



City of Seattle Boards & Commissions Notice of Appointment

Appointee Name: <i>Phillip Lewis</i>		
Board/Commission Name: <i>Seattle Human Rights 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> City Council <input type="checkbox"/> Mayor <input type="checkbox"/> Other: <i>Fill in appointing authority</i>		Term of Position: * <i>7/23/2024</i> to <i>7/22/2026</i> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <i>Serving remaining term of a vacant position</i>
Residential Neighborhood: <i>Queen Anne</i>	Zip Code: <i>98109</i>	Contact Phone No.: <i>Business phone # - NOT personal phone #</i>
Background: <i>Phillip is interested in serving on a Commission in the city of Seattle because he wants to help co-create a city where all people can thrive. He cares deeply about Seattle and the diverse community of residents who call it home. As a faith leader, he believes that everyone is called to experience thriving, and that this thriving should not be hindered by systemic oppression. He has witnessed and personally experienced the realities of systemic violence and oppression, both in Seattle and across the country. As an African American man, he navigates daily, the challenges of a system that too often perceives him as a threat. His uncle had his civil rights violated while incarcerated, left without the support and advocacy he deserved. Sadly, many people continue to face similar violations of their rights, forced to navigate systems designed for harm rather than thriving. These personal experiences have fueled his dedication to advocating for a more just and equitable society. He is committed to being part of the solution by working alongside his community to dismantle these harmful systems and ensure that Seattle is a place where everyone can thrive.</i>		
Authorizing Signature (original signature):  Date Signed (appointed): 12/13/24		Appointing Signatory: <i>CM Cathy Moore</i> <i>Seattle City Council</i>

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Phillip Lewis

Skills

- 10+ years of experience empowering diverse youth, fostering participation in social justice initiatives and supporting their development in leadership and embodied spiritual practices.
- Extensive experience coordinating meetings, retreats, and high-impact events, including student-run activities and executive gatherings with stake holders and executive board members. Experience securing grants of over \$100,000.
- Skilled in managing program budgets, optimizing resources for community initiatives, events and fundraising efforts.

Education

Master of Art's: Reconciliation and intercultural studies, Master's Degree **2022**
(The study of Spirituality, sociology and psychology and how to begin repairing and changing systems)
Seattle Pacific University, Seattle, WA, Cum Laude

Business Administration: Marketing, Bachelor's degree **2017**
University of Washington, Tacoma, WA,

Work Experience

Pastor of Youth and Community: Union Presbyterian Church, Seattle **2022-Present**

- Developed a queer-affirming spirituality program, growing participation from 0 to 40 middle and high schoolers in the first year through effective engagement, mentorship and community events.
- Cultivated strong relationships with parents, community leaders, and stakeholders like Seattle Public Schools and Compass House to create a vibrant community for our youth.
- Strategically collaborated with non-profit organizations to design and implement community learning and engagement programs focused on social justice.

- Student Director: Quest Church, Seattle** **2017-2020**
- Managed program budgets, resources, and communication materials to support ongoing youth involvement.
 - Demonstrated ability to lead and recruit a diverse team of 12 adults while delegating leadership to empower them and our youth to lead.
 - Developed and facilitated discussions and curriculum on mental health and race, fostering growth and transformative outcomes for youth and the wider community.

- Marketing Project Lead: Brehm Cascadia: Brehm Arts Engagement Foundation, Seattle** **2017-2018**
- Collaborated with team to develop creative marketing strategies, design visual content using Canva and support email marketing efforts for major events
 - Scheduled and implemented the creation and scheduling of social media content, utilizing platforms like Instagram, Twitter and Facebook.
 - Increased social media following by 200+ users within a year's time, driving higher engagement and brand visibility

Community Leadership

- BIPOC Seminarian Scholarship fund** **2021**
- Co-founded a scholarship program for BIPOC seminarians, securing \$100,000 in annual funding each academic year.
- Dickinson Fellowship: Seattle Pacific University** **2019-2020**
- Completed a competitive fellowship focused on supporting individuals and families impacted by severe mental health conditions. Collaborated on community initiatives like the NAMI walk and observed Mental Health Court.
 - Participated in bi-weekly seminars covering mental illness, family dynamics, community outreach and public health policy
- Lead Organizer for Seattle State of the Youth (Seattle, WA)** **2018**
- Organized 100 faith leaders, psychologists, and community leaders to have a conversation around youth care and mentorship in the Seattle area.

Seattle Human Rights Commission

December 2024

21 Members: Pursuant to SMC 3.14.920, all members subject to City Council confirmation, 2-year terms:

- 8 City Council-appointed
- 9 Mayor-appointed (includes 1 Get-engaged Mayor position)
- 4 Other Appointing Authority-appointed: Commission-appointed

Roster:

*D	**G	RD	Position No.	Position Title	Name	Term Begin Date	Term End Date	Term #	Appointed By
	F		1.	Member	Bryennah Quander	7/23/23	7/22/25	1	City Council
			2.	Member	Vacant	7/23/23	7/22/25	1	Mayor
			3.	Member	Vacant	7/23/23	7/22/25	1	City Council
			4.	Member	Vacant	7/23/23	7/22/25	1	Mayor
			5.	Member	Vacant	7/23/23	7/22/25	1	City Council
	M		6.	Member	Emeka Alozie	1/23/24	1/22/26	1	Mayor
	F		7.	Member	Mariam Sulayman Koss	1/23/24	1/22/26	1	City Council
	F		8.	Member	Chelsea Stevenson	1/23/24	1/22/26	1	Commission
	F		9.	Member	Rachelle C. Olden	7/23/24	7/22/26	1	Mayor
	F		10.	Member	Koumudi Phadake	7/23/24	7/22/26	1	City Council
	F		11.	Member	Radhika Joshi	7/23/24	7/22/26	1	Mayor
	F		12.	Member	Anika Khan	7/23/24	7/22/26	1	City Council
	F		13.	Member	Kristina Sawyckj	1/23/24	1/22/26	1	Mayor
	M		14.	Member	Ali Khan	1/23/24	1/22/26	1	City Council
			15.	Member	Vacant	1/23/24	1/22/26	1	Mayor
	F		16.	Get Engaged	Avery Hultgren	9/1/24	8/31/25	1	Mayor
	M		17.	Member	Phillip Lewis	7/23/24	7/22/26	1	City Council
	F		18.	Member	Tricia Diamond	1/23/24	1/22/26	3	Mayor
	M		19.	Member	Goutham Putta	7/23/24	7/22/26	1	Commission
	M		20.	Member	Nicholas Leydon	1/23/24	1/22/26	1	Commission
	F		21.	Member	Miranda Catsambas	7/23/24	7/22/26	1	Commission

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	1	5											
Council	2	4											
Comm	2	2											
Total	5	11											

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 Residential Council District number 1 through 7 or N/A -Diversity info is self-identified and

**RD voluntary.

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