

# Children, Youth, and Families Collaborative Commission

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Applicant	Date	Boards	Address	Contact	Status
Abdul Wahid Gulrani	2/26/2026	Children, Youth, and Families Collaborative Commission <a href="#">Contested (RW)</a>			<a href="#">Validated</a>
Ciara Norfleet	2/18/2026	Children, Youth, and Families Collaborative Commission <a href="#">Contested</a>	<b>Yes, I am a resident of the City of Alexandria. (NOTE: If your answer is no, a residency waiver is required for positions that are not specific to an organization or profession.):</b> Yes		<a href="#">Validated</a>

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# Abdul Wahid Gulrani

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## Status

**Name** Abdul Wahid Gulrani  
**Application Date** 2/26/2026  
**Expiration Date** 9/26/2026  
**Board Member** **Abdul Wahid Gulrani**  
**Status** Validated

Board	Vacancies	Status
Children, Youth, and Families Collaborative Commission	2	<span>Contested (RW)</span>

## Basic Information

**Name**  
Abdul Wahid Gulrani  
**Date of Birth**  
REDACTED

## Contact Information

**Yes, I am a resident of the City of Alexandria. (NOTE: If your answer is no, a residency waiver is required for positions that are not specific to an organization or profession.)**  
No  
**Email**  
REDACTED  
**Alternate email**  
REDACTED  
**Phone**  
REDACTED

## Occupation

**Employer (student and youth applicants list school)**  
The George Washington University.  
**Job Title**  
REDACTED

### New Applicant or Current Member

New Applicant

### What seat are you applying for? (Ex: citizen, architect, youth member, etc.)

Community member – expertise in refugee youth, education, and family integration

### Do you currently live in the City of Alexandria? NOTE: If your answer is no, a residency waiver is required for positions that are not specific to an organization or profession.

Yes

### Statement of Interest (Do not include personal information such as phone numbers, addresses, emails, etc.)

I am an Afghan sociologist and visiting scholar affiliated with George Washington University and Georgetown University, specializing in refugee integration, education, and family adaptation in post-conflict contexts. My current research examines the experiences of Afghan children in American schools, focusing on language placement, trauma, family-school communication, and long-term educational outcomes. I have also worked with international organizations on migration and community development programs and am building a nonprofit initiative that supports Afghan families in Northern Virginia. I am interested in serving on the Children, Youth and Families Collaborative Commission because Alexandria is home to many immigrant and refugee families whose children face complex challenges in education, mental health, and social integration. I hope to contribute research-based insight, connect community voices with city services, and support policies that improve coordination among schools, nonprofits, and local agencies. My goal is to help ensure that refugee and immigrant children have equitable access to education, safety, and opportunity, while strengthening trust between families and local institutions.

### Have you ever served the City of Alexandria in any capacity?

No

### Have you ever attended a meeting of the Board or Commission for which you are applying?

Yes

### Are you now paid by the City of Alexandria?

No

### Do any of your immediate relatives or business associates now serve the City of Alexandria in any capacity?

No

**Attendance Requirements: Sec. 2-4-7 of the City Code requires appointees to attend at least 75% of the yearly committee meetings. Absences may be excused because of personal illness or serious illness of members of the immediate family, death of a family member, unscheduled business trips and emergency work assignments only. All other absences are recorded as unexcused. In light of the aforementioned statement, will you be able to attend at least 75% of the regular meetings of the board which you may be appointed?**

Yes

**If applicable, will you comply with the provisions of the City's conflict of interest requirements in City Ordinance 2867 regarding the completion of a financial disclosure statement?**

Yes

### Educational Background

• Ph.D. Sociology, Tübingen University, Germany-2023 • Bachelor of Art- Sociology, Herat University, Herat-Afghanistan, 2017.

**Summary of Work and Experience**

Dr. Abdulwahid Gulrani is an Afghan sociologist and Affiliate Scholar at the Institute for the Study of International Migration (ISIM) at Georgetown University, as well as a Visiting Scholar at the Elliott School of International Affairs at George Washington University. He specializes in refugee integration, education, human rights, and national security, with particular focus on Afghan migrant families and children in the United States. He previously served as Assistant Professor of Sociology at Herat University and Vice Chancellor for Research at Roshan Afghanistan Online University. His professional experience includes research and policy work with international organizations, human rights groups, and academic institutions on migration, gender, peacebuilding, and post-conflict societies. He is also the Founder and President of the nonprofit Arise Initiative for Migration, Education & Development (AIMED), which supports Afghan diaspora communities through research and community programs. Dr. Gulrani has authored books and numerous scholarly and policy publications, received international research grants, and presented his work at institutions including Georgetown University, the World Bank, Oxford University, and the European Parliament. He brings extensive experience in mixed-methods research, community engagement, and policy-oriented analysis related to children, youth, and immigrant families.

**References - Please list names, phone number and/or email addresses of three references that support your application.**

REDACTED

**Would you like to complete the Supplemental Questions? Non-Discrimination Data Supplemental Questions For Applications to City Boards, Commissions, and Committees Confidential - NOT FOR PUBLIC INFORMATION Completion of this section is VOLUNTARY. When completed, the section is separated and redacted from your application prior to the application's submission to City Council. COUNCIL AND STAFF DO NOT USE THIS FORM IN DETERMINING APPOINTMENTS. Information provided in this section is treated confidentially and the information is forwarded to the Alexandria Office on Human Rights for compilation of statistics.**

REDACTED

**Gender**

REDACTED

**Sexual Orientation**

REDACTED

**Ethnicity**

REDACTED

**Do you have a disability?**

REDACTED

**How did you hear of this vacancy?**

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# Ciara Norfleet

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## Status

**Name** Ciara Norfleet  
**Application Date** 2/18/2026  
**Expiration Date** 9/18/2026  
**Board Member** **Ciara Norfleet**  
**Status** Validated

Board	Vacancies	Status
Children, Youth, and Families Collaborative Commission	2	<span>Contested</span>

## Basic Information

**Name**  
Ciara Norfleet  
**Date of Birth**  
REDACTED

## Contact Information

**Yes, I am a resident of the City of Alexandria. (NOTE: If your answer is no, a residency waiver is required for positions that are not specific to an organization or profession.)**  
Yes  
**Email**  
REDACTED  
**Phone**  
REDACTED

## Occupation

**Employer (student and youth applicants list school)**  
Intern in Delegate Carnegie Office  
**Job Title**  
REDACTED

## New Applicant or Current Member

New Applicant

## What seat are you applying for? (Ex: citizen, architect, youth member, etc.)

Citizen

## Do you currently live in the City of Alexandria? NOTE: If your answer is no, a residency waiver is required for positions that are not specific to an organization or profession.

Yes

## How long have you lived in Alexandria?

20 years

## Statement of Interest (Do not include personal information such as phone numbers, addresses, emails, etc.)

I am interested in this position because I am deeply passionate about improving outcomes for children, youth, and families in our community. I believe that strong systems of support, equitable access to resources, and collaborative leadership are essential to helping young people thrive. Through my experience in community engagement and education advocacy, I have seen firsthand how policy and community-based initiatives can directly impact families. I am committed to ensuring that the voices of young people and underserved communities are represented in decision-making spaces. Serving on the Children, Youth, and Families Collaborative Commission would allow me to contribute meaningfully to initiatives that strengthen families, expand opportunity, and promote long-term community well-being.

## Have you ever served the City of Alexandria in any capacity?

No

## Have you ever attended a meeting of the Board or Commission for which you are applying?

Yes

## Are you now paid by the City of Alexandria?

Yes

## Do any of your immediate relatives or business associates now serve the City of Alexandria in any capacity?

No

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Yes

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Yes

## Educational Background

Virginia Commonwealth University Public Administration '28 Virginia Commonwealth University BS. Special Education with Certificate in Disability Studies '26 Alexandria City High School '23

## Summary of Work and Experience

Alexandria City Public Schools, Jefferson, Houston — ESY Teacher Assistant Wilders Capital Semester, VA General Assembly — Legislative Intern NAACP 2nd VP & Education Chair 2025-2026 Legal Women Voter DEI Committee 2025-2026 Education Chair for the Virginia State Youth & College NAACP 2026 -2028 College Affordability Cohort of NAACP Y&C Stay Ready Summit 2026

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