



# BOARD AND COMMISSION APPLICATION

## Thrive Upstate (formerly Disabilities and Special Needs Board)

The Thrive Upstate Board meets at 4:30 p.m. on the 4th Thursday of each month at 1700 Ridge Road, Greenville.

### Personal Information

<b>Name:</b>	William (Bern) Mebane	<b>Birthdate:</b>	
<b>Prefix:</b>	Mr.	<b>City/State/Zip:</b>	
<b>Home Address:</b>		<b>Phone #:</b>	
<b>Email:</b>		<b>Driver's License #:</b>	
<b>Voter Registration #:</b>		<b>Occupation:</b>	
<b>Employer:</b>	Retired	<b>School Attended:</b>	
<b>Highest Degree Earned:</b>	BA	<b>Field of Study:</b>	
<b>Year of Graduation:</b>	1971	<b>Social Media Profile:</b>	
<b>Linked In Profile:</b>			

### Experience / Certifications / Interest

**Military Experience:**

NA

**Certifications:**

NA

**Civic Organizations / Other Affiliations:**

Greenville Health System–Chair  
United Way Greenville County– Chair  
Urban League of the Upstate– Chair  
SCMental Retardation Commission(DDSN)  
Greenville Assn of Retarded Citizens– President  
Christ Church– Vestry, Senior Warden  
Thrive Upstate

**Volunteer Experience (please list and describe):**

Active volunteer in field of intellectual disability since we have two handicapped children.  
Civic duty through others.

**My interest in serving on the Thrive Upstate (formerly Disabilities and Special Needs Board) is:**

Family and experience in the field need to be shared, in addition to experience as an officer in two publicly–traded companies to help guide business functions

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

Continued participation in guiding the policies and direction of this important body.

**Describe your strengths or skills that would positively contribute to the Thrive Upstate (formerly Disabilities and Special Needs Board):**

Experience in business, in the community, the Church and family for 52 years

**My community topics of concern that relate to the Thrive Upstate (formerly Disabilities and Special Needs Board) are:**

## Other elected or appointed offices / Ethics / Legal

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

Yes  No

*If yes, please list:*

Thrive Board

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

Yes  No

*If yes, please list:*

Three years on SC Mental Retardation Commission  
Six years on GHS.

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

Yes  No

*If yes, please explain:*

## Additional Questions

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 Thrive Upstate (formerly Disabilities and Special Needs Board)?

Yes  No

Have you attended a meeting of the Thrive Upstate (formerly Disabilities and Special Needs Board)?

Yes  No

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

Yes  No

Are you aware this is not a compensated position?

Yes  No

## Conflict of Interest

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

*If yes, please explain:*

Do you or a member of your immediate family receive direct services from this board?

Yes  No

*If yes, please explain:*

Son attends Patrick Center

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

Yes  No

*If yes, please explain:*

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

Yes  No

*If yes, please explain:*

Does your employer receive direct services from this board?

Yes  No

*If yes, please explain:*

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

Yes  No

*If yes, please explain:*

## Statement of Agreement and Understanding

**Electronic Signature Agreement.** By selecting the "Submit" button, you are signing this Application electronically (e-signature), you agree your "e-signature" is the legal equivalent of your manual signature on this Application. Additionally, 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 County Council office.*

*I have read the Greenville County Board and Commission Policy and I understand the rules of conduct for the seat 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 year 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., and 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.*

**Signature:** William deBerniere Mebane

**Date:** 9/19/2024

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