

MAKE A DIFFERENCE

in your community.



Serve as a Board Associate at CommonBond!

Let's Talk!

Do you believe **affordable housing** is a critical issue facing our communities? Are you looking for a **leadership opportunity** but don't know where to start? CommonBond is now **accepting applications** to serve as **Board Associate** on our Board of Directors.

Who we're looking for

- Committed and engaged community members with a sincere interest in our mission
- Young people (under 35), women, people of color, those from low-income families, those employed in the social and nonprofit sector, immigrants. College degree not required.

Your responsibilities

- Attend all Board meetings, review materials, offer your thoughts and perspectives in Board discussions
- Commit 4-6 hours per month for the length of the two-year term.
- Participate in a 1:1 mentoring relationship with a seasoned Board member and liason

"How does this benefit me?"

- Gain excellent leadership experience that will prepare you to serve on future boards or in other influential roles
- Expand your network with other mission-focused professionals from a variety of fields
- Contribute meaningful service to your community
- Receive a \$2,000 annual stipend to help offset costs for participating (transportation, childcare, lost wages, etc.)

"How do I apply?"

- Visit www.commonbond.org/board-associates to download the application
- Questions about the application, contact Karen Law, EVP, Talent, Equity and Culture: karen.law@commonbond.org
- Fill out the application and email it, along with your resume, to BoardAssociates@commonbond.org
- Deadline for application: **October 6, 2023**
Service term begins in January

About CommonBond Communities

Our work comes from a simple notion: Home is the foundation for everything in life. As a developer, owner, and manager of over 120 affordable rental properties across MN, WI, and IA, we've seen what's possible with the stability of a home. From high-quality buildings to life-changing support services, we create opportunities to help each resident thrive. We believe in **stable homes**, **strong futures**, and **vibrant communities**.

Recruitment and selection process

- The Board Associates program is publicly announced and promoted through social media, community partners, and existing Board and staff.
- Candidates state their own case during the application process as to motivation for participation and ability to bring a unique point of view to the Board.
- Applications are reviewed by CommonBond staff and Board.
- Finalists will be interviewed and two Associates will be selected.

CommonBond's Board of Directors

The Board of Directors consists of individuals who are leaders in their fields and are passionate about CommonBond's mission and the people we serve. Board members bring a mix of skills and expertise in housing development, finance, strategic planning, fundraising, legal, business development, social services, and information technology.



CommonBond Board Associates

Shailja and Mohamed joined the Board Associates program in January 2022. They will both be regular board members of the CommonBond Communities' Board of Directors in 2024. Mohamed will also join the Finance and Audit Committee in 2024.



Shailja Ambrose

Shailja is the Executive Recruiter in Banking and Financial Services for Versique Search and Consulting. She is an active member with various volunteer organizations including Wayzata School PTA and the Hindu Society of Minnesota. Shailja holds a Bachelor of Arts in Marketing and Psychology from the University of St. Thomas and is pursuing a Master of Arts in Organizational Leadership from St. Catherine University.



Mohamed Omar

Mohamed is the Chief Administrative Officer at Washburn Center for Children, where he leads the finance, information technology (IT), and facilities functions and serves as chief of staff. He is committed to community involvement and serves on the boards of Hennepin Healthcare System and Wellshare International. Mohamed earned his MBA in finance and entrepreneurship as well as MS in information science from The Johns Hopkins University.