



## 2025 GREENVILLE COUNTY CITIZENS ACADEMY APPLICATION FORM

Prefix: Mr. Full Legal Name: Russell Vincent Conner

Nominated by: Benton Blount - District 19

Home Address: City: Greenville Zip: 29617

Cell Phone: Other Phone:

Email Address:

SC Drivers License #: Voter Registration #:

Occupation: Retired Employer: N/A

Employer Address:

Why are you interested in participating in the Citizens Academy?

I have been a devoted student of local government since I was a teen and have sought to be as knowledgeable a citizen and voter as possible. This has primarily (but not exclusively) been at the Municipal level. I would love to take that knowledge and enrich it with a deeper understanding of the workings at the county government level. Having lived in other parts of the state and had involvement in their local governments, I also have insight into what peer counties do.

Volunteer Experience / Civic Organizations:

Columbia Jaycees, Richland County Poll Worker, Elmwood Park Neighborhood Association - President, River Alliance board member, North Main Task Force board member.  
Greenville County Poll Worker, Rebuild Upstate volunteer, St. Andrews Episcopal Church - Treasurer, Finance Committee Chairman, Real Estate Committee chairman.

What specific skills do you believe you could contribute as a member of the academy?

I have deep experience in negotiations between developers, non-profits, neighborhood associations and public boards to effect change that all affected parties could accept and benefit from. I worked in the IT field for my working career during which I created budgets and provided project management and team leadership. I have attended hundreds of public meetings of government councils and boards, and have addressed agenda items at a number of them.

What are you most interested in learning during this academy?

To gain a more comprehensive high-level understanding of how Greenville County government operates and the full roster of functions that it performs. Additionally, I wish to understand the interactions between these various functions. Lastly, to gain perspective on the different needs and challenges of both rural and urban areas within the county.

Consistent attendance at sessions is important to fully benefit from the program. By submitting your application, you acknowledge you have reviewed the dates and understand this commitment.

☒ I have reviewed the dates and understand.

Signature: Russell V Conner

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**Email completed application to:**  
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**by Friday February 14, 2025**