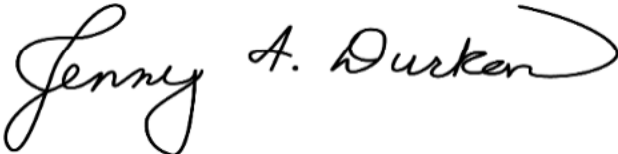




# City of Seattle Boards & Commissions Notice of Appointment

<b>Appointee Name:</b> Afua Kouyate		
<b>Board/Commission Name:</b> Cultural Space Agency Public Development Authority Governing Council		<b>Position Title:</b> Governing Council Member
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Appointment OR <input type="checkbox"/> Reappointment		<b>City Council Confirmation required?</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
<b>Appointing Authority:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> City Council <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mayor <input type="checkbox"/> Other:		<b>Term of Position: *</b> TBD by Agency. See Charter Article VII. <input type="checkbox"/> Serving remaining term of a vacant position
<b>Residential Neighborhood:</b> Rainier Valley	<b>Zip Code:</b> 98118	<b>Contact Phone No.:</b> [REDACTED]
<b>Background:</b> Afua Kouyate, born and raised in the Central District, has spent the last 50 years building a ministry of African American and Native African folkloric culture. Some of her earliest memories are Learning and performing African Arts and Culture within the community of teaching artists, while studying at Black Arts West Theatre, along with the Black Panther Party’s community work, including community breakfasts, political rallies, and celebrations. She has spearheaded and expanded opportunities for cultural engagement and cultural preservation for developing movement artists of all ages ever since.  In 1986 she co-founded the Adefua African Music & Dance Company, an intergenerational performance company that provides cultural entertainment to the general public and then, in 1994, ADEFUA Cultural Education Workshop (ACEW), as a nonprofit organization that is central to youth and families with surrounding Seattle communities. Adefua Company is known nationally for their gregarious rhythms rooted in African tribal and European court dances presenting traditional West African music, dancing, and song.		
<b>Authorizing Signature (original signature):</b> 		<b>Appointing Signatory:</b> Jenny A. Durkan Mayor of Seattle
<b>Date Signed (appointed):</b> 7/28/21		

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

# Afua Kouyaté

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## **Community Centered Arts and Cultural Systems Consultant**

Executive Director and Instructing Artist of Adefua Cultural Education Workshop. Co-founder of the Adefua African Music & Dance Company, Providing cultural entertainment and education to local and national communities – Community educator - Public and Private school educator - Cultural innovator, teaching music, song, history and dance to students of all ages including Seniors Citizens. Therapeutic Health service Providers - Family-based shared activities in education, community, cultural development and human services - Engaging Youth and Families to cultural arts. The most recent visionary for the Rainier Valley Creative District.

## **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

**Associated Recreation Council, Seattle, WA –** **02/2016 to 12/2019**  
Specialized Instructor – Teaching Arts & Culture Citywide within various Enrichment programs.

**Therapeutic Health Services, Seattle, WA –** **01/2014 – 12/2016**  
MIDD Wraparound Facilitator and Parent Partner, assisting families who are receiving Multi-System involvement within King County.

**Community Psychiatric Clinic, Lake City Way NE** **2009 – 2013**  
Parent Partner/ Parent Advocate

**Registered Therapeutic Counselor - Washington State # 020701 RC00041673 - 2000-2008**

**Licensed Therapeutic Foster Parent - Washington State #56H-114022-FH - 1993 - 2011**

**Independent Case-Aide / Respite Provider - 1998-2007**

**Executive Board Secretary; Sundiata African Association Cultural Association - 2005-2011**

**Kutt N' Up Parent Group Committee/Youth Advisor - 2004 - Present**

**Cultural Arts Specialist - Seattle Public Schools, African American Academy School - 1989-2002**

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## **EDUCATION & TRAINING**

**Antioch University Seattle** **2014**  
**BA, Cultural Arts Leadership, Emphasizing Therapeutic Engagement**

**State of Washington - Division of Behavioral Health and Recovery's** **2010**  
**In- Home Placement / Foster Parent mandated Training**

**South Seattle Community College - Associate of Applied Science Degree** **2002**  
**Occupational Teacher/Trainer Education, Certificate of Achievement**  
**State of Washington, Career & Technical Education Certificate #403907R**

**REFERENCES** Furnished Upon Request

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