



CITY OF NEW BEDFORD

JONATHAN F. MITCHELL, MAYOR

November 28, 2022

City Council President Ian Abreu and
Honorable Members of the City Council
City of New Bedford
133 William Street
New Bedford, MA 02740

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

I am submitting for your approval the **APPOINTMENT** of Christina E. Cotsoridis of 36 Bismark Meadows Road, New Bedford, MA to the **AIRPORT COMMISSION**. Ms. Cotsoridis will be replacing Paula Popeo who has resigned. This term will expire in December 2024.

Sincerely,

Jonathan F. Mitchell
Mayor

JFM/sds

cc: Christina E. Cotsoridis

November 23, 2022

Mayor Jonathan Mitchell
Office of the Mayor
133 William Street
New Bedford, MA 02740

Dear Mayor Mitchell:

It is with great hopefulness for the opportunity to continue serving the people of New Bedford that I submit this application to serve on the City's Airport Commission.

As you know, I was employed by the City of New Bedford from 2013-2021 in the Office of the Chief Financial Officer and, in that role, was responsible for the development of the City's Performance Management Program. In that capacity, I assisted two directors of the New Bedford Regional Airport with the development of their management materials including multiyear goals, annual objectives and reported metrics. I also worked closely with the Airport and the MIS Department to build the infrastructure that makes their data collection and reporting possible. And, though I was not personally involved in the development of their budget, I am well versed in the City's budgeting process and familiar with their operation, staff and past capital requests.

Now, having left the City's employment last year, I hope to be able to serve our community on a board or commission. After years of commuting from Rhode Island to New Bedford, my husband and I purchased our home in the far north end of the City in January 2021. We live just ten minutes from the Airport and bring our son there often to play at the playground and watch the planes take off.

I have been a committed public servant and active community member all of my adult life and I hope to continue that involvement as an Airport Commission member. I have master's degrees in public policy and administration as well as regional planning and have raised hundreds of thousands of dollars in grant funding both for New Bedford and in my current role as the Assistant to the Town Administrator in Lakeville, MA. I believe that my unique skill set would be an asset to the Commission and I look forward to the opportunity to serve.

Thank you for your consideration of my application.

Respectfully,



Christina E. Gotsoridis
36 Bismark Meadows Road
New Bedford, MA 02745



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 email to Silvia.DaSilva@newbedford-ma.gov. The Mayor reserves the right to reject any application. Appointments may be subject to confirmation by the City Council.

Board/Commission applying for (see attached list): Airport Commission

Name: Christina Cotsoridis Email: [REDACTED]

Home telephone: [REDACTED] Work telephone: _____

Residence address: 36 Bismark Meadows Road Zip code: 02745

Present occupation & place of employment: Assistant to the Town Administrator, Lakeville MA

Educational background: Please see attached.

Memberships in community organizations or professional groups: GFOA budget reviewer, member of the MA Municipal Association and MA Municipal Management Association

City Board and/or Commissions on which you have previously served: None

Reasons why you wish to be considered for appointment by the Mayor: Please see attached.

Please detail specific areas of expertise: Please see attached.

Please detail specific areas of interest: Please see attached.

Availability for meetings:

daytime

evenings

both

(check one)

Resident of the City since: 2021 (please provide year)

Please provide two references:

Name: Sharon Thomas

Relationship: Friend

Phone number: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Name: Ari Sky

Relationship: Current Employer

Phone number: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

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 Mayor's Office, 133 William Street, Room 311, 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:

Christine E. Giffard

Date:

11/23/2022

CHRISTINA E. COTSORIDIS

36 Bismark Meadows Road, New Bedford, MA 02745 * [REDACTED]

EDUCATION

University of Massachusetts, Amherst
Dual Masters in Public Policy and Administration/ Regional Planning

Amherst, MA
May 2013

University of Massachusetts, Amherst
Bachelor of Arts, *Journalism and Political Science*

Amherst, MA
February 2005

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Office of the Town Administrator
Assistant to the Town Administrator

Lakeville, MA
Aug. 2021 – Present

- Assists the Town Administrator in the planning, administration, management, and coordination of the daily operations of the town in response to the direction of the Board of Selectmen and the specifications of existing policy, town by-laws, state statutes and federal laws.
- Other responsibilities include:
 - Developing departmental management plans, policies and procedures;
 - Participating in the development of the Town's operating and capital budgets;
 - Managing interdepartmental projects and initiatives;
 - Preparing grant applications and grant compliance documents
 - Assisting in the hiring of professional-level employees;
 - Represents the town administration at meetings of board and commissions and other events as directed.

Office of the Chief Financial Officer
Management and Performance Analyst

New Bedford, MA
July 2013 – Aug. 2021

- Responsible for the design and implementation of a citywide performance management regime, including:
 - Assisting all 34 departments and enterprise funds in the areas of strategic planning, data collection and analysis (including capacity building) and comparative benchmarking.
 - Production of all department management information for the annually proposed budget document.
 - Overseeing the quarterly submission of department work plans and submitting an annual status reports to the Mayor and City Council on departmental data and the capacity of departments to collect and analyze data.
 - Developed, in partnership with the City's Management and Information Systems Department, an internet dashboard for the City's website to advance transparency of city government.
- Conduct enterprise management projects as directed.
 - Implemented departmental efficiency studies including a time study in the Treasurer's Office that resulted in a number of efficiency measures being implemented to streamline the collection process, the successful reorganization of the Emergency Medical Services Department, restructuring Fire Department fees, and others.
 - Policy research and development in areas including a city-wide travel policy, special events fee structure, grounds maintenance of city facilities, and winter snow removal policy.
 - Grant development (including the SAFER grant, Area-Wide Planning grant, Community Innovation Challenge grant, Community Compact grant, IT Infrastructure grant, and others).
- Coordinate citywide initiatives.
 - Managed an archival process of historical documents stored within City Hall.
 - Successfully executed the terms of a Community Compact grant to establish a framework for a citywide Business Continuity Plan.
 - Was dispatched to the Management and Information Systems Department to assist the investigation, collect data, and triage end user support calls during the City's ransomware attack in 2019.
 - Collaborate annually with the City's Finance Team to transform the proposed budget document.
 - Produce an annual adopted budget document, which has been awarded the GFOA Distinguished Budget Award every year since the City began submitting it for consideration in 2016.
- Represent the City at local, state, and national conferences.
- Select, supervise, and evaluate office interns.

CHRISTINA E. COTSORIDIS

36 Bismark Meadows Road, New Bedford, MA 02745 * [REDACTED]

University of Massachusetts Department of Residence Education
Assistant Resident Director

Amherst, MA
Aug. 2011 – May 2013

- Served as in-house, senior staff to a student staff of 18 Resident Assistants in a 600-student residence hall.

Responsibilities included:

- the supervision and guidance of staff to effectively establish a safe, inclusive and respectful community;
- enforcement of the Code of Student Conduct; and
- first-response and service coordination for crises involving hall residents including, but not limited to, sexual assault, domestic violence, drug possession, breaking and entering, and personal injury.

Office of Governor Deval L. Patrick

Boston, MA

Civic Engagement Liaison/Internship Coordinator

Jan. 2007 – Aug. 2010

- Created and managed the Governor's Internship Program including: the development of strategies for recruitment and benchmarks for diversity, gender parity, and strengthening state college and university presence; increased the size of the program by 100%; placed and evaluated all interns; and establish institutionalized processes continued by future program coordinators.
- Planned and executed two statewide tours featuring Governor Patrick and other senior administration officials pertaining to the Governor's Young Adult Initiative and the Governor's FY2011 Budget Forums, respectively.
- Launched the Civic Engagement Times E-Newsletter: managed content, layout, approval process and distribution.
- Assisted in the development of performance data of key civic engagement priorities and initiatives.
- Collaborated with non-profit organizations, private companies and state agencies to host statewide events on volunteerism, enrollment in affordable health insurance and promotion of public/private partnerships. Events ranged in size from 200 to 1,600 attendees.

Office of Mayor Timothy P. Murray

Worcester, MA

Constituent Liaison

Dec. 2004 - Jan. 2007

- Partnered with the Office of the City Manager and state/federal agencies to promptly respond to the needs of residents.
- Authored all press releases, talking points and correspondence between the Mayor, constituents and city department heads.
- Coordinated regularly scheduled meetings and represented the Mayor at events in the community.