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Which Boards would you like to apply for?

Community Design Commission: Eligible

Question applies to Chapel Hill Downtown Partnership

Where in the Downtown Service District are you a Resident, Employee, or (Property/Business) owner? (provide address if different than above)

119 Stinson Street, Chapel Hill, NC 27516

Select a Seat Category for the Chapel Hill Downtown Partnership

☒ Chapel Hill Town Resident

Select a Seat Category for the Community Design Commission

☒ Chapel Hill Resident

Which Board is your First Choice? *

☒ Chapel Hill Downtown Partnership

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

☒ Internet

☒ Social Media

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

Interests & Experiences

Question applies to multiple boards

How do you describe your previous advisory board experience?

☒ Little or No Experience

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

I am able to contribute the perspective of a younger voice in our community and would be eager to represent the interests and values of a generation that cares deeply about our community and its future. Because I am a younger resident, I would work to ensure that our decisions are made with consideration to long-term sustainability, growth, and quality of life. Furthermore, I have lived in a variety of different communities, spending over half my life in rural West Virginia, so I have developed an appreciation for all of the varying qualities that can make a community thrive. Living in Chapel Hill has shown me the importance of walkable, connected, and ever-evolving communities, and I have absolutely cherished my time here so far. I believe that Chapel Hill is a truly special place, and I am deeply passionate about ensuring that it thrives for generations to come.

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

I have had the joy of becoming more involved and invested in the Chapel Hill community over the years, and I would be honored to continue giving back to a community that has truly changed me for the better. I currently work with two local nonprofits, Volunteers For Youth and TABLE, as I am passionate about ensuring that our community is one that supports children and their futures. I also have formerly worked as both the Extended Day Lead Teacher at The Morningside School in Carrboro, NC and as a Teacher's Assistant at Chapel Hill Early School. Through these experiences, I have gotten to know so many different members of our community, and by working closely with youth, I have learned more about the pressing needs and challenges facing young people in our town. I am particularly interested in Chapel Hill Downtown Partnership's focus on cultural arts. I am a passionate supporter of the arts, having danced and participated in local theater throughout my entire life. Here in Chapel Hill, I am the former Vice President of Blank Canvas Dance Company, one of the largest student organizations on UNC's campus, and I am a dance teacher with Dance Collaborative, which operates out of the Chapel Hill YMCA. I believe that the arts are for everyone and truly make our communities better. I am heavily invested in continuing Chapel Hill's commitment to being a community where the arts are accessible, inspirational, and educational. As a member of the Blank Canvas Dance Company Executive Board, I have had experience working with a diverse leadership team, balancing multiple different interests and working to meet a variety of needs. I believe that this experience would translate into my success on an advisory board for the Town of Chapel Hill. I sincerely appreciate your consideration, and I look forward to the possibility of utilizing my passion for the Chapel Hill community to contribute to its growth.

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Do you have special interest, experience, or education/training in design field, architecture, landscape design, horticulture, city planning, green design, place making or related fields? If yes, please explain.

I do not have direct experience in these fields, but I am very interested in learning more about them. I am passionate about safe, walkable, and accessible cities that foster a sense of community, and this is certainly something I have experienced in Chapel Hill. My quality of life has been positively impacted by living in such a vibrant community, and I would love to learn more about all the factors that go into successful community design.

[Resume_KellyEMills.pdf](#)

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Ethnicity *

☒ Caucasian/Non-Hispanic

Gender *

☒ Female

If other, please describe:

Please select your age from the following list. *

☒ 18-24

Student/Nonprofit Intern

Occupation

Are you a caregiver for or identify with a disability?

☐ Yes ☒ No

Have you participated in the Peoples Academy?

☐ Yes ☒ No

Are you a Town of Chapel Hill employee?

☐ Yes ☒ No

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Education

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill – Chapel Hill, NC

Expected May 2026

Bachelor of Arts in Education, Human Development and Family Science | GPA: 3.95/4.0 (HDFS)

Bachelor of Arts in Sociology

Honors Carolina - Highly competitive, four-year academic program enrolling 10% of each class

Work Experience

Volunteers For Youth – Carrboro, NC

May 2025 - Present

SECU Public Fellows Internship | Program Development Intern

- Developed a dance mentorship program (launching Fall 2025) to expand equitable access to the arts for youth
- Co-led the relaunch of a comprehensive community mentoring program, ensuring consistent attention to detail and long-term program sustainability

The Morningside School – Carrboro, NC

June 2024 - Present

Extended Day Lead Teacher

- Fostered a hands-on learning environment for 7 children ages 3-5, maintained safety standards in an outdoor environment, managed conflict, and guided children's social-emotional development throughout daily routine
- Communicated with parents and 2 other teachers, in order to personalize a learning approach for each child

Chapel Hill Early School – Chapel Hill, NC

August 2023 - Present

Teacher's Helper

- Partnered with 5 CHES staff members to maintain a supportive and nurturing classroom dynamic
- Actively played with children, supported daily routines through snack preparation and activity set-up, and built trust with children by consistently responding to unique emotional needs

Research, Leadership, and Volunteering

TABLE – Chapel Hill, NC

May 2025 - Present

Volunteer | Incoming Intern (Fall 2025)

- Collaborated with diverse team to ensure access to fresh and nutritious food for local children and families
- Consistently volunteered with enthusiasm, maintaining a positive attitude and strong team spirit

Espelage RAVE Lab – Chapel Hill, NC

January 2025 - Present

Research Assistant

- Assisted with the full-text screening process for a meta-analysis surrounding the effect of Gender Role Attitude interventions on adolescents, consistently meeting deadlines and submitting detail-oriented work
- Participated in weekly lab meetings, collaborating with the team to refine research methods and discuss findings
- Confidently utilized Microsoft Office and Google Suite to maintain organization and complete tasks efficiently

Blank Canvas Dance Company – Chapel Hill, NC

August 2022 - Present

Vice President of Choreography (May 2024 - Present)/Performance Team Chair (May 2023 - May 2024)

- Led weekly rehearsals, cultivating an inclusive environment that welcomes dancers of diverse backgrounds
- Selected and managed team of ~30 choreographers, orchestrated sign-up systems, helped organize semesterly showcase with Memorial Hall, and maintained open lines of communication with the 275-person company
- Developed a Choreography Mentor program, pairing new and returning choreographers, and created a comprehensive resource database to provide ongoing support and guidance for new choreographers
- Expanded the Performance Team from ~20 to 60 members and coordinated 6 local performances, forming lasting relationships with various venues on campus and across the local area

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I am a mother who has lived in several different communities With broad diversified views and aspects of day today living .

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My daily role/job is a primary care physician .I get to see and hear what concerns people have and what affects their health. I love the outdoors ,I can't get myself to exercise indoors . My family loves chapel hill and so far it's been one of the most beautiful towns we have lived in .

Racheal Tushabe

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Gender *

☒ Female

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☒ 35-54

Physician

Occupation

Are you a caregiver for or identify with a disability?

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☐ Yes ☒ No

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