



City of Seattle Boards & Commissions Notice of Appointment

Appointee Name: <i>Rose Lew Tsai-Le Whitson</i>		
Board/Commission Name: <i>Seattle Planning Commission</i>		Position Title: <i>Member</i>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Appointment OR <input type="checkbox"/> Reappointment	City Council Confirmation required? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Appointing Authority: <input type="checkbox"/> City Council <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mayor <input type="checkbox"/> Other: <i>Fill in appointing authority</i>	Term of Position: * 4/16/2018 to 4/15/2021 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <i>Serving remaining term of a vacant position</i>	
Residential Neighborhood: <i>Northgate</i>	Zip Code: <i>98125</i>	Contact Phone No.: [REDACTED]
Background: Ms. Whitson is a biologist with Jacobs Engineering Group where she leads environmental permitting tasks, conducts stream, wetland, and wildlife habitat field assessments and navigates complex local permitting documentation and scheduling. Her work includes preparing application materials for Conditional Use Permits, Critical Areas Land Use Permits, Clearing and Grading Permits, and Utility Extension Agreements, among others. And has authored a biological assessment and Joint Aquatic Resource Permit Application (JARPA) to support state and federal regulatory compliance.		
Authorizing Signature (original signature):  Date Signed (appointed): 1/13/2021	Appointing Signatory: <i>Mayor Jenny Durkan</i>	

*Term begin and end date is fixed and tied to the position and not the appointment date.

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CAREER EXPERIENCE (7+ Years)

- **Biologist with Jacobs Engineering Group:** March 2017 - present
 - Coal Creek Trunk Upgrade (2019 – present):
 - Leading environmental permitting tasks
 - Conducting stream, wetland, and wildlife habitat field assessments
 - Navigating complex local permitting documentation and scheduling, including preparation of Conditional Use Permit, Critical Areas Land Use Permit, Clearing and Grading Permit, and Utility Extension Agreements, among others.
 - Authoring a biological assessment and Joint Aquatic Resource Permit Application (JARPA) to support state and federal regulatory compliance
 - West Seattle and Ballard Link Extensions (2018 - present):
 - Initial scoping, fieldwork, and development of Draft Environmental Impact Statement documentation
 - Lynnwood Link Extension (2018 - present)
 - Adopted field coordinator and conducted delineations during final design
 - Authored the Mountlake Terrace Critical Areas Report
 - Other project clients include BNSF Railway, City of Bellevue Utilities Department, and others
- **Ecologist and GIS Analyst with The Watershed Company:** October 2014 – February 2017
 - Conducted stream and wetland delineations across eastern and western Washington
 - Projects of various sizes, including residential, utility, state parks
 - Project report writing: reconnaissance, delineation, and Critical Area Reports
 - Familiarity with various jurisdictional codes (Kirkland, Seattle, Bellevue, Redmond, King County, Snohomish County, Whatcom County, Grays Harbor County, Clark County, Grant County, Spokane County)
- **Seasonal Eelgrass Technician with WA DNR Nearshore Program:** October 2013 – October 2014
 - Performed surveys and post-processed data for the Submerged Vegetation Monitoring Project (SVMP)
- **Puget Sound Corps Intern with WA DNR Aquatic Reserves Program:** October 2012 - September 2013
 - Served an Americorps year as a Washington Conservation Corps Individual Placement
 - Conducted baseline forage fish spawn surveys, quarterly eelgrass monitoring, and a variety of other nearshore field projects across seven aquatic reserves throughout Puget Sound
 - Organized and managed volunteer training and beach clean-up events
- **Wetland Monitoring Intern with WSDOT:** June 2012 - September 2012
 - Conducted plant cover surveys at various WA State Department of Transportation wetland mitigation sites
 - Sampled for vegetative cover and density using line intercept, point intercept, unequal-area belt transects, and quadrats as best fit
 - Acquired basic knowledge of common native and invasive woody and herbaceous plants

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COMMUNITY/VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCES

- *UW Wetland Science & Management Advisor (2015-2016, 2016-2017, 2018-2019, 2019-present)*
 - *Mentored a student each year in the certificate program*
 - *Critiqued assignments throughout the year and provided career guidance when requested*
- *Participant in Neighborhood Action Coalition [City of Seattle, District 5] (2016-2018)*
 - *Community-based advocacy that focused on exploring methods to rectify societal inequity and societal injustice at a local level*
 - *For District 5 specifically, organizing bystander training, collecting signatures for De-Escalate Washington, and supporting meal preparation for the Licton Springs Tiny House Village*
- *ASUC Sustainability Team, UC Berkeley: Fall 2009-Spring 2011*
 - *Organized team operations as Co-director, Fall 2010, and Director, Spring 2011*
 - *Initiated a bottled water removal petition at UC Berkeley*

PROFESSIONAL SOCIETIES | CERTIFICATES

- Wetland-Professional-In-Training (5 years)
- Society of Wetland Scientists
- UW Wetland Science & Management
- UW Geographic Information System

EDUCATION

- *Geographic Information Systems Certificate* | University of Washington | Oct 2015 – Jun 2016
 - Expanded cartographic and analytic skills via various ESRI ArcGIS platforms
 - *ArcMap, ArcGIS Online, ArcMapPro*
 - Gained Model Building experience and rudimentary Python skills
 - Learned and applied project management skills as part of the program and capstone project
- *Wetland Science & Management Certificate* | University of Washington | Oct 2013 – Jun 2014
 - Explored wetland ecology, law and policy, and basics of spatial analysis
 - Practiced identification of 100+ common WA wetland plants
 - Developed rudimentary understanding of hydric soils
 - Practiced wetland delineation techniques
- *Environmental Sciences, B.S.* | UC Berkeley | Aug 2007 - May 2011 | GPA: 3.39, 150 sem. cred.
 - Grappled with a year-long thesis about bed sediment change in Lagunitas Creek, Marin, CA
 - *Techniques and Skills:* pebble counts, longitudinal and cross-sectional surveys, facies mapping, subsurface sampling, data analysis, thesis writing
 - ES 10 & 10L: Intro to Environmental Sciences- overview of general issues and basic techniques, such as rapid habitat assessment and macrobenthic invertebrate surveys
 - EPS 185: Intro to Marine Geobiology- overview of wide array of water-land interface issues
 - Stat 131 A: Statistics for Life Scientists- overview of useful statistics, such as histograms, normalization of data, standard statistics like mean and standard deviation, and basic tests like the T-test
 - CE 100 & 101: Introduction to Fluid Mechanics and the Fluid Mechanics of Rivers, Streams, and Wetlands- basic understanding of physical principles of fluid dynamics and dispersion models
 - ERG 102: Quantitative Aspects of Global Environmental Problems- covered environmental modeling, large-scale approximations, and expansion of critical analysis

Seattle Planning Commission

JANUARY 2021

16 Members: Pursuant to SMC 3.6, all members subject to City Council confirmation, 3-year terms (except for position 16 which serves a one-year term and is a Get Engaged member):

- 7 City Council-appointed
- 8 Mayor-appointed
- 1 Other Appointing Authority-appointed (specify): Planning Commission

Roster:

*D	**G	RD	Position No.	Position Title	Name	Term Begin Date	Term End Date	Term #	Appointed By
6	F	3	1.	Member	McCaella Daffern	4/16/19	4/15/22	1	City Council
3	F	2	2.	Member	Dhyana Quintanar Solares	4/16/19	4/15/22	1	Mayor
6	F	2	3.	Member	Lauren Squires	4/16/19	4/15/22	1	City Council
6	F	7	4.	Member	Katherine Idziorek	4/16/19	4/15/22	1	Mayor
7	F	5	5.	Member	Jamie Stroble	4/16/19	4/15/22	1	City Council
6	M	5	6.	Member	Mark Braseth	4/16/20	4/15/23	1	Mayor
9	M	6	7.	Member	Roque Deherrera	4/16/20	4/15/23	1	City Council
1	F	5	8.	Member	Radhika Nair	4/16/20	4/15/23	1	Mayor
6	M	1	9.	Member	Matt Hutchins	4/16/20	4/15/23	1	City Council
6	F	2	10.	Member	Alanna Peterson	4/16/20	4/15/23	1	Mayor
3	M	3	11.	Member	Julio Sanchez	4/16/18	4/15/21	1	City Council
9	F	5	12.	Member	Rose Lew Tsai-Le Whitson	4/16/18	4/15/21	1	Mayor
6	M	4	13.	Member	David Goldberg	4/16/18	4/15/21	1	City Council
2	F	7	14.	Member	Patience Manzezulu Malaba	4/16/18	4/15/21	1	Mayor
6	M	4	15.	Member	Rick Mohler	4/16/18	4/15/21	1	Commission
2	M	5	16.	Get Engaged	Kelabe Tewolde	9/1/20	8/31/21	1	Mayor

SELF-IDENTIFIED DIVERSITY CHART

			(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)		
	Male	Female	Transgender	NB/O/U	Asian	Black/ African American	Hispanic/ Latino	American Indian/ Alaska Native	Other	Caucasian/ Non-Hispanic	Pacific Islander	Middle Eastern	Multiracial
Mayor	2	6			1	2	1			3			1
Council	4	3					1			4	1		1
Other	1									1			
Total	7	9			1	2	2			8	1		2

Key:

- *D List the corresponding Diversity Chart number (1 through 9)
- **G List gender, M= Male, F= Female, T= Transgender, NB= Non-Binary O= Other U= Unknown
- RD Residential Council District number 1 through 7 or N/A

Diversity information is self-identified and is voluntary.