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Council District: 23 New Appointment X 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: **Mark E. Songer**

Occupation:

Highest Degree Earned: **B.S. Business Administration**

Year of Graduation: **1976**

Linked In Profile: **inactive**

Employer:

School Attended: **Bowling Green State University**

Field of Study: **Accounting**

Social Media Profile: **<https://www.facebook.com/mark.songer.940>**

Military Experience:

Never enlisted in the service. From 2013 through 2019 served as volunteer for Naval Air Station Key West Restoration Advisory Board. My role was a community liaison to the professional staff and consultants in reviewing current and planned environmental remediation of the Monroe County, Florida Naval properties.

Certifications:

Certified Public Accountant. I passed the Uniform CPA examination on my first attempt in 1976 and was certified in 1978. Although I was previously licensed in Ohio and Florida, I am no longer licensed to practice as a CPA. Certificate in Nonprofit Accounting I and II – American Institute of Certified Public Accountants

Civic Organizations / Other Affiliations:

Member of League of Women Voters of Greenville County and active in voter registration and education. Current participant in Osher Life-Long Learning Institute classes at Furman University. Member of Greenville County Bird Club and Carolina Bird Club.

Volunteer Experience (Please List & Describe):

Treasurer, League of Women Voters of Florida January 2018 to June 2023 – Board member responsible for budgeting, financial reporting, and fiscal policies for this state-wide nonprofit organization.
Treasurer and President, Protect Key West and the Florida Keys, Inc. January 2006 to April 2023 – Typical treasurer duties and leadership of this all-volunteer civic organization focused on environmental and quality of life issues in the Florida Keys.

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

Libraries are a vital resource to the community, and I want to see geographically diverse representation. Currently there are no members from District 23 where I live. As an older library user, I want to represent the needs of my peers before the board and help make choices to prioritize services when budget restrictions constrain what is possible.

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

The board has oversight of the operations, resources, and programs of the Library, with some items requiring approval of the Greenville County Council. The board is responsible to hire the Library Director who is in turn responsible for personnel decisions for the library system. The board recommends a budget and annually provides an operations report for the library system to Greenville County Council.

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

As a CPA, I have been trained to make thoughtful decisions based on data relevant to the issue. I have extensive non-profit audit and budget experience to support two of the Library Board's annual responsibilities. My recent governing board experience has taught me the importance of listening and respecting other's opinions, especially for issues where advocates passionately support their positions.

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

Greenville County Library System is well positioned to serve county residents. I'm concerned that all sections of the county have their needs addressed, particularly for services that are not able to be offered at all branches. I would be a strong advocate to Greenville County Council for the library system as it competes for limited budget funding with other vital county services.

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.