



BOARD AND COMMISSION APPLICATION

Human Relations Commission

The Human Relations Commission meets at 11:30 a.m. on the 1st Thursday of every other month at 301 University Ridge, Greenville.

Personal Information

Name:	Lawson Wetli	Birthdate:	
Prefix:	Ms.	City/State/Zip:	
Home Address:		Phone #:	
Email:		Driver's License #:	
Voter Registration #:		Occupation:	Attorney
Employer:	elg firm	School Attended:	Columbia School of Law
Highest Degree Earned:	JD	Field of Study:	Law
Year of Graduation:	1994	Social Media Profile:	
Linked In Profile:			

Experience / Certifications / Interest

Military Experience:

NA

Certifications:

NA

Civic Organizations / Other Affiliations:

I currently serve as State Program Director of the League of Women Voters of South Carolina (a board position) and as Political Action Chair of the Greenville Branch NAACP (an executive committee position). I am a member of a number of other civic organizations without holding leadership positions. (I'm happy to detail them if needed!)

Volunteer Experience (please list and describe):

In recent years, and in addition to volunteer efforts with the civic organizations listed above, I have served as a volunteer mediator with the Upstate Mediation Center for many years, including spearheading a community mediation related to homelessness a number of years ago. I have also served on the board of GCRA (with my term expiring in a few weeks).

My interest in serving on the Human Relations Commission is:

The focus of the commission is very much in line with my values and beliefs -- I believe deeply in the need for communities to look out for "the least of these", including people at risk for or experiencing homeless, seniors, and disabled people. I have particularly focused on addressing the need for housing in Greenville and consider this a core need in our county.

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

My understanding is that the board of the GCHRC makes decisions relating to the mission, which is to improve the quality of opportunity for our county's citizens. I believe that there is a particular focus on housing (including preventing/addressing homelessness) but not an exclusive focus.

Describe your strengths or skills that would positively contribute to the Human Relations Commission:

In addition to my passion for increasing access to opportunity for all our county's citizens, I have a strong background in problem-solving, communication and empathy from both my career (legal) and volunteer experiences. I believe that I have been an asset to the boards that I have chosen and have been selected to serve on.

My community topics of concern that relate to the Human Relations Commission are:

I believe that housing in Greenville County is a particularly acute need, and I also support the educational and other efforts that I understand GCHRC to be involved in.

Other elected or appointed offices / Ethics / Legal

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

Yes No

If yes, please list:

I have served on the board of the Greenville County Redevelopment Authority for about 6 years. My term ends 11/30/24, so I will not be serving on GCRA beginning in a few weeks.

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 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 Human Relations Commission?

Yes No

Have you attended a meeting of the Human Relations Commission?

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:

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: Lawson Wetli

Date: 11/15/2024

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