR

#### **Civic Organizations / Other Affiliations:**

Member of Berea First Baptist Church

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

Pastor of Iglesia Bautista la Roca from 2012 until 9/2022. The church has met and ministered in the Berea community with a special focus on Spanish speakers.

Volunteer of children's hockey coaching at the Pavilion winter 2021

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

I want to contribute to the continued service of the community with wonderful educational resources and learning experiences.

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

The position requires serving as a champion for literacy, inspiring learning, and fostering community connection. Board members determine the chief librarian, ensure financial integrity, receive and expend grants and donations, provide administrative support for library assets as well as

Furthermore, trustees strive to ensure that the library continues to be Greenville County's first choice for exploration, discovery, and information

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

I am a collaborative team member with a positive and can do attitude. I listen well, provide strong analytical skills to build consensus and find solutions to support the vision.

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

Customer service, attractive and meaningful events, and community engagement.

**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.*

