



BOARD AND COMMISSION APPLICATION

GREENVILLE AREA DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION (GADC)

The Greenville Area Development Corporation board meets the first Wednesday of each month at 12:00 p.m. at 301 University Ridge, Suite N-4300, Greenville.

Personal Information

Name:	Carlos Cunningham	Birthdate:	
Prefix:	Mr.	City/State/Zip:	
Home Address:		Phone #:	
Email:		Driver's License #:	
Voter Registration #:		Occupation:	Financial Reporting (CPA) / Adjunct Instructor
Employer:	Current Lighting	School Attended:	Univ of South Carolina / Clemson
Highest Degree Earned:	Masters in Accounting	Field of Study:	Accounting
Year of Graduation:	2017	Social Media Profile:	
Linked In Profile:			

Experience / Certifications / Interest

Military Experience:

NA

Certifications:

Certified Public Accountant (CPA)

Civic Organizations / Other Affiliations:

2024-25 Leadership Greenville Alumnus (Class 51)
Greenville Technical College ("GTC") Accounting Advisory Committee

Volunteer Experience (please list and describe):

Leadership Greenville Class 51 volunteer - Team member on significant renovation project for United Ministries' Place of Hope day shelter downtown Greenville, improving facilities and service spaces in 2025.

My interest in serving on the GREENVILLE AREA DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION (GADC) is:

I want to help keep Greenville County competitive long-term while staying true to the community where I've built my career and life. I moved here in 2016 and quickly fell in love with Greenville. Professionally, I bring seven years of public accounting audit experience and now work as a financial reporting manager for a private-equity-owned global manufacturer based here, giving me a practical perspective on growth and operations.

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

I view service on the GADC board as a governance role focused on long-term decision-making around job creation and investment. From a board perspective, this means evaluating projects through both a business and community lens, understanding risks and trade-offs, and providing informed oversight while management executes economic development initiatives.

Describe your strengths or skills that would positively contribute to the GREENVILLE AREA DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION (GADC):

I bring a mix of public accounting and industry experience. I'm a CPA and currently a financial reporting manager for a global manufacturer based in Greenville. Previously, I spent seven years in public accounting auditing manufacturing, distribution,

and real estate clients. That background makes me comfortable reviewing U.S. GAAP financials, identifying risk, and contributing thoughtful input at the board level.

My community topics of concern that relate to the GREENVILLE AREA DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION (GADC) are:

The issues I care most about include quality job growth, long-term business retention, workforce alignment, and thoughtful management of growth. I want Greenville County to be intentional and forward-thinking about the industries we pursue, including emerging technology-driven sectors like AI. I'm especially interested in strong alignment between employers and education, which I see firsthand through my involvement with Greenville Technical College.

Other elected or appointed offices / Ethics / Legal

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 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 GREENVILLE AREA DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION (GADC)? Yes No

Have you attended a meeting of the GREENVILLE AREA DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION (GADC)? 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?
If yes, please explain:

Yes No

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: Carlos Cunningham

Date: 3/19/2026

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