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## Board and Commission Application

### Step 1

Application for Appointment to Whatcom County Boards and Commissions

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#### Public Statement

*THIS IS A PUBLIC DOCUMENT: As a candidate for a public board or commission, the information provided will be available to the County Council, County Executive, and the public. All board and commission members are expected to be fair, impartial, and respectful of the public, County staff, and each other. Failure to abide by these expectations may result in revocation of appointment and removal from the appointive position.*

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Title *Field not completed.*

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First Name Kathleen

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Last Name Hennessy

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Today's Date 2/4/2023

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Street Address [REDACTED]

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City [REDACTED]

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Zip [REDACTED]

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Do you live in & are you registered to vote in Whatcom County? Yes

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Do you have a different mailing address? *Field not completed.*

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Primary Telephone [REDACTED]

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Secondary Telephone *Field not completed.*

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Email Address [REDACTED]

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### Step 2

1. Name of Board or Committee Public Health Advisory Board

Public Health Advisory Board	I have expertise, career experience, or lived experience in one of the areas listed above., I am a consumer of public health services. , I represent a stakeholder, such as a nonprofit organization, the business community, or those regulated by public health.
2. Do you meet the residency, employment, and/or affiliation requirements of the position for which you're applying?	Yes
3. Which Council district do you live in?	District 2
4. Are you a US citizen?	Yes
5. Are you registered to vote in Whatcom County?	Yes
6. Have you declared candidacy (as defined by RCW 42.17A.055) for a paid elected office in any jurisdiction within the county?	No
7. Have you ever been a member of this Board/Commission?	No
8. Do you or your spouse have a financial interest in or are you an employee or officer of any business or agency that does business with Whatcom County?	No
You may attach a resume or detailed summary of experience, qualifications, &	<i>Field not completed.</i>

interest in response to the following questions

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9. Please describe your occupation (or former occupation if retired), qualifications, professional and/or community activities, and education

I am a special education, teacher and a public health and vaccine advocate. I have volunteered for various public health advocacy and immunization advocacy projects. I am the Washington state 2015 CDC immunization champion. I believe I am highly educated in the evidence based practices, I understand how to read and interpret validity of scientific publications, and I have been a long time supporter of the state and local Department of Health.

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10. Please describe why you're interested in serving on this board or commission

In the week of the Covid pandemic, we've seen a great deal of misinformation being spread about public health. I see it not only in relation to vaccine preventable diseases, but also drug addiction, homelessness, comprehensive, sex, education, and more. I would like to serve as a community member of the board to help support the department of health and their evidence-based recommendations to keep our county safe.

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References (please include daytime telephone number):

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Signature of applicant:

Kathleen Hennessy

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Place Signed / Submitted



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(Section Break)

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# Kathleen Hennessy

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## Education

### **March 2018 Western Washington University**

- Special Education endorsement

### **M.Ed, March 1994 Western Washington University**

- Elementary Education and reading endorsement

### **B.A, March 1990 University California**

- Major: Sociology
- Awards: Cum Laude

## Experience

### **Special Education Teacher | Arlington School District | August 2022-Present**

- Co-taught English to grade 9 students and learning strategies for grades 9-12 students
- Organized standardized testing schedules and accommodations for all SPED students
- Wrote IEPs, monitored progress, facilitated IEP meetings
- Wrote and managed behavior intervention plans for students on my case load
- Developed curriculum for SPED ELA students in keeping with Common Core and best practices

### **Special Education Teacher | Anacortes School District | August 2021-June 2022**

- Taught basic math and resource room English to grade 9-12 students at Anacortes High School
- Organized standardized testing schedules and accommodations for all SPED students
- Wrote IEPs, monitored progress, facilitated IEP meetings
- Wrote and managed behavior intervention plans for students on my case load
- Developed curriculum for SPED ELA students in keeping with Common Core and best practices

### **Special Education Teacher | Omak School District | August 2020-June 2021**

- High School special education resource teacher for Washington Virtual Academy high school
- Taught pre-algebra, executive functioning skills and social-emotional learning to case load of 25 students in virtual classrooms

- Wrote IEPs, monitored progress, facilitated IEP meetings

**Special Education Teacher | Ferndale School District | August 2019-June 2020**

- Autism specialist working with life skills students in grades K-2 in pullout model
- Supported life skills program with specialized 1:1 instruction for 7 students on my case load
- Planned and oversaw 3 paraeducators to deliver instruction and support to students on my case load
- Wrote and oversaw behavior implementation plans
- Wrote IEPs, monitored progress, facilitated IEP meetings

**Special Education Teacher | Sedro-Woolley High School | August 2018-June 2019**

- Co-taught Algebra and collaborate with general education math teacher to effectively differentiate instruction for students with IEP goals in math
- Taught algebra resource room support class to further deepen students' algebra skills and meet specially designed instruction goals
- Managed a caseload of approximately 30 IEP students, including writing annual reviews, behavior plans, progress monitoring, and facilitating IEP team meetings

**Intern | Special Education Resource Room, Northern Heights Elementary | January – March 2018**

- Differentiated curriculum and provide instruction for students with learning disabilities, social and emotional needs, autism, anxiety and other needs.
- Conducted behavior and academic assessments to facilitate writing learning and support plans
- Work effectively with staff to support students in general education and other settings

**Parent Advocate | Immunity Community, Within Reach | September 2014 to present**

- Provided reliable, science-based information to parents in my community to increase the conversation about the positive aspects of vaccination.

**Parent volunteer | Roosevelt Elementary, Bellingham WA | September 2008 to present**

- Assisted classroom teachers with small group instruction.

**Classroom Teacher | John Muir Elementary, Seattle WA | September 2001 to March 2003**

- Spectrum (gifted program) classroom teacher in Title 1 urban school

**Gifted Specialist Teacher | Issaquah, WA | September 1999 to June 2001**

- Pull-out gifted program teacher in Issaquah public schools

**Classroom Teacher | Chestnut Hill Academy, Bellevue WA | August 1998 to July 1999**

- Multi-age first/second grade classroom teacher

### **Computer Specialist | Evergreen Academy, Bothell WA | August 1996 to July 1998**

- Manager of technology and computer lab teacher for preschool thru 6<sup>th</sup> grade private school

### **Substitute Teacher | Seattle Public Schools, Seattle WA | September 1994 to June 1996**

## **Certificates and skills**

- Certificates in Reading and Special Education
- Adept at using formative data to inform and guide teaching choices
- Strong collaborative professional skills
- Strong communication skills, especially with parents
- Positive attitude towards constructive criticism and effective at meeting personal growth goals
- Skilled at the application of educational foundations to a variety of settings
- Dedicated to public education and public health issues
- Highly skilled at differentiating instruction to meet students' needs
- Very effective at communicating with students at their level
- Very patient and thoughtful
- Strong collaboration and problem solving skills
- A strong and infectious "can do" attitude

## **Awards**

- CDC Immunization Champion for Washington State, 2015

## **Volunteership**

- Community Immunity Project, Within Reach, 2014-15
- Vaccinate Washington Director, 2019-present

## **Kathleen Hennessy References**

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