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## Profile

Whenever possible, submit your application prior to the scheduled meeting of the affected advisory board so that they can consider all applications prior to making a recommendation to Council.

## Public Records Statement

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**I acknowledge that all information submitted in this application becomes a public record and will be searchable online. The Town is not able to remove information from the public record once it has been posted.**

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I Agree

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Email Address

Aaron

First Name

Middle Initial

Carpenter

Last Name

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Chapel Hill

City

NC

State

27517

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Primary Phone

Alternate Phone

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Residency within the Town limits is required for membership on most Council advisory bodies. Memberships of some committees and task forces may be composed of up to forty percent of non-Town residents.

## What district do you live in? \*

Chapel Hill Town limits (Purple)

[Please consult the town maps HERE if you are unsure.](#)

## If you are a Chapel Hill Resident, How long have you lived here?

0-12 months

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The Council encourages you to visit a meeting of the group that you are interested in serving on. Please choose no more than two groups from the list below to which you would like to apply.

## Which Boards would you like to apply for?

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Justice in Action Committee: Eligible

Question applies to Justice in Action Committee

**Select a Seat Category for the Justice in Action Committee \***

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Chapel Hill or Carrboro planning jurisdiction

**Which Board is your First Choice? \***

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Human Services Advisory Board

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**How did you find out about this opportunity? (select all that apply)**

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- Internet
- Speaker at an event

**If you chose "Other" from the advertising opportunity listed above, please specify:**

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**Interests & Experiences**

**What perspective(s) do you bring to the board(s), commission(s), committee(s) or task force(s) to which you are applying?**

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As a Black man and a Jew, as well as someone who grew up below the poverty line in a single-parent household, who is pursuing a Masters of Public Health, I bring a plethora of perspectives to the table.

**Please provide a brief summary of any other relevant qualifications (skills, abilities, interests and/or experience) you bring.**

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- MPH student - Formerly on Boone Town Council's Cultural Resources Advisory Board - Lived experiences - Diverse background - Student perspective

[Aaron Carpenter Human Services Graduate Intern Resume.pdf](#)

You may upload a supporting document (e.g., CV or resume). **Please be advised that any information submitted becomes a public record and may be searchable online.**

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## Demographics

The Town Council seeks to attract persons from diverse backgrounds and believes that childcare and transportation is a potential barrier for qualified and interested applicants. See the [Childcare and Transportation Assistance pilot](#) for further details. In order to consider this application and provide some balance to the various boards, this personal information is required:

### Ethnicity \*

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African American

### Gender \*

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Male

If other, please describe:

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Please select your age from the following list. \*

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18-24

Student / Graduate Assistant

Occupation

Are you a caregiver for or identify with a disability?

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Yes  No

Have you participated in the Peoples Academy?

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Yes  No

Are you a Town of Chapel Hill employee?

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Yes  No

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## Ethics Statement

## ETHICS GUIDELINES FOR TOWN ADVISORY BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

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Members of advisory boards and commissions shall not vote on any matter in which they have a conflict of interest or an interest which reasonably might appear to be in conflict with the concept of fairness in dealing with public business. A conflict of interest or a potential conflict occurs if the outcome of the matter being considered is reasonably likely to have a direct, substantial, and readily identifiable financial impact on the member. In addition, members of the Historic District Commission and Board of Adjustment, when these boards are hearing cases, serve as quasi-judicial bodies. Pursuant to General Statute 160D-109(d), members of these boards “shall not participate in or vote on any quasi-judicial matter in a manner that would violate affected persons’ constitutional rights to an impartial decision maker. Impermissible violations of due process include, but are not limited to, a member having a fixed opinion prior to hearing the matter that is not susceptible to change, undisclosed ex parte communications, a close familial, business, or other associational relationship with an affected person, or a financial interest in the outcome of the matter.”

Any member who violates these Ethics Guidelines may be subject to removal from the board or commission. If the advisory board or commission member believes he/she has a conflict of interest then that member shall recuse himself/herself from voting on the matter. In cases where the individual member or the advisory board or commission establishes a conflict of interest, then the advisory board or commission member shall remove themselves from the voting area. Any advisory board or commission member may seek the counsel of the Town Attorney on questions regarding the interpretation of these ethics guidelines or other conflict of interest matters. The interpretation may include a recommendation on whether or not the advisory board or commission member should excuse himself/herself from voting. The advisory board or commission member may request the Town Attorney respond in writing.

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I Agree \*

*Applications will be kept on file from July 1st to June 30th of the same fiscal year. Please reapply each fiscal year if you are still interested in serving on an Advisory Board, Commission, Committee or Task Force and have not yet been appointed.*

# Aaron William Carpenter

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## EDUCATION

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<u>University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill</u> <b>Masters of Public Health (Health Policy and Management Concentration)</b>	<b>May 2023</b>
<u>Appalachian State University, Boone NC</u> <b>Bachelor of Science, Biology (Cellular and Molecular Concentration)</b> <b>Bachelor of Science, Psychology (Health Studies, Natural Science, and Sustainability Concentrations)</b> Minors: Gerontology, General Business, and Public Health	<b>May 2021</b>

## WORK AND RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

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<u>Graduate Research Assistant (University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill)</u> <b>North Carolina Institute of Public Health (Accreditation Team)</b>	<b>October 2021 - Present</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Review the accreditation standards of local health departments and make sustainable and equitable suggestions for quality improvement through research, literature reviews, policy analysis, and the creation of equity toolkits and resources</li><li>- Meet with community partners, board members, and other shareholders to discuss implementation, adjustments, and oversight of accreditation standards for North Carolina's county health departments</li><li>- Contribute sustainable equity suggestions to ensure local health departments adequately serve and consider persons of color, those with low SES backgrounds, and those in rural and medically underserved counties and communities</li></ul>	
<b>Lineberger Comprehensive Cancer Center (Equity Team) - Dr. Marjory Charlot Lab</b>	<b>September 2021 - Present</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Work towards health equity in clinical trials through assessing African American individuals' opinions and viewpoints on clinical research, access to care, and offering navigation resources and compiling this information</li><li>- Meet with healthcare providers, public health professionals, and patients to assess the gaps in equity, barriers to care, and clinical trial information dissemination within the UNC Healthcare System through actionable discussions, and use this information to make internal policy suggestions</li><li>- Assist primary investigator in data management, data analysis, content creation, and communications with patients, providers, and community partners</li></ul>	
<u>Jews of Color Initiative</u>	<b>February 2021 - September 2021</b>
<b>Jews of Color Philanthropy Cohort Participant</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Worked with a committee of Jews of Color to analyze and distribute a funding portfolio of \$25,000 to organizations and individuals who are working to further equity in Jewish spaces regarding health, education, and a multitude of other facets</li><li>- Collaborated with other Jews of Color to discuss socioeconomic disparities impacting persons of color in and outside of the Jewish community, as well as the importance of community and impact investments in alleviating these gaps and issues</li></ul>	
<u>Undergraduate Research Assistant (Appalachian State University)</u> <b>Health Disparities Research Lab - Dr. Adam Hege Lab</b>	<b>January 2020 – August 2021</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Studied health disparities prevalent among students, BIPOC individuals, and those with chronic illnesses</li><li>- Investigate the relationship between long-haul truck-driving and chronic diseases and obesity</li><li>- Investigate food insecurity in Western North Carolina and on college campuses utilizing quantitative data and qualitative interview data</li></ul>	
<u>Chancellor's Student Advisory Board for Diversity Recruitment and Retention</u>	<b>November 2019 - May 2021</b>
<b>Board Member</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Advised and collaborated with administrators to increase minority enrollment and retain minority students by drafting strategic plan portions, brainstorming and implementing programs, organizing and creating calling campaigns, and support systems for current students</li></ul>	
<u>CliniSpan Health</u>	<b>May 2021 - August 2021</b>
<b>Community Engagement Specialist</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Recruited BIPOC individuals for medical studies related to COVID-19 and Influenza by utilizing social media campaigns and coalition building with the aim of reducing racial disparities in clinical trial samples</li><li>- Worked with community members and organizations around the country to recruit and educate communities on the importance of vaccinations and clinical trials</li></ul>	
<u>StandWithUs</u> <b>Southern Region Campus Liaison</b>	<b>June 2020 - June 2021</b>

- Helped students on 15 college campuses combat antisemitism and hate through strategic planning, connecting them with resources in their communities and on their campuses, funding opportunities, and training students, as well as connected students with resources to fight hate and coalition build
- Spoke on panels discussing anti-semitism, community building, and program planning

Upstart Labs

**October 2020 - January 2021**

**Jews of Color Fellow**

- Worked on an end of year campaign to raise \$30,000 for programming and development utilizing funder-base data programs, social media campaigns, letter-writing campaigns, and partnerships
- Assisted with grant writing for numerous programs and created grant database highlighting funding options for developing nonprofit partner organizations in the realms of education, business ventures, and sustainability

**VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE**

Orange County Health Department

**December 2021 - Present**

**Volunteer**

- Assist the Health Director in compiling information for and assessing goals for the county's strategic health plan as it relates to outcomes measures and racial equity assessments

NC Health Advocacy Project

**October 2021 - Present**

**Policy Analysis Volunteer**

- Analyze national food insecurity trends, programs, and solutions to inform equitable policy suggestions for alleviating food gaps and disparities in North Carolina
- Compile data and meta-analyses to investigate measures of governmental and impact investment regarding food insecurity

Boone Town Council

**November 2020 - June 2021**

**Cultural Resources Advisory Board**

- Advised politicians and town officials in combating hate and supporting marginalized communities within the Boone community by contributing to programmatic efforts, strategic planning, funding suggestions, and posing discussions about equity

American Red Cross

**August 2018 - August 2020**

**Disaster Action Volunteer / Board Member**

- Coordinated smoke detector installations in over 200 homes across Watauga County and recruited volunteers for the project
- Served as a student liaison between the American Red Cross Club and the Blue Ridge Chapter of the American Red Cross, providing input on strategic planning, funding, and project management
- Assisted in planning out events in Watauga County related to disaster relief, education, and poverty alleviation

12th Annual Homecoming Blood Drive Committee

**May 2018 - September 2018**

**Donor Coordinator**

- Assisted in planning out one of the historically largest, single-day blood drives in the United States by recruiting over 1,200 individuals to donate blood over an 8-week span through social media campaigns, tabling, and community outreach

**AWARDS AND ACHIEVEMENTS**

**Undergraduate Achievement Key**

**August 2021**

- Recognized by Alpha Epsilon Pi for outstanding student leadership, campus and community service, and impactful and successful programmatic efforts

**Stephen N. Zacks Rampant Lion Award**

**August 2021**

- Recognized by Alpha Epsilon Pi for outstanding anti-antisemitism activism both on and off campus

**Ronny L Brooks Award**

**April 2021**

- Recognized by the Department of Student Affairs for outstanding leadership and community impact

**Spirit of Service Award**

**April 2021**

- Recognized by Club Council for outstanding organizational leadership and service

**Greek Man of the Year**

**November 2020**

- Selected out of over 800 fraternity men as Appalachian State University's Greek Man of the Year