

Application Form

Profile

Mrs	Helen	O	Momoh-kwuelum	
Prefix	First Name	Middle Initial	Last Name	Suffix

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Email Address

1225 Old Richmond Circle	
Home Address	Suite or Apt

Harrisonburg	VA	22802
City	State	Postal Code

How many years have you been a resident of Harrisonburg?

12 years

Mobile: (540) 820-6653	
Primary Phone	Alternate Phone

None	Freelance and Certified Mediator
Employer	Job Title

Demographics - (Submission of this information if voluntary and will not subject you to any adverse treatment should you chose to not complete)

Ethnicity

None Selected

Gender

☒ Female

What is your age?

☒ 40-50 years old

Are you reapplying for a current position you hold? *

☒ No

Which Boards would you like to apply for?

Board of Building Code Appeals (BBCA): Submitted

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 settled in Harrisonburg in 2013, drawn by the warmth, neighborliness, and supportive spirit of its residents — a community that provides a calm and welcoming environment for growing families and newcomers. Over the years, I have witnessed significant development in the city, which has deepened my curiosity about the sustainability of these changes in relation to human and environmental justice. I am particularly interested in how we can balance growth with care for our environment, ensuring that progress reflects both innovation and equity. Serving on the board would offer an opportunity to learn, collaborate, and contribute to community education on sustainable development and responsible building practices. I also look forward to understanding how the board partners with relevant stakeholders to advance the well-being of the Harrisonburg community.

What other interests or concerns do you have regarding the community?

I am deeply committed to community building and to fostering the participatory well-being of all residents. My volunteer work reflects my values of inclusion, collaboration, and service. I am particularly interested in how our community can continue to grow while maintaining equity, accessibility, and environmental sustainability. Through my involvement with local organizations, I've seen both the strengths and the emerging needs of our community — from affordable housing and sustainable development to social connection and support for newcomers. Serving through the BBKA would allow me to contribute my experience and passion toward initiatives that strengthen community resilience, encourage civic participation, and ensure that Harrisonburg remains a welcoming and thriving place for all.

What relevant experience or education do you have to this board or commission?

Master of Arts in Conflict Transformation Eastern Mennonite University, Harrisonburg, VA | December 2021 Graduate Certificate in Restorative Justice Eastern Mennonite University, Harrisonburg, VA | May 2023 • Course Highlights: Foundations for Justice and Peacebuilding 1&2, Circle Processes, Restorative Justice Practices, Transformational Leadership for Organizational Change, Sexual Harms: Changing the Narrative, Forgiveness, and Reconciliation. Master's Degree in Banking and Finance Bayero University, Kano, Nigeria | 2005 Higher National Diploma in Business Administration & Management Federal Polytechnic, Ado Ekiti, Nigeria | 1998 (Upper Credit)

Please list any past or present community involvement e.g. City Council, Boards and Commissions, Citizen Academy, etc. in Harrisonburg or elsewhere:

I am an alum of the 2024 Harrisonburg Citizen Academy. I am a certified mediator for the Virginia Supreme General District Court and Juvenile and Domestic Relations court, and volunteer at Fairfield Mediation Center, Harrisonburg, VA. A recipient of Refugee & Immigrant Leader of the Year, 2024. I am a leader of Valley Interfaith Action. I serve on various Harrisonburg Community Boards, First Step, the Shenandoah Valley Immigrant Resource Center, the CWS STAR Community Advisory Board, and other HCPS subcommittees.

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SUMMARY OF QUALIFICATIONS

- Accomplished peacebuilder and mediator with expertise in restorative justice, conflict transformation, and community advocacy.
- Over 15 years of professional experience in financial services, coupled with significant volunteer work in mediation and community organizing, demonstrating a strong background in leadership, relationship violence prevention, and organizational change.
- Certified Mediator in General District Court (GDC) and Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court (JDR) of the Supreme Court of Virginia.
- Recognized Refugee & Immigrant Leader of the Year (2024) for impactful contributions to community integration and advocacy.

EDUCATION

Master of Arts in Conflict Transformation

Eastern Mennonite University, Harrisonburg, VA | December 2021

Graduate Certificate in Restorative Justice

Eastern Mennonite University, Harrisonburg, VA | May 2023

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PRACTICUM EXPERIENCE

Safer Together Program | Eastern Mennonite University, Harrisonburg, VA
September 2021 – November 2021

- Designed sexual and relationship violence prevention programs integrating restorative justice principles.

Church World Service | Virginia Refugee Community Organizing,
Harrisonburg, VA
September 2021 – November 2021

- Collaborated as an advocacy team member to support immigrant communities through policy engagement and awareness campaigns.

VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

Fairfield Mediation Center, Harrisonburg, VA
January 2023 – Present

- Provide mediation services to resolve disputes and promote peaceful outcomes.

Virginia Immigrant Voices, Harrisonburg, VA
October 2021 – Present

- Advocate for immigrant and refugee rights through community engagement and organizing.

Valley Interfaith Action, Harrisonburg, VA
October 2022 – Present

- Serve as a Core Leadership and Action Team member, mobilizing community resources for systemic change.

International Festival Harrisonburg Community Organizing Committee, Harrisonburg, VA
July 2022 – Present

- Plan and execute cultural events to foster inclusivity and community integration.

Division Family Engagement Committee, Harrisonburg City Public Schools, VA
October 2022 – Present

- Support family engagement initiatives to strengthen school-community relationships.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Eco Bank (Formerly Oceanic Bank) | Kano, Nigeria

August 2006 – February 2012

- Managed corporate and retail banking portfolios, ensuring client satisfaction and operational efficiency.

Capital Bank International | Kano, Nigeria

October 2000 – October 2005

- Delivered tailored financial solutions, consistently exceeding performance targets.

Commercial Bank (Credit Lyonnais Nig. Ltd.) | Kano, Nigeria

1999 – 2000

- Supported daily banking operations, customer service, and account management.

AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

- **Refugee & Immigrant Leader of the Year, 2024**
- **CJP Scholarship (James and Marianne Payne), 2019-2020**
- **Merit Award**, Capital Bank International Limited, Nigeria, 2003
- **Letter of Commendation**, Capital Bank International Limited, Nigeria, 2004
- **Certificate of Recognition**, Rotaract Club Federal Polytechnic Ado-Ekiti, 1998

CERTIFICATIONS

- **Ethical Reasoning In Action** | James Madison University
Harrisonburg, VA
May 1, 2 & 9 2025

- **Certified Mediator in General District Court (GDC) and Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court (JDR)** | Supreme Court of Virginia
Valid: December 2024 – October 2026
- **Harrisonburg Citizen Academy Graduate** | City of Harrisonburg, VA
August 2024 – November 2024

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- Associate Member, **Nigerian Institute of Management**, September 2003
- Associate Member, **The National Institute of Marketing of Nigeria**, December 2004

ADDITIONAL TRAINING

- Basics of Marketing
- Understanding Banking Business
- Effective Selling & Customer Services
- Universal Banking System in Nigeria Economy: Merits & Demerits
- Workshop on Nigerian Bankers and Clearing System