

**Contact information / Información del solicitante****First Name / Nombre \***

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**Today's Date / Fecha de hoy \***

9/19/2025

**Address / Dirección \*****Phone number / número de teléfono \*****Email / Correo electrónico \*****Selection and interests / Selección e intereses****Select board(s) or commission(s) you wish to apply for. / Seleccione la(s) junta(s) o comisión(es) a la(s) que desea presentarse. \***

You may select more than one. If the group you're interested in is not listed, please check "other" and fill in the name of the group. / Puede seleccionar más de uno. Si el grupo que le interesa no aparece en la lista, marque "otro" y escriba el nombre del grupo. Seleccione la junta, la comisión o el grupo de trabajo al que desea presentarse:

- ☐ Arts & Culture Commission / Comisión de Arte y Cultura
- ☐ Charter Commission / Comisión de la Carta
- ☐ Economic Development Authority / Autoridad de Desarrollo Económico
- ☐ Environmental Quality Commission / Comisión de Calidad Medioambiental
- ☐ Heritage Preservation Commission / Comisión de Preservación del Patrimonio
- ☒ Hospital Board / Junta del hospital
- ☐ Housing & Redevelopment Authority / Autoridad de Vivienda y Reurbanización
- ☐ Human Rights Commission / Comisión de Derechos Humanos
- ☐ Library Board / Consejo de la Biblioteca
- ☐ Northfield Alliance for Substance Abuse Prevention / Alianza de Northfield para la prevención del abuso de sustancias
- ☐ Northfield Area Fire & Rescue Services Joint Powers Board / Junta de Poderes Conjuntos de los Servicios de Rescate e Incendios del Área de Northfield
- ☐ Park & Recreation Advisory Board / Junta Consultiva de Parques y Actividades Recreativas
- ☐ Planning Commission/Zoning Board / Comisión de Urbanismo/Junta de Zonificación
- ☐ Other / Otro

**Why are you interested in serving on a City of Northfield board or commission? / ¿Por qué le interesa formar parte de una junta o comisión de la ciudad de Northfield? \***

I would like to help the hospital continue to provide access to excellent, affordable care for the whole community. I practiced family medicine in Northfield for 25 years, and then served in executive roles at Allina Health until my retirement in 2019, so I have some background to understand the issues facing the board.

**What interests you about the board(s)/commissions(s) you selected? / ¿Qué le interesa de la(s) junta(s)/comisión(es) seleccionada(s) en la pregunta 1? \***

I perceive that the hospital is well-managed, with an active, supportive board. I hope that my experience could be helpful as the hospital adapts to a challenging time in health care. I enjoy working through issues with other caring, capable people.

**What do you feel you would add to selected board(s)/commission(s)? / ¿Qué cree que aportaría a la(s) junta(s)/comisión(es) seleccionada(s)? \***

It could be helpful to have someone with experience both as a family physician in Northfield, and as a health system executive. My particular experience included leading clinicians in clinical quality and patient experience improvement efforts, in working toward value-based payment models focused on population outcomes, and in coordinating the efforts of primary and specialty care. I also participated in the design of a new insurance product. I would add that since my retirement I have not been connected to Allina Health leadership. I have helped in non-patient care areas at HealthFinders, especially a few years ago.

**Describe any current or past experience serving on a board or commission. / Describa su experiencia actual o pasada como miembro de un consejo o comisión. \***

I just completed my 2 years as chair of the Community Action Center board, and have 1 more year to serve as a member. I am currently a member of the Cannon Valley Elder Collegium board. Many years ago (1990s?) I served on the Northfield Hospital board for about 3 years. I have served on the St. John's Lutheran Church council 3 times, including as its president twice. I was a member of boards connected to Allina while I worked there.

**Describe any current or past community involvement. / Describa cualquier participación actual o pasada en la comunidad. \***

I currently teach courses for the Elder Collegium, volunteer for the CAC sporadically, and participate in 2 handbell choirs. In the past I have coached baseball. I am also currently working with ISAIAH, an inter-faith organization working for racial, economic and climate justice in Minnesota.

**Describe any current or past related education, training, or work experience. / 7. Describa cualquier tipo de educación, formación o experiencia laboral relacionada actual o pasada. \***

Medical school: University of Iowa

Residency: Cedar Rapids, Iowa

Continuing education while in practice, annually, including quality improvement work through Intermountain Health

**What does Northfield do well? / ¿Qué hace bien Northfield? \***

Strives to be inclusive, equitable, and supportive. Attempts to be an appealing place for anyone to live. Works for transparency in decision-making. Offers outstanding cultural opportunities.

**What challenges does Northfield face? / ¿A qué retos se enfrenta Northfield? \***

Housing supply and expense limit our ability to grow, and it is hard to expand our tax base. The cost of living is increasingly a challenge for more people. The downside of strong community engagement is that it is hard to reach consensus in a timely way, sometimes.

**What is your vision for Northfield? / ¿Cuál es su visión de Northfield? \***

We should continue to improve as a great place to live, for people of all ages and backgrounds. We have work to do to make that affordable and accessible, and that is true of health care as well.

## Reapplying

If you are reapplying for a term on a board/commission, please complete the below questions. / Si Vuelve a presentar su candidatura para un mandato en un consejo/comisión, rellene las siguientes preguntas.

**Explain what you've added to the work of your board or commission during your term(s). / 11. Explique qué ha aportado al trabajo de su junta/comisión durante su(s) mandato(s).**

**What have you found most fulfilling during your term(s)? / ¿Qué es lo que más le ha llenado durante su mandato?**

What have you found most challenging during your term(s)? / 13. ¿Qué le ha resultado más difícil durante su mandato?

## Questions / Preguntas

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