



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:	Eric Groves		
Prefix:	Mr.	Birthdate:	
Home Address:		City/State/Zip:	
Email:		Phone #:	
Voter Registration #:		Driver's License #:	
Employer:	Special Services Corporartion	Occupation:	CEO / Pilot
Highest Degree Earned:	4 year Degree	School Attended:	Bob Jones University
Year of Graduation:	1991	Field of Study:	Business & Commercial Aviation
Linked In Profile:		Social Media Profile:	

Experience / Certifications / Interest

Military Experience:

NA

Certifications:

Commercial Single Engine Land Pilot, Airline Transport Pilot

Civic Organizations / Other Affiliations:

Scholarship Committee at Hidden Treasure Christian School, Board Member at Hidden Treasure Christian School 2010 – 2024, Chairman of Hidden Treasure Advisory Committee, Deacon at Faith Baptist Church (Taylors),

Volunteer Experience (please list and describe):

Special Needs children are a passion of mine. I've served at Hidden Treasure Christian School for a number of years working with the financial needs of the parents getting their children into the ministry. Been a deacon at Faith Baptist church for 24 years, been a member there for 42 years. Work with a ministry called TW Quarter Ranch who works with people of all ages and backgrounds (both with special needs and troubled backgrounds).

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

I would love to work with the GADC as its mission is to bring up the overall economic level of the Greenville (upstate) area. Obviously, the area is continuing to grow, but it needs to grow in ways that will really benefit the upstate for which we already excel. There is no reason to reinvent the wheel, but instead, grow the businesses for which we are already known (manufacturing, auto industry (and its suppliers), aviation (personal interest aside)).

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

GADC has a complete operating staff that works tirelessly to advance the business growth of the upstate. The role of the Board is to assist in the that work. The role is to think outside the box and bring ideas as well as to help validate and strengthen the work the staff has already done, basically, GADC is a policy board and not a governing board. Considering the GADC is a 501(c)(3) the board is there to assist in transparency and accountability to the taxpayers of the upstate.

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

Calling the upstate home for the last 45 years, has given be a love for the area. Having a livelihood in aviation and getting to fly around the country, makes me appreciate being from the upstate and coming home as soon as I can. My company, Special Services Corp, was a subsidiary to The Liberty Corporation, and I got to work for and with Mr. Hayne Hipp. I learned so much from his mentoring and getting to take him on so many trips around the country.

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

The excessive growth of the area, not a problem by itself, but without the business infrastructure to support that growth, you get a "boom town" that won't last. Getting and keeping businesses here that provide well above median incomes is what will sustain the growth we are experiencing.

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: Eric A. Groves

Date: 3/5/2026

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