

Application Form

Profile

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

Richard

First Name

B

Middle
Initial

Hagemann

Last Name

rhageman8691@gmail.com

Email Address

132 Edwards Street

Home Address

2-E

Suite or Apt

New Haven

City

CT

State

06551

Postal Code

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

 Ward 9

Mobile: (203) 865-0831

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

Neighborhood Music School

Employer

Teaching Artist

Job Title

To see our list of Boards and Commissions please click here: <https://www.newhavenct.gov/government/boards-commissions/boards-commissions-listed>

Which Boards would you like to apply for?

Cultural Affairs Commission: For Review

Is this an appointment or reappointment request? *

 Appointment

Interests & Experiences

Richard B Hagemann

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.

[Master Resume.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 the selected Boards/Commissions. If you have uploaded a resume, you can write n/a.

N/A

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

Yes No

Why are you interested in serving on a Board or Commission?

New Haven has provided excellent opportunities for me professionally and personally. I came here after falling in love with the Neighborhood Music School and have gone on to also work with the New Haven Symphony Orchestra. I have made my best friends and found enriching third spaces. Finally, I have come to love the community spirit of this city, and the commitment of its cultural institutions to making art accessible and responsive to its citizens lived experience. Living in this City has also brought me greater awareness about the importance of contributing to my community. As an employee of two local non-profits, I've met so many people who work to develop this city. I felt this most powerfully last year, at Long Wharf Theater's Gala honoring Adrian Jefferson. I remember hearing Jacob Padron and Adrian speak and being struck at how community oriented their perspective was. I realized that the uniting principal of New Haven's cultural sphere is making art people centered. I've gone on to see this in action through arts events like LWT's "She Loves Me", the NHSO's "Creatures of Prometheus", and perhaps most powerfully in the recitals and program at NMS. Similarly, I want to be able to donate my skills, talent, and perspective to growing New Haven. An important value of my career has been service; as a teaching artist, I leverage my musical skills toward empowering others artistically. When a colleague of mine recently recommended I explore joining a City Board or Commission, I realized it would be an opportunity to continue practicing that value in a new dimension. Additionally, it would be a chance to give back to the city that has given so much to me.

Why do you believe you would be a good fit for your selected Board and Commissions?

I would love to contribute my experience as a teaching artist to the commission. I would like to contribute this perspective as an educator to advocate for, and more deeply engage with, building up the opportunities for community arts making and learning experiences. Working for two large cultural institutions in the city, I would bring this unique perspective to broadening awareness of the arts' importance in our community. My work has also demanded I communicate with a variety of institutions, which I believe would be helpful in fostering the commission's goal of fostering communication between government associations and public and private institutions. Finally, as a queer man, I would bring my background and experience to my work with the commission. I would love to help advance queer artists in the city in advising and assisting the city regarding cultural affairs.

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

I teach in the evenings, but they can be rescheduled

Demographics

In order to stay compliant with State Statute, what is your political affiliation on your voter registration?

unaffiliated

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

Male

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

Sarah Ficca