



## Programs & Services Committee Agenda

### City of Newton In City Council

Wednesday, July 10, 2024

7:00 PM

The Programs & Services Committee will hold this meeting as a virtual meeting on Wednesday, July 10, 2024 at 7:00 PM. To view this meeting using Zoom use this link: <https://newtonma.gov.zoom.us/j/87935817100> or call 1-646-558-8656 and use the Meeting ID: 879 3581 7100.

#### Items Scheduled for Discussion:

**#284-24 Appointment of Nathan Persampieri to the Commission on Disability**  
HER HONOR THE MAYOR appointing Nathan Persampieri, 108 Washington Park, Newtonville as a member of the Commission on Disability for a term of office set to expire on May 31, 2025. (60 Days: 09/06/2024)

#### Referred to Programs & Services and Finance Committees

**#272-24 Request for salary increase for City Clerk/Clerk of the City Council**  
COUNCILORS LAREDO and KALIS requesting an increase in the salary of the City Clerk/Clerk of the City Council to \$139,310 effective July 1, 2024 to match the percentage increase included in the FY25 budget for H-grade employees.

**#55-24 Requesting Update Regarding City Seal Redesign**  
HER HONOR THE MAYOR requesting to provide the Programs & Services Committee with an update regarding the City Seal redesign.  
**Programs & Services Held 8-0 on 02/21/24**

**#280-24 Reappointment of Joan Belle Isle to the Council on Aging**  
HER HONOR THE MAYOR reappointing Joan Belle Isle, 295 Tremont Street as a member of the Council on Aging for a term of office set to expire on July 19, 2027. (60 Days: 09/06/2024)

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**#282-24 Reappointment of Barbara Lischinsky to the Commission on Disability**  
HER HONOR THE MAYOR reappointing Barbara Lischinsky, 1942 Washington Street, Newton as a member of the Commission on Disability for a term of office set to expire on July 31, 2027. (60 Days: 09/06/2024)

**#283-24 Reappointment of Lucille Chansky to the Commission on Disability**  
HER HONOR THE MAYOR reappointing Lucille Chansky, 259 Jackson Street, Newton as a member of the Commission on Disability for a term of office set to expire on July 3, 2027. (60 Days: 09/06/2024)

**Respectfully Submitted,  
Josh Krintzman, Chair**



Ruthanne Fuller  
Mayor

City of Newton, Massachusetts  
Office of the Mayor

**#284-24**

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July 1, 2024

Honorable City Council  
Newton City Hall  
1000 Commonwealth Avenue  
Newton, MA 02459

To the Honorable City Councilors:

I am pleased to appoint Nathan Persampieri of 108 Washington Park, Newtonville as a member of the Commission on Disability. Nathan Persampieri's term of office shall expire on May 31, 2025, and the appointment is subject to your confirmation. Nathan Persampieri will be completing Eileen Sandberg's term, which ends on May 31, 2025.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Warmly,

Ruthanne Fuller  
Mayor

## Application Form

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### Profile

Nathan \_\_\_\_\_ E \_\_\_\_\_ Persampieri \_\_\_\_\_  
First Name Middle Initial Last Name

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Email Address

108 Washington Park \_\_\_\_\_  
Home Address Suite or Apt

Newtonville \_\_\_\_\_ MA \_\_\_\_\_ 02460 \_\_\_\_\_  
City State Postal Code

### What Ward do you live in?

Ward 2

\_\_\_\_\_  
Primary Phone Alternate Phone

\_\_\_\_\_  
Employer Job Title

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### Which Boards would you like to apply for?

Commission on Disability: Submitted

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### Ethnicity

Other

### Gender

Male

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### Interests & Experiences

Please tell us about yourself and why you want to serve.

#### Why are you interested in serving on a board or commission?

I would like to serve on the COD because, as a college graduate and a young person, I have a lot to offer. I am passionate about advocating for people with disabilities, and I want to see them more involved in the City. Disability can also be seen as an afterthought, and there needs to be more education and awareness.

[Nathan\\_Persampieri\\_Resume\\_updated\\_5.20.24\\_.pdf](#)

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# NATHAN PERSAMPIERI

Newton MA 02460 [REDACTED]

## EDUCATION

**Merrimack College; Andover MA**

May 2024

*Bachelor of Arts, Social Justice*

**Relevant Courses:** Social Justice; College Writing; Communication and Advocacy; Persuasion and Social Influence

**Extracurricular Involvements:** Austin Scholars; Young Athletes Program; D'Youville; DREAM (disability rights); 2023 Orientation Leader; SGA Campus Infrastructure Committee Chair

**Massachusetts Bay Community College; Wellesley Hills MA**

May 2022

*Associates in Arts: Liberal Arts major*

GPA: 3.84

## EXPERIENCE

**Office of Congresswoman Lori Trahan, Intern, Lowell, MA**

Sept 2023–Dec 2023

- Researching legislation and press clips, and answering constituent letters on various issues
- Responding to casework; and other administrative tasks as needed

**Student Government Association, Senator & Committee Chair, Merrimack College**

Sept 2022–Apr 2024

- Participate in the Diversity Committee focused on implementing DEI solutions on campus
- The Diversity Committee hosted an “Afro-Latina” night to explain more about their culture and food
- As Campus Infrastructure Committee Chair, I hold weekly meetings to bring up issues related to infrastructure on campus

**Volunteer/Advisory Board member, Understanding Our Differences; Newton MA**

Jun 2018–Present

- Spoke about my experience as a disabled person to school districts across Massachusetts
- Assisted with the fall Annual Appeal to encourage donations from friends and neighbors
- Organized two panels at Newton high schools, “Beyond Kindness,” to teach compassion skills

**Volunteer & Campaign Fellow for Mayor and City Councilors; Newton MA**

Dec 2020–Nov 2021

- Worked on Mayor Ruthanne Fuller and two contested city councilors’ campaigns
- Communicated via Slack; outreach via social media campaign; data analysis in Vote Builder; text banking and visibility events
- Co-hosted a 100-person “Conversation About Disabilities” with councilors running for election

## SKILLS

- Shared Google tools (Docs, Drive, etc.) and MS office
- Graphic design (Canva), and Web design (Weebly, Wix)

## HONORABLE AWARDS

- “College Matters. Alma Matters.” podcast – interviewed by podcast author January 2023
- Featured on Channel 4 News live from MassBay graduation due to my creation of a scholarship for disabled students - raised \$8k May 2022  
<https://www.cbsnews.com/boston/news/massbay-community-college-grad-with-rare-disease-creates-scholarship-for-future-students>
- “Patriots’ Difference Maker” – awarded in person at New England Patriots game January 2022



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To the Honorable City Councilors:

I am pleased to reappoint Joan Belle Isle of 295 Tremont Street, Newton as a member of the Council on Aging. Joan Belle Isle's term of office shall expire on July 19, 2027 and the appointment is subject to your confirmation.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Warmly,

Ruthanne Fuller  
Mayor

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## Profile

Joan \_\_\_\_\_ Belle Isle \_\_\_\_\_  
 First Name Middle Initial Last Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Email Address

295 Tremont St \_\_\_\_\_  
 Home Address Suite or Apt

Newton \_\_\_\_\_ MA \_\_\_\_\_ 02458  
 City State Postal Code

## What Ward do you live in?

Ward 1

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Primary Phone Alternate Phone

Retired \_\_\_\_\_  
 Employer Job Title

## Which Boards would you like to apply for?

Council on Aging: Submitted

## Ethnicity

Caucasian/Non-Hispanic

## Gender

Female

## Interests & Experiences

Please tell us about yourself and why you want to serve.

### Why are you interested in serving on a board or commission?

Aging is complicated, challenging and changing for the more than 20,000 older adults in the city. The Council on Aging can bring the issues and concerns of older adults to the rest of the city and advocate for the resources and solutions that will make a difference in the community. Everything that the city does affects older adults on some dimension. I want to be part of redefining aging in Newton with the launch of the new Cooper Center and all of the opportunities the center will provide that will affect the lives of our growing aging community.

[Joan\\_C\\_Belle\\_Isle.docx](#)

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JOAN C. BELLE ISLE  
295 Tremont Street  
Newton, Massachusetts 02458

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Professional career focused on project management and systems analysis in various industries after several years in public agencies during major transitions. Retired in 2010.

## EXPERIENCE

1990 - 2010

SENIOR SYSTEMS ANALYST  
NEW DIVISION PROJECT MANAGER  
IBA, INC.

Provided information technology support as a part of TJX Corp. expansion into international markets in Canada and Europe.

1987-1990

DOCUMENTATION SPECIALIST

### **SILVER LAKE SYSTEMS**

Documented and generated training materials for new reservations systems for major automobile rental company.

1985-1987

**TELECOMMUNICATIONS MANAGER**

OPTIONS AMERICA, INC.

Managed voice and data communications for multi-state options trading organization.

1983-1985

TELECOMMUNICATIONS MANAGER

LEADING EDGE PRODUCTS, INC.

Managed telecommunications for startup marketing company.

1980-1983

FACILITIES PROJECT MANAGER

EXXON ENTERPRISES

Managed facilities requirements for the consolidation of three information based companies including a new headquarters campus.

1977-1979

FACILITIES PLANNER

MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF  
CORRECTIONS

Handled all aspects of prison renovations and proposed new construction as user representative.

1975-1977

FEDERAL GRANTS MANAGER

BOSTON POLICE DEPARTMENT

Handled reporting requirements associated with federal grants under the Law Enforcement Assistance Administration.

1973-1975

ASSISTANT TO THE DIRECTOR OF  
ADMINISTRATION

MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH  
SERVICES

Assisted in the administrative transition from youth training schools to community based services.

## **EDUCATION**

1980

Masters of Business Administration  
Simmons College  
Graduate School of Management

1964

American International College

1961

Chicopee High School

## **ACTIVITIES**

Founding member and president of The Greyhound Project, Inc. from 1992 through 2010 followed by BOD membership through 2015. The mission of The Greyhound Project is

to promote and support the adoption of retired and surplus racing greyhounds throughout the U.S. and Canada.



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To the Honorable City Councilors:

I am pleased to reappoint Barbara Lischinsky of 1942 Washington Street, #424, Newton as a member of the Commission on Disability. Barbara Lischinsky's term of office shall expire on July 31, 2027 and the appointment is subject to your confirmation.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Warmly,

Ruthanne Fuller  
Mayor

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## Profile

Barbara \_\_\_\_\_ Lischinsky \_\_\_\_\_  
 First Name Middle Initial Last Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Email Address

1942 Washington St., #424 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Home Address Suite or Apt

Newton \_\_\_\_\_ MA \_\_\_\_\_ 02466 \_\_\_\_\_  
 City State Postal Code

## What Ward do you live in?

Ward 4

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Primary Phone Alternate Phone

n/a \_\_\_\_\_ n/a \_\_\_\_\_  
 Employer Job Title

## Which Boards would you like to apply for?

Commission on Disability: Appointed

## Ethnicity

Caucasian/Non-Hispanic

## Gender

Female

## Interests & Experiences

Please tell us about yourself and why you want to serve.

**Why are you interested in serving on a board or commission?**

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This will serve as my statement of interest to continue as a member of the COD: I would like to continue my work on the COD as I have for many, many years. I have found my years as a member rewarding on many levels. I enjoy learning and I also enjoy helping others navigate their way through their personal journey with a disability. Whether it is helping them get a curb cut installed near their home or an HP space near their residence, I enjoy helping others learn their rights as disabled persons living in Newton and helping them become more empowered about their personal rights and their rights as disabled individuals in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. My studies thru MOD have allowed me to learn the ins and outs of the State laws as regards access and I have enjoyed and continue to enjoy doing site visits around the City of Newton making observations of things that are going well regarding access and things that could be improved. Newton is ahead of the curve with regard to curb cuts and APS units as well as voting CDBG money devoted to access projects. I would like to continue to have a voice in this City as to funding for projects and to lend my knowledge of the rules when I see things that could be improved. Thank you for this continuing opportunity to serve my City in this capacity.

[B.L.\\_Resume\\_6-2024.pdf.pdf](#)

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To the Honorable City Councilors:

I am pleased to reappoint Lucille Chansky of 259 Jackson Street, Newton as a member of the Commission on Disability. Lucille Chansky's term of office shall expire on July 31, 2027 and the appointment is subject to your confirmation.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Warmly,

Ruthanne Fuller  
Mayor

# Application Form

## Profile

Lucille (Lucie)

First Name

N

Middle Initial

Chansky

Last Name

[Redacted]

Email Address

259 Jackson Street

Home Address

Suite or Apt

Newton

City

MA

State

02459

Postal Code

## What Ward do you live in?

Ward 6

[Redacted]

Primary Phone

[Redacted]

Alternate Phone

Self Employed

Employer

Special Education Advocate

Job Title

## Which Boards would you like to apply for?

Commission on Disability: Submitted

## Ethnicity

None Selected

## Gender

Female

## Interests & Experiences

Please tell us about yourself and why you want to serve.



**Why are you interested in serving on a board or commission?**

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I have broad knowledge of disability issues and regulations and city government which I would like to use and share with others. I believe that disability accommodation is a civil right. I have a son who has profound intellectual disabilities and physical disabilities. He is served at Price Center by MA Department of DDS. I currently serve as the chairperson of the DDS Newton South Norfolk Citizen's Advisory Board, I also now have a mobility disability myself. I am knowledgeable about DDS services, housing rights, special education rights (I recently retired as a special education advocate), 504 rights, as well as many other issues and regulations that impact people with disabilities. I have submitted my application with detail of my experience [REDACTED] Street  
Newton Centre 02459 [REDACTED]

[Application for Disability Commission 2018.docx](#)

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**Lucie Chansky  
259 Jackson Street  
Newton Centre, Massachusetts 02459**

May 2, 2018

**TO Whom It May Concern**

I would like to serve a subsequent term(s) on the **Newton Commission on Disability**. I have served on that Committee for many years, I have been a very active, knowledgeable and involved member

I feel I have the correct qualifications and experience to continue to be a valued member of this Committee.

I have lived in Newton for more than 60 years. I know so many aspects of the City, its organizations, needs and its demographics.

I have a degree in psychology from Boston University.

I have a son who has profound disabilities, both cognitive and physical who lives in a community residence in Auburndale.

I am an active advocate politically; federally, statewide and locally for issues that involve disability and human services.

My experience is outlined below.

My current activities

I currently practice as a special education advocate, working with public schools to ensure that students with special needs receive the services which both state and federal laws and regulations entitle them.

I am chairperson of two citizen advisory committees of the Massachusetts Department of Developmental Services; the Metro Regional Citizen's Advisory Committee and the Newton South Norfolk Citizen's Advisory Committee.

I am a member of the state wide Coalition for Special Education; the Newton Parent Advisory Committee for Special Education; the Newton Commission on Disability; former chair of the Newton Human Services Advisory Committee and the Governmental Affairs Committee of the ARC of Massachusetts, a statewide advocacy organization for individuals with intellectual disabilities. I recently served on the Olmstead Review Committee a task force sponsored by the Massachusetts Executive Office of Health and Human Services. I am very familiar with many of the laws and regulations that impact the rights of persons with disabilities.

My past experiences include

Presented the Dybwad Award from the Massachusetts Department of Development Services for exemplary service to individuals with intellectual disabilities, and other awards for dedicated services to the committees to which I have provided many years of service.

I founded the NWW Committee which established, in Newton, one of the earliest group homes for individuals leaving state institutions.

Served as Chair, for many years, of the Newton Parent Advisory Committee for Special Education and was a founding member.

Served on the Governor's Commission for Disability Policy as well as the Massachusetts Development Disability Council, and the Board of Directors of the ARC of Massachusetts.

Was a founder of the Newton Chapter of the Greater Boston Association for Retarded (this word no longer used) Citizens.

Helped establish the first public pre-school in Newton for students with profound disabilities.

I do a great deal of reading on the internet on issues that pertain to all aspects of Human Service and Disability

I have enjoyed working on the Commission On Disability and am very interested in being re-appointed. I believe I am a very active and vocal member of the Commission.

Thank you for your  
consideration

Lucie Chansky