

Children, Youth, and Families Collaborative Commission

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Applicant	Date	Address	Contact	Status
Deontae Dunkley	11/7/2024	Yes, I am a resident of the City of Alexandria. (NOTE: If your are not a City of Alexandria resident, a residency waiver is required for positions that are not specific to an organization or profession.): Yes		Validated
Kobie Griffin	8/13/2024	Yes, I am a resident of the City of Alexandria. (NOTE: If your are not a City of Alexandria resident, a residency waiver is required for positions that are not specific to an organization or profession.): Yes		Validated
Mrs. Suzanne Marie Hess	11/8/2024			Validated
Mrs. Gennet Negussie	12/1/2024			Validated
Christine M Raino	11/30/2024	Yes, I am a resident of the City of Alexandria. (NOTE: If your are not a City of Alexandria resident, a residency waiver is required for positions that are not specific to an organization or profession.): Yes		Validated

Deontae Dunkley

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Status

Name Deontae Dunkley
Application Date 11/7/2024
Expiration Date 5/7/2025
Board Member [Deontae Dunkley](#)
Status Validated

Board	Vacancies	Status
Children, Youth, and Families Collaborative Commission	2	Contested

Basic Information

Name
Deontae Dunkley
Date of Birth
REDACTED

Contact Information

Yes, I am a resident of the City of Alexandria. (NOTE: If your are not a City of Alexandria resident, 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)
Wheels on site
Job Title
REDACTED

New Applicant or Current Member

New Applicant

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

Youth advisor

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.

Statement of Interest

My first 10 years working was with kids and families, I really made a difference. When I left I said I would always come back as it's my passion. I'm ready to go all the way in

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

Yes (Please explain), Worked with the youth

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

No

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

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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

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

REDACTED

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Gender

REDACTED

Sexual Orientation

REDACTED

Ethnicity

REDACTED

Do you have a disability?

REDACTED

How did you hear of this vacancy?

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Kobie Griffin

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Name Kobie Griffin
Application Date 8/13/2024
Expiration Date 2/13/2025
Board Member [Kobie Griffin](#)
Status Validated

Board	Vacancies	Status
Children, Youth, and Families Collaborative Commission	2	Contested

Basic Information

Name
Kobie Griffin
Date of Birth
REDACTED

Contact Information

Yes, I am a resident of the City of Alexandria. (NOTE: If you are not a City of Alexandria resident, a residency waiver is required for positions that are not specific to an organization or profession.)
Yes
Email
REDACTED
Alternate email
REDACTED
Phone
REDACTED

Occupation

Employer (student and youth applicants list school)
Alexandria City Public Schools
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.

Statement of Interest

Hello, my name is Kobie Griffin and I am two year resident of Alexandria after relocating from Baton Rouge, Louisiana in. I am longtime educator (16 years of experience), with my most recent role as a Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Coordinator at Dorothy Hamm Middle School within Arlington Public Schools. In that role, I had the opportunity to facilitate restorative justice conferences, mentor students of color, and implement professional learning initiatives focused on culturally responsive teaching practices. I also helped to develop community partnerships to increase engagement and empowerment among parents, students, and local organizations. For example, I organized prayer spaces and cultural events for students to foster a more inclusive environment. Since then, I made the decision to transition from APS due to the disconnect I encountered between the DEI department and the school administration. I am excited to return to Alexandria City Public Schools (ACPS) for the 2024-25 school year, where I will teach Pre-Algebra & Algebra I at Patrick Henry K-8 School. My hope is to eventually progress into Student Services within ACPS or to explore employment opportunities with the City of Alexandria. With that in mind, I am searching for any programs, commissions, or opportunities within the City of Alexandria where my skills and experience might be of value. I am particularly interested in contributing to efforts that enhance our community. A community that I am growing to love each day.

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?

No

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?

Yes

Please explain relation and capacity:

Public Health Advisory Commission

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Yes

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Yes

Summary of Work and Experience

(on Resume)

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Gender

REDACTED

Sexual Orientation

REDACTED

Ethnicity

REDACTED

Do you have a disability?

REDACTED

How did you hear of this vacancy?

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Mrs. Suzanne Marie Hess

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Status

Name Mrs. Suzanne Marie Hess
Application Date 11/8/2024
Expiration Date 5/8/2025
Board Member [Suzanne Marie Hess](#)
Status Validated

Board	Vacancies	Status
Children, Youth, and Families Collaborative Commission	2	Contested (RW)

Basic Information

Name
Mrs. Suzanne Marie Hess
Date of Birth
REDACTED

Contact Information

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

Occupation

Employer (student and youth applicants list school)
Alexandria City Public Schools
Job Title
REDACTED

New Applicant or Current Member

New Applicant

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

Children Youth and Families Collaborative Commission

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.

No

Statement of Interest

See below.

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?

No

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

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Yes

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Yes

Educational Background

George Mason University 2010 Fairfax, Virginia Administration and Supervision PK-12 Master of Arts George Mason University 2006 Fairfax, Virginia American History Master Teacher in "Creating a More Perfect Community", the Teaching American History Grant for A.C.P.S. Florida Atlantic University 2000 Boca Raton, Florida Elementary Education Bachelor of Arts Concentrations: Elementary Education, PK-6, ESL, PK-12 CERTIFICATIONS Post Graduate Professional License in Administration and Supervision PK-12 Elementary Education PK-6 English Speakers of Other Languages (ESL) OCDE Project Guided Language Acquisition Design (GLAD) Trained RULER ALICE Active Shooter Certified Instructor CPR/AED/First Aid Glucagon/Diabetes/Medication Administration

Summary of Work and Experience

Employed by ACPS since 9/2001

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Mrs. Gennet Negussie

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Name Mrs. Gennet Negussie
Application Date 12/1/2024
Expiration Date 7/1/2025
Board Member [Gennet Negussie](#)
Status Validated

Board	Vacancies	Status
Children, Youth, and Families Collaborative Commission	2	Contested

Basic Information

Name
Mrs. Gennet Negussie

Contact Information

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

Occupation

Employer (student and youth applicants list school)
ECSAC (Ethiopian Community Support and Advocacy Center)
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.

No

Statement of Interest

As the Executive Director of the Ethiopian Community Support and Advocacy Center (ECSAC), located in the City of Alexandria, I have witnessed firsthand the unique needs and untapped potential within the Ethiopian and larger immigrant community in our city. While I do not reside in Alexandria, my deep connection to the city stems from our organization's active role in serving its residents, particularly children, youth, and families. ECSAC is dedicated to fostering community resilience, empowering young people, and addressing critical gaps in resources for underserved populations. I am passionate about ensuring that every child and family in Alexandria has equitable access to resources and opportunities that promote their well-being, education, and social integration. By serving on this commission, I aim to bridge the needs of the Ethiopian community with the city's broader initiatives, fostering stronger partnerships and collaboration. This role would allow me to serve as a liaison, advocating for culturally competent programming and helping to ensure that the voices of all residents, especially immigrant families, are included in policy decisions. ECSAC has a proven track record of engaging youth through programs such as mentorship, SAT preparation, cultural education, and mental health services. Joining the commission would enable us to expand these efforts in partnership with the city, aligning our work with Alexandria's strategic goals for youth and families. My involvement would also provide a unique perspective, amplifying the diverse needs of Ethiopian and immigrant communities and fostering inclusive dialogue. I am confident that my leadership, experience in community advocacy, and dedication to empowering families would make a valuable contribution to the commission's work. Thank you for considering my application. I look forward to the opportunity to collaborate with you in creating a brighter future for all children, youth, and families in Alexandria.

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

Yes (Please explain), I have not been hired or worked directly for the City of Alexandria government. However, as the Executive Director of the Ethiopian Community Support and Advocacy Center (ECSAC), which is located in Alexandria, I have actively served the city's community m

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

No

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

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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

Georgetown University Washington, D.C. | December 2008 Master of Science in Nursing (MSN), Family Nurse Practitioner Focus on primary care, advanced clinical practice, and patient-centered care for diverse populations. Hunter College New York, NY | June 1994 Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN), Registered Nurse Comprehensive training in nursing practice, healthcare delivery, and patient advocacy.

Summary of Work and Experience

A highly accomplished healthcare and nonprofit professional with over 20 years of experience in leadership, clinical practice, and community advocacy. Skilled in developing and managing programs, fostering organizational growth, and addressing the needs of underserved populations. Expertise in strategic planning, team management, and cross-sector partnerships to drive impactful initiatives. Adept at delivering holistic care, leading community outreach programs, and improving operational efficiency. Committed to empowering diverse communities through education, healthcare, and resource accessibility. Proven track record in executive leadership, staff development, and creating meaningful collaborations with local and global organizations. Key Competencies: Executive leadership and strategic planning Healthcare management and clinical expertise Community engagement and resource navigation Program development and implementation Budget preparation and financial oversight Cross-sector collaboration and partnerships Team building and staff well-being Advocacy for underserved and immigrant populations

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Gender

REDACTED

Sexual Orientation

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Ethnicity

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Do you have a disability?

REDACTED

How did you hear of this vacancy?

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Christine M Raino

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Status

Name Christine M Raino
Application Date 11/30/2024
Expiration Date 6/30/2025
Board Member [Christine Raino](#)
Status Validated

Board	Vacancies	Status
Children, Youth, and Families Collaborative Commission	2	Contested (Incumbent)

Basic Information

Name
Christine M Raino
Date of Birth
REDACTED

Contact Information

Yes, I am a resident of the City of Alexandria. (NOTE: If your are not a City of Alexandria resident, a residency waiver is required for positions that are not specific to an organization or profession.)
Yes
Email
REDACTED
Alternate email
REDACTED
Phone
REDACTED

Occupation

Employer (student and youth applicants list school)
Shared Hope International
Job Title
REDACTED

New Applicant or Current Member

Current Member of This Board

How many terms have you served?

1

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

Children, youth and family issues, public safety, medical/health related profession or non-profit experience member

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?

17 years, 2 months

Statement of Interest

I am seeking to renew my membership on the Children Youth and Families Collaborative Commission because I would be honored to continue engaging in the impactful work of this commission. The CYFCC's work lies at the intersection of my professional experience and my personal commitment to being an actively engaged member of the community in which I live. Professionally, I have spent the past 13 years working to advance protections and rights for children and youth impacted by, and at risk of, trafficking exploitation. Resultantly, I recognize the important role that communities play in ensuring that children and their families are safe, supported, and thriving, and how this work is, in turn, essential to preventing the vulnerabilities that can lead to trafficking and other harms. As a resident of the city of Alexandria for almost 20 years and an ACPS parent, I have been honored to support my local community in a variety of ways, including serving on the PTA board at Cora Kelly Elementary School and most recently as a member of the CYFCC. I have greatly enjoyed contributing to the work of the CYFCC, which serves a critical function in the City of Alexandria by overseeing the implementation of a community-informed plan for establishing an environment where all children, youth and families can thrive. Given the importance of this work, I would be honored to serve another term as a member of the Children, Youth and Families Collaborative Commission.

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

Yes (Please explain), As a current member of the Children, Youth and Families Collaborative Commission

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

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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

JD, Washington College of Law, American University, Washington, DC BA in Philosophy, Boston College, Boston, MA

Summary of Work and Experience

Over the past 13 years, I have served as a senior policy director and strategic program planner and have over 15 years of nonprofit experience, including over 12 years leading legislative campaigns to combat human trafficking. Past work experience also includes representing clients in civil and criminal legal matters as an associate attorney and providing case management services to refugees and immigrants through state and federal resettlement programs.

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Gender

REDACTED

Sexual Orientation

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Ethnicity

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Do you have a disability?

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