



# Application for Boards and Commissions

City of New Haven, CT

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<b>Are you a registered voter?</b>	Yes
<b>What political party do you belong to? [This information is only requested as it is required by the city charter (Article X Sec. 2-551) to ensure minority party representation on boards and commissions]</b>	Democratic
<b>Which board and/or commission are you hoping to serve on?</b>	Health Commission
<b>What is your current occupation?</b>	Physician
<b>Please explain why you are interested in serving on this board/commission?</b>	<p>I have been an active and enthusiastic supporter of Mayor Elicker's efforts to improve governmental transparency and effectiveness. It would be a particular honor to serve with him to help to oversee our city's efforts to promote community and population health. While public health is a general interest of mine, my particular background includes research into improving the treatment of hypertension and other poorly addressed cardiovascular disease risk-factors. Such risk-factors are among the most common and modifiable causes of premature illness in our most underserved communities.</p>
<b>Why do you believe you are a good fit for this board/commission?</b>	<p>I am a collaborative and engaged citizen of New Haven with particular experience in healthcare improvement efforts. I would look forward to this opportunity to serve, contribute where I can, and learn from the others on the commission.</p> <p>Regarding my professional biography, I am presently an Associate Professor and researcher on faculty at the Yale School of Medicine. My background includes a medical degree and masters in health sciences from Yale School of Medicine followed by Residency and Fellowship training in Cardiothoracic Anesthesiology at Yale-New Haven Hospital. My research is presently funded by the NIH, and one particular strength that I can bring to the commission is a track record of successfully competing for federal grant funding. When grant funding opportunities become available for public health initiatives in the city, I would be thrilled to assist the health department to apply for such funds independently or - where relevant - in collaboration with appropriate partners from the medical community.</p>

**Do you have any time commitments that would prevent you from participating in the board/commission meetings?**

I do not anticipate significant conflicts. Wednesday evenings are typically a very good time that fits well into my work and family obligations.