



**CITY OF NEW BEDFORD**  
JONATHAN F. MITCHELL, MAYOR

September 17, 2018

City Council President Linda M. Morad  
Honorable Members of the City Council  
City of New Bedford  
133 William Street  
New Bedford, MA 02740

Dear Council President Morad and Honorable Members of the City Council:

I am submitting for your approval the **APPOINTMENT** of Zoe Hansen-DiBello of 15 Arnold Place, New Bedford, MA to the Human Relations Commission. Zoe Hansen-DiBello will be replacing Herbert B. Johnson who has resigned. This term will expire in April 2019.

Sincerely,

Jonathan F. Mitchell  
Mayor

JFM/sds

cc: Zoe Hansen-DiBello  
Human Relations Commission



## CITY OF NEW BEDFORD BOARD & COMMISSION APPLICATION

The Mayor is seeking citizens who wish to serve on City Boards and Commissions established to assist and advise the City on specific matters. Please complete this application in full (attach a resume and other information which may assist the Mayor and the City Council in making its selection) and file it with the Personnel Office. The Mayor reserves the right to reject any application. Some appointments are subject to confirmation by the City Council.

Human Relations Commission

Board/Commission applying for: (see reverse side) \_\_\_\_\_

Name: Zoe Hansen-DiBello

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Residence Address: 15 Arnold Place New Bedford, MA Zip: 02740

Present Occupation & Place of Employment: Advisor and Founder of Ethos

Educational Background: BA from University of Connecticut and PhD from UMASS D

Memberships in Community Organizations or Professional Groups:

United Way SouthEnd Engaged Streering Committee

Community Foundation of Southeastern MA Scholarship Committee

Bia Brother Bia Sister Mentor

City Boards and/or Commissions on which you have previously served:

N/A

The reasons why you wish to be considered for appointment by the Mayor:

I am a dedicated and passionate throught leader around issues of equity, social justice and inclusion, particularly related to the education sector.

Please detail specific areas of expertise:

I have over a decade of experience in non-profit management, education and community partnership work.

Please detail specific areas of interest:

Specific areas of interest include: equity, gender equality, LGBTQ equality and public education.

Available for meetings in the daytime ☐ evenings ☐ both ☒ (check one)

Resident of the City since what year: 2013

Appointees and incumbents may be required to file a Statement of Economic Interest, as required by the City Council Rules or the Mayor. The statement may require a declaration that you have no interest in conflict with the City of New Bedford. Please return your completed application to the Personnel Department, 133 William St., Room 212, New Bedford, MA 02740.

Applications will be kept on file for two years.

**I DECLARE UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY THAT THE FOREGOING  
INFORMATION IS TRUE AND CORRECT.**

Signature of Applicant: Zoe Hansen-DiBello

Date: 9/7/2018

# Zoë Hansen-DiBello, Ph.D.

New Bedford, MA | -----|

## Professional Summary

Ethos Education Strategy Consulting: New Bedford, MA  
Philanthropic Advisor and Founder, August 2018-Present

Rhode Island Department of Education: Providence, RI  
Consultant, August 2018-Present

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Project Coordinator, Learning Champions Grant April 2018- Present

New Bedford Public Schools: New Bedford, MA  
Consultant, 2018

- Researched and developed framework for cultivating in-school cultural competency learning communities for educators and school leadership

The Marion Institute: Marion, MA  
Program Founder and Director, Grow Education 2009 –2018  
Grow Education cultivates family and school partnerships in marginalized neighborhoods through a school-based community garden approach, focused on project-based learning and environmental and social justice.

- Conceptualized, designed, implemented and directed Grow Education
- Cultivated and managed 50+ cross sector community partnerships between corporate, non-profit, higher education and public k-12 schools
- Developed and managed annual program budget, led on-going donor cultivation and grant writing efforts

Tabor Academy: Marion, MA  
Consultant, 2016; 2017; 2018

## Achievements and Accomplishments

Bridgewater State University Cape Verdean Summer Leadership Institute Keynote Speaker, 2017; 2018

American Educational Studies Association Conference Panelist, 2017

*Memory and Questions of Privilege: Autoethnography as a Pathway for Critical Pedagogical Revisiting*

Bristol Community College Biodiversity for a Livable Climate Keynote Speaker, 2015

*Building Community Partnerships through Community Gardens*

University of Massachusetts Dartmouth TREAD Conference Workshop Facilitator, 2015

*Fabrics of Oppression*

TEDx New Bedford Keynote Speaker, 2015

# Zoë Hansen-DiBello, Ph.D.

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*Building Community One Garden At A Time*  
Leadership SouthCoast, Class of 2013

## **Education**

University of Massachusetts Dartmouth, 2018  
Doctorate in Educational Leadership and Policy

University of Massachusetts Dartmouth, 2016  
Masters in Educational Leadership and Policy

University of Connecticut, 2008  
Bachelor of Arts

## **Community Leadership**

United Way of New Bedford South End Engaged Steering Committee Member

*School and Family Engagement Committee Co-Chair, 2016-present*

Community Foundation of Southeastern MA

*External Scholarship Review Committee, 2016-present*

Leadership SouthCoast

*Class of 2013*

Leadership SouthCoast Alumni Curriculum Planning Committee

*Education and Art and Culture committees, 2016-present*

Big Brother's Big Sisters

*Mentor, 2012-2018*