

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.

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First Name

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Middle
Initial

Futty

Last Name

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Email Address

50 Woodward Ave.

Home Address

Suite or Apt

New Haven

City

CT

State

06512

Postal Code

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

None Selected

Home: (419) 989-1013

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?**

Yes

Are you currently employed by the City of New Haven or the New Haven Public School System?☐ Yes ☒ NoUniversity of Massachusetts
Boston

Employer

Program Manager

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?

Commission on Disabilities: Submitted

Is this an appointment or reappointment request? *

☒ Appointment

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.

[Futty CV 2022.pdf](#)

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, you can write n/a.

n/a

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

I recently moved to New Haven and served on the Disability Commission in my previous town in Vermont. I enjoy being engaged with my community.

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

I am both a person with a disability who owns a home in New Haven and also an expert in the field of visual impairments.

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.

No

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

☒ Caucasian/Non-Hispanic

Gender

☒ Female

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

I was asked by Gretchen

ALEXANDRA FUTTY

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EDUCATION

M.S.Ed., Special Education: Visual Disabilities, Northern Illinois University, DeKalb, IL, August 2016

- **Specializations:** Teacher of Students who are Visually Impaired (TVI); Certified Assistive Technology Instructional Specialist for Individuals with Visual Impairments (CATIS); Orientation and Mobility (O&M)
- **Endorsement:** Teacher of Students who are Blind or Visually Impaired (TVI) (PK-21)

Fulbright Scholar, Trinidad and Tobago, Institute for Gender and Development Studies, August 2013-June 2014

- Worked at the country's only school for blind and visually impaired children
- Conducted research on the impact of postcolonial women's poetry in the English and French speaking Caribbean

B.A., English Literature and Gender Studies, Hampshire College, Amherst, MA, May 2012

CERTIFICATIONS AND LICENSURE

Vermont Level II Professional Educator Licensure, Teacher of the Visually Impaired 3-21

ACVREP Certified Assistive Technology Instructional Specialist for Individuals with Visual Impairments

ACVREP Certified Orientation and Mobility Specialist

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Teacher of Students who Are Blind and Visually Impaired/Orientation and Mobility Specialist, Vermont Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired, South Burlington, VT, 2016-Present

- Provide direct and consultative services to students who are blind and visually impaired in the Northwest region of Vermont.
- Operate as the state-wide expert on assistive technology for school age individuals with visual impairments.
- Collaborate with related service providers to address the needs of students with complex disabilities.
- Lead trainings at schools to develop competency in the area of visual impairment, blindness and Deafblindness.

Co-Instructor, UMASS Boston, Boston, MA Summer 2020

- Served as an instructor for VISN 653 Promising Practices in Teaching Students with Cortical Visual Impairment
- Provided instruction in assistive technology and orientation and mobility for students with brain-based visual impairments as a part of certification program for teachers seeking deeper knowledge in brain based visual impairments.
- Designed and coordinated two weeks of intensive synchronous and asynchronous online content connecting assistive technology and orientation and mobility to the unique needs of students with brain based visual impairment.

Instructor, Portland State University, Portland, OR, Summer 2018, 2020, and 2022

- Served as instructor for SPED 575: Assistive Technologies
- Managed all aspects of the course including online learning environment (D2L and Canvas), arranging for guest speakers, and integration with Google Drive, Docs, and Slides
- Initiated significant course redesign to reflect changes in the field of assistive technology
- Prioritized Universal Design for Learning (UDL) by ensuring all aspects of the course were fully accessible to all learners
- Provided instruction in: major categories of assistive technologies for the visually impaired, assessment of assistive technology for the visually impaired, educational theory and instructional strategies for teaching assistive technology, and individualizing instruction for students with additional disabilities

Instructor, Northern Illinois University, DeKalb, IL Summer 2019 and 2021

- Served as instructor for SEVI 690: 21st Century Skills for Workforce Development

- Managed all aspects of the online course including online learning environment Moodle
- Initiated significant course redesign to reflect changes in the field of assistive technology
- Prioritized Universal Design for Learning (UDL) by ensuring all aspects of the course were fully accessible to all learners
- Provided instruction in: emerging technologies in the field of visual impairments, special education law related to assistive technology, leveraging assistive technology in literacy activities, and assistive technology assessment

AWARDS

- Robert McCulley Rising Star Award, NE/AER, November 2020
- “40 under 40” Rising Star Award, Vermont Business Magazine, November 2019

SIGNIFICANT PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITY

- *CATIS Subject Matter Expert Committee, ACVREP, 2020-Present*
- *Member at Large, NE/AER Board, 2020-Present*
- *AER Accreditation Review Committee, 2020*
- *American Printing House for the Blind Expert Review Panel: Graphiti, MATT Connect, Juno Magnifier*
- *Chair, AER Accessibility Executive Committee, 2019-2021*
- *New England Consortium on Deafblindness Leadership Institute, 2019-Present*
- *Contributor, Perkins Paths to Technology Blog, 2019-Present*
- *Member, Benetech 3-D Tactiles Working Group, 2018-2021*
- *American Printing House for the Blind Scholar, 2017*

PRESENTATIONS

- ***All You Need is an iPad: Making Accessible Electronic Books for Kids with CVI and Empowering Those Around You Along the Way***, Session Presentation, New England AER Conference, October 2022, Westford, MA
- ***AT and CVI***, Online Presentation, Perkins CVI Now, January 2021
- ***Assistive Technology Boot Camp***, 4-Week Online Professional Development Course, UMASS Boston (NERCVE), November 2020
- ***AT and CVI: What to Consider***, Session Presentation, Assistive Technology and Trends Online Conference, October 2020
- ***3D Printing for the TVI***, Session Presentation, ATIA Conference, Orlando, FL January 2020
- ***VHT Spotlight: Strand Preview***, Panel Discussion, ATIA Conference, Orlando, FL January 2020
- ***Does My Student’s Chromebook Do That?***, Session Presentation, New England AER Conference, North Conway, NH November 2019
- ***Upping Your AT Game: Low Vision Access in the Math Classroom***, Session Presentation, New England AER Conference, Providence, RI November 2018
- ***Introducing Imageshare by Benetech***, American Printing House for the Blind STEM Consortium, Louisville, KY October 2019
- ***Get Your Head in the Cloud: Moving the Goal Posts for Technology Instruction for Youth with Visual Impairments***, Session Presentation, New England AER Conference, Burlington, VT November 2017
- ***A New Hope-Building Leadership for Future Success***, Panel Discussion, American Printing House for the Blind 149th Annual Meeting, Louisville, KY October 2017
- ***Education in the Digital Era***, Panel Presentation, Education for All: Inclusion and Access as Pathways to Peace, Portland, Oregon May 2017
- ***7 Stages of Adjustment to Blindness***, Session Presentation, Perkins School for the Blind Early Connections Conference, Boston, MA April 2017

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Association for Education and Rehabilitation of the Blind and Visually Impaired (AER)