



# City of Seattle Boards & Commissions Notice of Appointment

<b>Appointee Name:</b> <i>Melissa Alexander</i>		
<b>Board/Commission Name:</b> <i>East Design Review Board</i>		<b>Position Title:</b> <i>Local Residential</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> Appointment OR <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reappointment		<b>Council Confirmation required?</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <i>NA</i> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
<b>Appointing Authority:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Council <input type="checkbox"/> Mayor <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: <i>Joint Mayor and Council</i>	<b>Date Appointed:</b> <i>4/10/2019</i>	<b>Term of Position: *</b> <i>4/4/2019</i> <b>to</b> <i>4/3/2021</i> <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Serving remaining term of a vacant position</i>
<b>Residential Neighborhood:</b> <i>Capitol Hill</i>	<b>Zip Code:</b> <i>98122</i>	<b>Contact Phone No.:</b> 
<b>Background:</b>  <p>Ms. Alexander is a licensed architect and currently practices as an urban designer with NBBJ in South Lake Union. She works on a wide variety of projects including development of planning tools to healthcare master planning, mixed use development, park planning and civic work for various sized municipalities. She also received a fellowship to study high speed rail systems throughout the world focusing on their impact on urban places.</p> <p>She holds an MA of Architecture in Urban Design from Harvard University and a Bachelor of Architecture from the University of Tennessee. She also worked as a Teaching Assistant and Studio Instructor at both Harvard University and the University of Tennessee and received a Certificate in Design Education from Boston Architectural College.</p>		
<b>Authorizing Signature (original signature):</b> 	<b>Appointing Signatory:</b> <i>Jenny A. Durkan</i> <i>Mayor of Seattle</i>	
<b>Authorizing Signature (original signature):</b> 	<b>Appointing Signatory:</b> <i>Abel Pacheco</i> <i>Seattle City Councilmember, District 4</i>	

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

# MELISSA ALEXANDER

## EDUCATION

### BOSTON ARCHITECTURAL COLLEGE

Certificate in Design Education, 2014

### GRADUATE SCHOOL OF DESIGN, HARVARD UNIVERSITY

Master of Architecture in Urban Design, with Distinction, 2013

Recipient of the Druker Travelling Fellowship

*Travel-*

*Design Research Seminar, Iquitos, Peru with Prof. Felipe Correa (Lima, Iquitos & Cuzco) Spring 2013*

*Housing in Burkina Faso with Prof. Francis Kéré (Ouagadougou & Gando, Burkina Faso) Fall 2012*

*Sustainable Urbanism in China with ChinaGSD (Beijing, Shanghai, Shenzhen, Hong Kong) Winter 2012*

### UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE, COLLEGE OF ARCHITECTURE & DESIGN

Bachelor of Architecture, Minor in Studio Art, Magna Cum Laude, 2005

*Travel-*

*Sketching Tour with Prof. Brian Ambrosiak (Rome, Florence, Pompeii) Summer 2004*

*Urban Design Studio with Prof. Stroud Watson (Chattanooga, Charleston, Savannah) Spring 2004*

## LICENSES

Registered Architect, State of Tennessee, 2013

LEED Green Associate, 2011

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

### GRADUATE SCHOOL OF DESIGN, HARVARD UNIVERSITY

Teaching Assistant

Studio- MUP Core Studio 2, Spring 2015

Teaching Fellow to Prof. Alex Krieger, Spring 2013 & 2014

Seminar- Designing the American City: Civic Aspirations and Urban Form

Career Discovery Program Studio Instructor, Summer 2013

Studio- Urban Design Studio

Teaching Assistant to Prof. Rob Lane, Fall 2012

Studio- Elements of Urban Design

Teaching Assistant to Prof. Joan Busquets, Spring 2012

Studio- Rethinking Manhattan's Grid: Score for Designing the Future

### BOSTON ARCHITECTURAL COLLEGE

Lead Faculty and Course Development for Visual Thinking, Fall 2014- Current

Seminar- Graduate Level Digital & Analog Representation

Guest Lecturer for SiteWork, Fall 2014

Lecture- Mapping and Urban Scale Representation

Adjunct Lecturer for Making & Modeling, Spring 2014

Seminar- Graduate Level Digital & Analog Representation

Guest Lecturer for Sustainable Material Assemblies, Spring and Fall 2014

Lecture- Mapping and Urban Scale Representation

Adjunct Lecturer for Advanced Comprehensive Studio, Spring 2013

Studio- MAKINGSPACE

### UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE, COLLEGE OF ARCHITECTURE & DESIGN

Adjunct Lecturer for Undergraduate Architecture Studio, Fall 2010

Studio- A New Music Building for the University of Tennessee

Teaching Assistant to Prof. Charles Debelius, Fall 2003 & 2004

Seminar- Computer Applications in Architecture

Teaching Assistant to Prof. Edgar Stach and Prof. Jeff Wilkinson, Spring 2005

Seminar- Digital Fabrication in Architecture

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## INVITED JURIES

Distance Masters Thesis 1 Review  
Prof. Marilyn Moedinger, Boston Architectural College, Fall 2013

Advanced Comprehensive Studio  
Prof. Aviva Rubin, Boston Architectural College, Fall 2012

Advanced Comprehensive Studio  
Prof. Dan Weissman and Prof. Aviva Rubin, Boston Architectural College, Spring 2012

Second Year Architecture Studio  
Prof. Marleen K. Davis, University of Tennessee, College of Architecture & Design, Spring 2011

Advanced Presentation Design  
Prof. Diane Fox, University of Tennessee, College of Architecture & Design, Spring 2011

Hnedak Bobo Group Design Competition  
University of Tennessee, College of Architecture & Design, Fall 2010

Second Year Architecture Studio  
Prof. Christina Geros, University of Tennessee, College of Architecture & Design, Spring 2009

## PRACTICE

### NBBJ

Architect/Urban Designer/Digital Practice Leader, 2013 - Current

#### Important Projects-

*Wilburton Grand Connection Study, Bellevue, WA, 2016*

*Bunker Hill Community College Master Plan Update, Boston, MA 2014*

*Greenlinks Connectivity Study, Boston, MA 2014*

### DESIGN TRUST FOR PUBLIC SPACE, NEW YORK CITY

Program Associate, Summer 2012 & January 2013

#### Important Publications-

*MAKING MIDTOWN: A New Vision for a 21st Century Garment District in NYC*

*FIVE BOROUGH FARM: Seeding the future of urban agriculture in NYC*

### CIVIC DESIGN CENTER, NASHVILLE

Design Fellow, 2010 - 2012

#### Important Publications-

*Nashville/Davidson County Public Art: Location Study & Typology Recommendations, 2011*

### HOLLERDESIGN, NASHVILLE

Partner, 2009 - 2012

#### Important Exhibitions-

*"HOMEGROWN" Fluorescent Gallery, Knoxville, TN, April 2011 & Track 13 Gallery, Nashville, TN, May 2011*

*"Modern Atlanta" Two Peachtree Pointe, Atlanta, GA, June 2011*

#### Important Competitions-

*Germantown Gateway Competition, First Place Award, Construction TBA, 2010*

*Garden and Gun "Made in the South" Competition, Category Winner, 2010*

### MADE, BROOKLYN

Project Manager, 2007 - 2009

#### Important Projects-

*Madison Square Park Apartment, Manhattan, New York, Residential, 2008 - 2009*

#### Important Publications-

*"The Main Event" Elle Decor Magazine, June 2010*

### INFORM STUDIO, DETROIT

Designer, 2005 - 2007

#### Important Projects-

*Traverwood Branch Library, Ann Arbor, MI, Institutional, 2006 - 2008*

#### Important Awards-

*AIA Michigan Award for Innovative Design, 2009*

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## ORGANIZATIONS

American Institute of Architects  
Associate Member, 2013 - current

GSD Student Forum  
Alumni Relations Co-Chair, 2011 - 2013

GSD Student Advisory Council  
MAUD Class Representative, 2011 - 2013

GSD Beekeepers  
Member, 2011 - 2013

The Southern Design Concern  
Member, 2010 - 2013

NCARB  
Member, 2005 - Present

Emergency Studio Design Collaborative  
Member, 2005 - 2010

American Institute of Architecture Students  
Treasurer, 2002; Member, 2000 - 2005

Tau Sigma Delta Architectural Honor Fraternity  
President, 2003; Member 2003 - 2005

## AWARDS & HONORS

NBBJ Artist of Change, Boston Office, 2015

Award for Best Lightning Talk, ESRI GeoDesign Conference, 2015

Druker Travelling Fellowship Recipient, 2013

Alpha Rho Chi Bronze Medal for Leadership, Service, and Merit, 2005

SOM Traveling Fellowship Nominee, 2005

Tau Sigma Delta Bronze Medal Finalist, 2005

Faculty Letter of Excellence for Thesis Project, 2005

AIA Fourth Year Undergraduate Design Studio Merit Award, 2004

College of Architecture & Design Scholarship, 2002

University of Tennessee Bicentennial Scholar, 2000 - 2005

## COMPETITIONS\*

### **\*BSA GREENWAY LINKS CHARRETTE (WITH NBBJ)**

Project Entry: Columbia Road  
Hosted by Boston Society of Architects  
Tied for Best Long-Range Vision and Best Graphic Presentation

### **THE URBAN DIVIDE COMPETITION**

Project Entry: Bridging the Gap: Knoxville Transit Nexus  
Hosted by Mississippi State University and the Jackson Community Design Center  
Published and Exhibited, 2010

### **\*GERMANTOWN GATEWAY COMPETITION**

Hosted by the Nashville Civic Design Center and Historic Germantown Nashville, Inc.  
First Place Award, Construction TBA, 2010

### **\*MADE IN THE SOUTH AWARDS**

Project Entry: Rocker03  
Hosted by Garden & Gun Magazine  
Category Winner, Published in December 2010 issue

### **DENVER FARMERS MARKET COMPETITION**

Project Entry: Highland Square Community Market: A Social Conflux  
Hosted by Sprocket Design-Build, Inc.  
Published and Exhibited at Highland Square in Denver, 2009

### **\*AGENT FOR HUMAN INTERACTION COMPETITION**

Project Entry: Urban Projections: A Conversational Streetscape  
Hosted by the World Architecture News Association and The Royal Academy  
First Place Award, Published and Exhibited at The Royal Academy, London, 2007

\* winning submission

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## COMPETITIONS (CONT'D)

### **SOUTHPOINT- FROM RUIN TO REJUVENATION**

Project Entry: Creation/Reflection: An Investigation of Path and Process  
Hosted by the Emerging New York Architects International Ideas Competition  
Exhibited at The Center for Architecture in New York, NY, 2006

### **\*TAAST GRAPHIC DESIGN COMPETITION**

Hosted by the University of Tennessee, College of Architecture + Design  
First Place Award, Mailers Published and Shirts Printed, 2005

### **THE TEN SHOW, TENNESSEE AIGA STATE GRAPHIC DESIGN COMPETITION**

Bronze Medal for TAAST Poster  
Exhibited at the Downtown Gallery in Knoxville, TN, 2005

### **\*BAM! STUDENT ART COMPETITION**

Hosted by the University of Tennessee, College of Art  
AIGA Award for Thesis Book  
First Place Award for Theory Paper: Deconstructivism in Architecture  
Exhibited at the Reading Room Gallery in Knoxville, TN, 2005

## EXHIBITIONS

"Recent Work by The Southern Design Concern"  
Reading Room Gallery, College of Architecture + Design in Knoxville, TN, November 2011

"Fixed"  
The Sound Table, Atlanta, GA, June 2011

"Modern Atlanta"  
Two Peachtree Pointe, Atlanta, GA, June 2011

"HOMEGROWN"  
Track 13 Gallery, Nashville, TN, May 2011

"HOMEGROWN"  
Fluorescent Gallery, Knoxville, TN, April 2011

"The Possible"  
Octane Coffee, Atlanta, GA, January 2011

## PUBLICATIONS

"What Can Pedagogy Teach Us About Practice? Why Design Studio Is the Ideal Model for the Classrooms of Tomorrow"  
NBBX Blog Post, September 2014

MAKING MIDTOWN: A New Vision for a 21st Century Garment District in NYC  
with the Design Trust for Public Space, October 2012

FIVE BOROUGH FARM: Seeding the future of urban agriculture in NYC  
with the Design Trust for Public Space, July 2012

"On The Right Track"  
Nashville Lifestyles, July 2011

"HOMEGROWN"  
NashvilleArts Magazine, July 2011

"Southern Comfort"  
Nashville Scene, July 2011  
"The Southern Design Concern"  
Modern Atlanta, May 2011

"Rocking Forward"  
Wilson Living Magazine, March/April 2011

"Made in the South Awards"  
Garden & Gun Magazine, December 2010

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Nashville/Davidson County Public Art: Location Study & Typology Recommendations  
with the Nashville Civic Design Center, December 2010

"Heart and Holler"  
Murfreesboro Magazine, October 2010

"The Main Event"  
Elle Decor Magazine, June 2010

"A New Ornament"  
306090, Volume 10: Decoration, September 2006

## SKILLS

AutoCad, Form Z, Rhino & Grasshopper, ArcGIS, QGIS, HyperShot, PhotoShop, Illustrator,  
InDesign, Acrobat, Microsoft Office Suite, Powerpoint, MasterCam, Model Building, Digital  
Fabrication, Sketching, Digital Photography

## REFERENCES

Upon Request.

## WORK SAMPLES

Please visit [www.melissaalexander.net](http://www.melissaalexander.net) for a sample of my recent work.



## Seattle Design Review Boards - February 2019

42 Design Review Board Members: Pursuant to SMC 23.41.008, all members are subject to City Council confirmation, two-year terms that may be re-appointed to a second term:

- 12 City Council-appointed
- 13 Mayor-appointed
- 15 Joint Mayor and Council appointed
- 2 Mayor appointed per SMC 3.51 (Get Engaged)

### Roster:

*D	**G	RD	Position No.	Position Title	Name	Term Begin Date	Term End Date	Term #	Appointed By
1	M		1.	Local Residential, DT	Beh, Han	4/4/2019	4/3/2021	1	Mayor/Council
6	F		2.	Local Community, NE	Haima, Katy	4/4/2019	4/3/2021	2	Mayor
6	M		3.	Development, SW	Rosenstock, Scott	4/4/2018	4/3/2020	1	Mayor
6	F		4.	Business/Landscape, W	Montessor, Jen	4/4/2019	4/3/2021	1	Mayor/Council
4	F	1	5.	Local Residential, SW	Loya, Crystal	4/4/2019	4/3/2021	2	Mayor
6	F		6.	Business/Landscape, E	Anderson, Betsy	4/4/2018	4/3/2020	1	Mayor/Council
9	M		7.	Local Community, SE	Colley, Chris	4/4/2018	4/3/2020	2	Mayor
9	M		8.	Development, SE	Small, Jhomar	4/4/2018	4/3/2020	1	Council
6	F	6	9.	Local Community, NW	McNichols, Emily	4/4/2018	4/3/2020	2	Council
6	F		10.	Local Business, NW	Bogert, Phoebe	4/4/2019	4/3/2021	1	Mayor/Council
6	F		11.	Design Professional, E	Powers, Lauren	4/4/2019	4/3/2021	1	Mayor
6	M		12.	Development, NW	Campbell, Andy	4/4/2018	4/3/2020	1	Mayor
6	M		13.	Business/Landscape, DT	Luoma, Aaron	4/4/2018	4/3/2020	1	Mayor/Council
6	M		14.	Development, E	Townsend, Alastair	4/4/2019	4/3/2021	2	Council
6	M	3	15.	Development, NE	Marria, James	4/4/2018	4/3/2020	2	Council
1	M		16.	Local Community, SW	Cheng, John	4/4/2018	4/3/2020	1	Council
6	M		17.	Design Professional, NE	Rusler, Dan	4/4/2018	4/3/2020	1	Council
6	M	1	18.	Design Professional, W	Walters, Brian	4/4/2019	4/3/2021	2	Council
6	M		19.	Local Community, W	Morefield, John	4/4/2018	4/3/2020	1	Mayor
6	F	6	20.	Development, DT	Bail, Belinda	4/4/2019	4/3/2021	2	Council
6	M		21.	Business/Landscape, SW	Hutchins, Matt	4/4/2019	4/3/2021	2	Mayor/Council
1	F		22.	Design Professional, SE	So, May	4/4/2019	4/3/2021	1	Council
6	M		23.	Design Professional, NW	Nelli, Garrett	4/4/2019	4/3/2021	1	Mayor



6	M	3	24.	Local Community, E	Haas, Andrew	4/4/2019	4/3/2021	2	Council
6	F		25.	Local Residential, NW	Rock, Lauren	4/4/2018	4/3/2020	1	Mayor/Council
2	M	7	26.	Community, DT	Argyle, Aaron	4/4/2018	4/3/2020	1	Mayor
6	M	6	27.	Development, W	Porter, Stephen	4/4/2019	4/3/2021	2	Mayor
6	M		28.	Local Residential, NE	Carter, Tim	4/4/2019	4/3/2021	1	Mayor/Council
6	M		29.	Design Professional, DT	Palushock, Ed	4/4/2018	4/3/2020	1	Mayor
6	M		30.	Design Professional, SW	Grainger, Alan	4/4/2019	4/3/2021	1	Mayor/Council
6	M		31.	Business/Landscape, SE	Bader, David	4/4/2018	4/3/2020	1	Mayor/Council
6	F	7	32.	Local Residential, W	Martin, Patreese	4/4/2019	4/3/2021	2	Mayor/Council
6	F	3	33.	Local Residential, E	Alexander, Melissa	4/4/3019	4/3/2021	2	Mayor/Council
6	M		34	Local Residential, SE	Maier, Daniel	4/4/2019	4/3/2021	1	Mayor/Council
6	M		35.	Business/Landscape, NE	Bishop, Brian	4/4/2018	4/3/2020	2	Mayor/Council
6	M	3	36.	Get Engaged, E	Carson Hartmann	9/1/2018	8/31/2019	1	Mayor (SMC 3.51)
5	F		37.	Local Residential, CA	Sharon Khosla	4/4/2018	4/3/2020	1	Council
2	M	2	38.	Local Community, CA	Dennis Comer	4/4/2018	4/3/2020	1	Mayor
6	M		39.	Design Professional, CA	Jeffrey Floor	4/4/2018	4/3/2020	1	Council
2	M		40.	Development, CA	Kenny Pleasant	4/4/2018	4/3/2020	1	Mayor
9	F	7	41.	Business/Landscape, CA	Azzurra Cox	4/4/2018	4/3/2020	1	Mayor/Council
6	M	3	42.	Get Engaged, DT	Matt Olszewski	9/1/2018	8/31/2019	1	Mayor (SMC 3.51)

New Appointments

Re-appointments

Vacant

### SELF-IDENTIFIED DIVERSITY CHART

					(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)
	Men	Women	Transgender	Unknown	Asian	Black/ African American	Hispanic/ Latino	American Indian/ Alaska Native	Other	Caucasian/ Non- Hispanic	Pacific Islander	Middle Eastern	Multiracial
Mayor	12	3	0	0	0	3	0	1	0	10	0	0	1
Council	8	4	0	0	2	0	0	0	1	8	0	0	1
Joint	8	7	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	13	0	0	1
Total	28	14	0	0	3	3	0	1	1	31	0	0	3

### Key:

**\*D** List the corresponding *Diversity Chart* number (1 through 9)

**\*\*G** List *gender*, **M** = Male, **F**= Female, **T**= Transgender, **U**= Unknown

**RD** Residential Council District number 1 through 7 or N/A

*Diversity information is self-identified and is voluntary.*