



# City of Seattle Boards & Commissions Notice of Appointment

<b>Appointee Name:</b> <i>Catherine Harris-White</i>		
<b>Board/Commission Name:</b> <i>Seattle Music Commission</i>		<b>Position Title:</b> <i>Member</i>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Appointment</b> OR <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Reappointment</b>		<b>Council Confirmation required?</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
<b>Appointing Authority:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Council <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mayor <input type="checkbox"/> Other: <i>Fill in appointing authority</i>	<b>Date Appointed:</b> <i>9/1/2016</i>	<b>Term of Position: *</b> <i>9/1/2016</i> to <i>8/31/2019</i>
<b>Residential Neighborhood:</b> <i>University District</i>	<b>Zip Code:</b> <i>98105</i>	<b>Contact Phone No.:</b>
<b>Background:</b> <i>Catherine Harris White is an actor, singer, songwriter &amp; producer based in Seattle, Washington. With roots in classical &amp; jazz, her voice is often compared to Ella Fitzgerald &amp; Erykah Badu. Her production value is reminiscent of Roy Ayers &amp; Herbie Hancock. Graduating with a Bachelor in Music from Cornish College of the Arts in 2008, Black has traveled the world performing. You may also know her from her previous group THEESatisfaction and her appearances on both Shabazz Palaces albums released on Sub Pop Records. SassyBlack has garnered attention from Okayplayer, The Huffington Post, Pitchfork, The FADER &amp; more. Her debut album "No More Weak Dates" is out now.</i>		
<b>Authorizing Signature (original signature):</b> 		<b>Appointing Signatory:</b> <i>Edward B. Murray</i> <i>Mayor of Seattle</i>

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

## **Catherine Harris-White**

Singer, Entertainer, Writer, Teacher, Curator & Consultant

### **Summary**

As a creative being, I have professional experience in all my pursuits. I have been performing (singing, dancing, acting, hosting & public speaking) since I was 12 years old. Very self-driven, I work hard and thoroughly to get the job done, whatever it may be. The word "no" does not phase me. I simply rethink the situation at hand and work on another strategic approach. My main object, which is fluid through all of my work, is to create a space where people are enabled with the power to believe in self. And with that power people will be encouraged to create positive energy that will change the world for the betterment of all living things and mother Earth.

### **Experience**

*Creator, Event Entertainment Curator & Artist Consultant - Space Theory*

January 2014 – Present (2 years 6 months) | Universal

Space Theory was created by Catherine Harris-White in January of 2014. It's mission is to develop a community of artists, curators, makers & observers through events and consultation. Within this unique space it designs & encourages evolution of creative expression & enjoyment.

*Singer, Songwriter, Producer/ Manager - SassyBlack*

January 2008 – Present (8 years 6 months) | Worldwide

*Biography:* SassyBlack is a space aged singer/songwriter & producer based in Seattle, Washington. This Goddess of "electronic psychedelic soul" & "hologram funk" explores the concepts of sound through deep compositions. With roots in classical & jazz, her voice is often compared to Ella Fitzgerald, Sarah Vaughan, Erykah Badu & Georgia Anne Muldrow. Her production value and creativity is reminiscent of Roy Ayers, Pharrell & Herbie Hancock. Graduating with a Bachelors in music from Cornish College of the Arts in 2008, Black has traveled the world performing in cities such as LA, Spain, Lisbon, London, Brooklyn, Shanghai, Washington DC, Sydney & more. You may also know Black from her group THEESatisfaction and her appearances on both Shabazz Palaces albums Black Up & Lese Majesty all released on Sub Pop Records. In the summer of 2015 she independently released her EP "Personal Sunlight" which garnered attention from Okayplayer, Exclaim!, Afropunk, Pitchfork & more. Her debut solo album No More Lame Dates is releasing May 17th 2016.

*Governor For The Pacific Northwest Chapter Board - The Recording Academy*

June 2015 – Present (1 year 1 month) | Seattle, WA

*Freelance Writer - Stackedd Magazine*

February 2015 – Present (1 year 5 months) | Seattle, WA

*Singer/ Songwriter/ Producer/ Manager - THEESatisfaction*

April 2008 – April 2016 (8 years 1 month) | Worldwide

Created musical group THEESatisfaction w/ Stasia Irons. Created branding & marketing strategies as well as implemented them. Managed & booked group shows throughout North America & Europe from 2008 to 2011. Sing, write & perform in group. Recorded & mixed music for mixtapes. Managed publicity for group up until 2011. Currently serving as European booking agent & management in additions to musical & performance duties with group.

*Freelance Writer - Seattle Weekly*

December 2014 – December 2015 (1 year 1 month) | Seattle, WA

*Barista - Starbucks*

January 2006 – January 2008 (2 years 1 month) | Seattle, WA

### **Education**

*Cornish College of the Arts*

Bachelor of Arts (B.A.), Vocal Jazz

2004 – 2008

Studied jazz and music theory under Julian Priester, Margie Pos, Jovino Santos Neto, Kofi Anang, Roger Nelson, Janice Giteck, Jim Knapp, Dawn Clement, Randy Halberstadt & more. Studied jazz vocals with Becca Duran & Beth Winter.

*Activities and Societies:* Black Student Union

*Nathan Hale High School*

Diploma

2000 – 2004

*Activities and Societies:* Black Student Union, Associated Student Body, Choir, Vocal Jazz Ensemble, Classical Girls Vocal Ensemble, Softball, Volleyball

### Seattle Music Commission

21 members: Per Ordinance 124422, all subject to City Council confirmation, 3-year terms, max of 6 years:

- 10 City Council-appointed
- 11 Mayor-appointed

*D	**G	Position No.	Position Title	Name	Term Start Date	Term End Date	Term #	Appointed By
6	M	1.	Chair	Jody McKinley	5/1/2014	8/31/2017	2	Mayor
6	F	2.	Vice Chair	Patty Isacson Sabee	6/5/2014	8/31/2017	1	Council
4	M	3.	Commissioner	Gyasi Ross	9/1/2016	8/31/2017	1	Mayor
2	M	4.	Commissioner	Timothy Lennon	6/1/2015	8/31/2017	1	Council
1	F	5.	Commissioner	Hollis Wong-Wear	12/1/2014	8/31/2017	1	Mayor
6	M	6.	Commissioner	Adrian Burton	5/1/2015	8/31/2017	2	Council
6	F	7.	Commissioner	Nadine Zgonc	2/1/2015	8/31/2017	2	Mayor
6	M	8.	Commissioner	Jerry Everard	9/1/2016	8/31/2018	1	Council
5	M	9.	Commissioner	Adam Zacks	9/1/2016	8/31/2018	1	Mayor
2	F	10.	Commissioner	Sharlese Metcalf	9/1/2016	8/31/2018	1	Council
6	F	11.	Commissioner	Joan Sandler	2/1/2015	8/31/2018	2	Mayor
7	F	12.	Commissioner	Marissa Tanimura	8/17/2015	8/31/2018	1	Council
2	M	13.	Commissioner	Owuor Arunga	9/1/2016	8/31/2018	1	Mayor
2	M	14.	Commissioner	Ricardo Frazer	5/1/2015	8/31/2018	2	Council
9	F	15.	Commissioner	Nicole Jon Sievers	9/1/2016	8/31/2019	2	Mayor
6	F	16.	Commissioner	Karen P. Thomas	9/1/2016	8/31/2019	2	Council
2	F	17.	Commissioner	Catherine Harris White	9/1/2016	8/31/2019	1	Mayor
1	M	18.	Commissioner	Daniel Damian Pak	9/1/2016	8/31/2019	1	Council
6	F	19.	Commissioner	Jennifer Czeisler	9/1/2016	8/31/2019	1	Mayor
6	M	20.	Commissioner	Tony Kiewel	9/1/2016	8/31/2019	1	Council
6	M	21.	Commissioner	John Roderick	9/1/2016	8/31/2019	2	Mayor

#### Diversity Chart:

			(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)		
	Men	Women	Vacant	Minority	Asian-American	Black/African American	Hispanic/Latino	American Indian/Alaska Native	***Other	Caucasian/Non-Hispanic	Pacific Islander	Middle Eastern	Multiracial
Mayor	5	6	0		1	2		1	1	5			1
Council	6	4	0		1	3				5	1		
<b>Total</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>0</b>		<b>2</b>	<b>5</b>		<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>1</b>		<b>1</b>

**Key:**

- \*D List the corresponding *Diversity Chart* number (1 through 9)
- \*\*G List *gender*, M or F
- \*\*\*Other Includes diversity in any of the following: *race, gender and/or ability*