

Application Form

Profile

If you have any questions or difficulty submitting this application, please reach out to Alex Guzhnay at aguzhnay@newhavenct.gov or call 203-946-7670.

Susan

First Name

Whetsone

Last Name

Middle Initial

swhetstone@comcast.net

Email Address

243 Front Street

Home Address

Unit B

Suite or Apt

New Haven

City

CT

State

06513

Postal Code

What ward do you live in (optional - please select ward if you know)?

Ward 15

Mobile: (203) 752-2465

Primary Phone

Alternate Phone

Are any of the above number a cell phone number?

Yes No

If so, which? Also, is it okay to send a text message?

203-376-2294/ text message is okay

Are you currently employed by the City of New Haven or the New Haven Public School System?

Yes No

Employer

Job Title

To see our list of Boards and Commissions please click here: <https://newhaven-ct.granicus.com/boards/w/976a34cad711af7c/boards>

Which Boards would you like to apply for?

City Employees Retirement Board: Submitted

Is this an appointment or reappointment request? *

Reappointment

Interests & Experiences

Please tell us about yourself and why you want to serve. Please attach any of the follow:

Resume, Curriculum Vitae (CV), Professional Bio, or a Statement of Interest.

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Upload a Resume

If not submitting a Resume or CV, please submit a ~150 word Statement of Interest as to why you are interested in serving on your selected boards/commissions. If you have uploaded a resume OR you are seeking reappointment, you can write n/a.

I will submit my resume separately to Alex Guzhnay as my resume failed to upload after a number of attempts. I would be interested in continuing to serve on the CERF Board, on which I have been a member since July 27, 2020. I believe my background, including having served as the City of New Haven's Chief Administrative Officer under two Mayors, has provided me with an understanding of City purchasing, bidding, procurement and contract management.

Why are you interested in serving on a board or commission?

I believe I have made a positive contribution to the workings of the CERF pension Board through my active and consistent participation and attendance at CERF Board meetings. I have, in that time, developed an understanding and knowledge of the pension Board's investment policies and procedures

Why do you believe you would be a good fit for your selected board and commission(s)?

Given my current membership on the Board and my past employment experience I believe I can continue to make a contribution to the activities of the board in the selection of investment managers, and the operational workings of CERF.

Do you have any time commitments that would prevent you from participating in board/commission meetings? Meeting times can be found by visiting newhavenct.gov/boards, but most are usually once a month for 1-2 hours.

none

Demographics

Some boards and commissions require membership to be politically proportionate, per State Statute on minority party representation (CGS § 9-167a). What is your political affiliation on your voter registration?

Democrat

In order to stay compliant with our city's charter, are you registered to vote in New Haven?

Yes No

We strive to maintain diversity in all of our Boards and Commissions. These questions are optional and if you volunteer the information we will only use it to ensure that our boards and commissions are diverse.

Ethnicity

African American

Gender

Female

How did you hear about serving on our Boards & Commissions?

through my current service on the Board

Susan Whetstone
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EMPLOYMENT STATUS: Retired

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

Connecticut Housing Finance Authority April, 2009 to February, 2014
Chief Administrative Officer

Responsible for operational improvements, strategic planning, and oversight for Human Resources, Information Technology, Communications, and Housing Policy, Research and Planning.

University of Connecticut Health Center February 2000 to April, 2009
Chief Administrative Officer

Responsible to the Executive Vice President/Dean, School of Medicine for management of the Human Resources; Facilities Management; Information Technology and Telecommunications; Office of Diversity and Equity; Campus Planning, Design and Construction; Public Safety; and Student Services, including oversight of the UCONN21 Health Center construction program, and operational improvements in research, clinical service delivery and staff productivity.

City of New Haven

Chief Administrative Officer October, 1997 to February, 2000
Responsible to the Mayor for management of the Departments of Police, Fire, Parks, Public Works, Library, City Plan, City Engineering, Traffic and Parking, and Personnel/Civil Service.

Coordinator, School Facilities Planning and Construction Nov., 1995 to Sept., 1997
Responsible to the Superintendent of Schools for implementation of a \$200 million comprehensive school construction and renovation program including application for State funding and project management for eleven school projects.

Connecticut Resources Recovery Authority

Director of Operations March, 1993 - October, 1995
Responsible for statewide marketing of regional municipal solid waste disposal capacity and long-term municipal waste contracting.

State of CT, Office of Policy and Management

Director, Bureau of Asset Management August, 1992 – March, 1993
Responsible for the development and implementation of a program to inventory State-owned and leased real estate including condition assessment and re-utilization planning.

Connecticut Resources Recovery Authority

Recycling Coordinator December, 1990-July, 1992
Responsible for development, design, construction and start-up of the state's largest newspaper and bottle recycling facility and related 5,000 square foot recycling education center.

Yale University

January, 1990 – November, 1990

Director for Administration, President's Office

Serve as President's with the University Officers and outside agencies and management of the President's Office operations and staffing. Special projects including negotiation of the sale of the Yale School of Nursing building.

City of New Haven

March, 1986- December, 1989

Chief Administrative Officer /Deputy Chief Administrative Officer

Responsible to the Mayor for management of the Departments of Police, Fire, Public Works, Libraries, Parks and Recreation, Civil Service and Purchasing. Project Manager for the \$14 million Ives Main Branch Library Renovation Project, solid waste management planning, and planning and development of the State Rental Assistance Program (RAP).

New Haven Foundation

January, 1979 – March, 1986

Assistant Director – Program Officer

Responsible for the pre-screening, research, analysis, evaluation, and performance monitoring of non-profit grant recipients within the Greater New Haven area.

Housing Authority of the City of New Haven

June, 1975 - March, 1978

Executive Assistant to the Executive Director/Section 8 Housing Coordinator

Responsible to the Executive Director for coordination and administration of all housing management functions including direct supervision of five management field offices. Responsible for development of the Section 8 Rental Assistance Program federal application, program implementation and oversight.

New Haven Redevelopment Agency

September, 1969 - June, 1975

Program Assistant/Research Assistant

Responsible to the Director of Administration for application preparation, reporting and compliance for federally funded urban renewal and community development block grant programs. Responsible for development and submission of the City of New Haven Housing Assistance Plan 1974.

EDUCATION:

Howard University
Washington, D.C.
B.A. Sociology, 1969

AFFILIATIONS:

Member, City of New Haven, City Employees Retirement Fund (CERF), Trustee July 2020-Dec. 31, 2022;
Jan. 1, 2023-Dec. 31, 2025
Member, Gaylord Hospital, Board of Directors, 2018 to present
Member, Yale New Haven Hospital, Board of Directors, 1990-1992, 2009-2017
Member and Secretary, First City Fund Corporation Board of Directors - 2007-2017
Member, Start Bank (New Haven Bank), Board of Directors – 2010-2017
Member, The Community Foundation for Greater New Haven, Board of Directors -2001-2007
Member, Concepts for Adaptive Learning, Board of Directors - 2003-2006
Member, New Haven Board of Education - 2001-2004
Commissioner, City of New Haven Department of Fire Services - 1995-1997
Member, Yale Public Interest Law Initiative, Board 1987-1989
Member, Women's Health Services, Board of Directors - 1989-90