



CITY OF NEW BEDFORD
JONATHAN F. MITCHELL, MAYOR

June 15, 2023

City Council President Linda M. Morad and
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 **HEATHER SYLVIA CHEW** of 63 Seabury Street, New Bedford, MA to the **COMMISSION FOR CITIZENS WITH DISABILITIES**. Ms. Chew will be replacing George N. Smith, who has resigned. This term will expire in May 2026.

Sincerely,

Jonathan F. Mitchell
Mayor

JFM/sds

cc: Heather Sylvia Chew
COA

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NEW BEDFORD, MA

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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): Commission for Citizens with Disabilities

Name: Heather Sylvia Chew

Email: [REDACTED]

Home telephone: [REDACTED]

Work telephone: [REDACTED]

Residence address: 63 Seabury Street, New Bedford

Zip code: 02745

Present occupation & place of employment: Town of Acushnet, Director, Council on Aging

Educational background: Southern New Hampshire University, Bachelors, Public Administration

Memberships in community organizations or professional groups: MA Licensed EMT/NREMT

Global Learning Charter Public School Board of Trustees, Clerk

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

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

I have been the primary care provider for an aging parent, who has been an above the knee amputee since 2011, and feel this has provided the relevant expertise to serve as an advocate for those living with all types of ability in New Bedford. The Commission would be a good way for me to help bring awareness that disability is a big part of every community and to highlight the unmet needs of this population. I have also held my license as a MA Licensed EMT/NREMT since 2021.

Please detail specific areas of expertise: I have served as the appointed Council on Aging Director for the Town of Acushnet

since 2009 with a focus on providing services to those age 50+ seeking to increase their mental, social and physical well-being.

I have expertise in using evidence-based approaches to promote independent lifestyles to individuals living with all abilities.

Please detail specific areas of interest: Along with working with the elderly and those with disability, I am a volunteer at Cat Life Rescue, a 501 (C)3 no kill animal shelter.

Availability for meetings:

daytime

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evenings

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both

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(check one)

Resident of the City since:

1976

(please provide year)

Please provide two references:

Name: Steven Martins

Relationship: Friend

Phone number: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Name: Alice Rebelo

Relationship: Friend

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:

Heidi Dylan Chen

Date:

04-05-2023