




# City of Seattle Boards & Commissions Notice of Appointment

<b>Appointee Name:</b> <i>Roopali Dhingra</i>		
<b>Board/Commission Name:</b> <i>Seattle Human Rights 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>9/8/2021</i>	<b>Term of Position:</b> <i>7/23/2021</i> <b>to</b> <i>7/22/2023</i>  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <i>Serving remaining term of a vacant position</i>
<b>Residential Neighborhood:</b>	<b>Zip Code:</b> <i>98155</i>	<b>Contact Phone No.:</b>
<b>Background:</b> Born in Delhi, India; I immigrated with my family as a pre-teen to Seattle. Ever since, Seattle has been my home. Early in life, I witnessed and understood the impact of poverty on one’s life and society. That realization ignited my passion for advocating for people who find themselves at the cross section of criminal legal system and poverty. As a public defense social worker, I am currently working in Misdemeanor and Seattle Municipal Mental Health Court, (first MHC court to ever open within city limits) with The King County Department of Public Defense. I earned my undergraduate degree in psychology and master’s in social work from the University of Washington. I became a Clinical Licensed Social Worker (LICSW) in 2011. Having worked in the field of forensic social work for the past fourteen years in criminal and civil cases, has provided me with first-hand knowledge and exposure to issues related to racial and social justice. I have worked in Felony, District Court and Mental Health Courts at State level. In my position, I have organized competency evaluations, worked on mitigation packages, connected clients to behavioral health and substance use services, written psychosocial reports for the prosecutor and the judges. To keep me sane, in my free time, I do yoga, mindfulness and mediation which has not only helped me but provided me with the tools to better understanding others.		
<b>Authorizing Signature (original signature):</b> 		<b>Appointing Signatory:</b> <i>Jenny A. Durkan</i> <i>Mayor of Seattle</i>

## **EXPERIENCE**

### **2006- Present King County-Department of Public Defense Seattle, WA**

#### ***Mitigation Specialist II***

- Practiced in Felony Court, Mental Health Courts both at City level and at Superior court, Seattle Municipal Court
- Prepare comprehensive mitigation reports for trial, sentencing hearings, and pre-trial negotiations
- Play an integral role in working with judges, prosecutors, probation, defense attorneys, and treatment providers for supervised alternative plans.
- Assess clients for competency evaluations, in-patient services, and specialty courts.
- Coordinate and monitor treatment/release plans with service providers and court-appointed officials.
- Attend monthly criminal justice initiatives meetings, quarterly collaborative meetings with Western State Hospital and quarterly local forensic social work meetings
- Collaborate with defense attorney and investigators for more holistic outcomes
- Promoting a culture of compassion, comradery, and equity amongst attorneys and non-attorney staff.
- Facilitate collaboration amongst stakeholders for a holistic and trauma-informed procedural justice system.

### **2011-2020 University of Washington, School of Social Work Seattle, WA**

#### ***Intern Supervisor***

- Supervised undergraduate and graduate students from school of social work
- Supported and guided 20 plus students through their internships while adhering to Counsel on Social Work Education (CSWE) Ten Core Competencies of Social Work Practice
- Lead group and individual supervision sessions

### **2005- 2006 Safe Futures Youth Center Seattle, WA**

#### ***Project Manager***

- Recruited and served high risk youth who were gang involved, at risk of gang involvement, and/or involved in the juvenile justice system
- Sought resources and opportunities from surrounding community organizations/agencies
- Provided career decision making skills, career exploration and planning to students
- Arrange and facilitated speaking events to address barriers in accessing education for at risk youth
- Developed and distributed a monthly newsletter with information and resources to prevent and address gang activities
- Conducted culturally competent community trainings for residents, schools and social services staff regarding at risk youth
- Provided active support services focusing on mental health and medical needs of the youth

### **2002- 2003 Harborview Medical Center, Madison Clinic Seattle, WA**

#### ***Assistant Social Worker II***

- Provided assistance and advocacy to obtain medical and financial benefits to persons with HIV receiving primary care at HMC
- Advocated on behalf of patients to access DSHS, Social Security and HIV specific benefits
- Coordinated with medical, pharmacy and social work staff to identify and assess patients' needs and eligibility for medical benefits programs
- Developed, implemented, and monitored individualized plans to obtain and maintain benefit

## **EDUCATION**

### ***University of Washington, School of Social Work Seattle WA***

MSW, June 2005

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**University of Washington Seattle, WA**

B.A. in Psychology, June 2002

**North Seattle Community College Seattle WA**

A.A, June 2000

### **LANGUAGES**

- Fluent in English and Hindi; Speak Punjabi

### **LICENSURE & AWARD**

- Social Worker Independent Clinical License, LW60137398, Washington State Department of Health
- **University of Washington, School of Social Work**

*Outstanding Filed Instructor: Commitment to Student Centered Learning Award*

### **SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS**

- **National Organization of Forensic Social Workers Las Vegas, NV**

*Co-Presenter, Ethical Dilemmas of Blended Practices*

*Courageous Dialogues at Micro, Mezzo and Macro Levels* **New Orleans, LA**

*Forensic Assessment and Therapeutic Services in Seattle's Mental Health Courts*

- **Department of Public Defense Seattle, WA**

*Co-Presenter, Public Defense and Mitigation Role*

- **Seattle University Seattle, WA**

*Lead Presenter, Social Work in Mental Health Courts*

- **King County Behavioral Health and Recovery Division Seattle, WA**

*Lead Presenter, Breaking the Cycle: forensic staff training, presented yearly*

- **University of Washington Seattle, WA**

*Co-Presenter, Overview of Practicum Instructor at school of social work*

*Forensic Assessment and Therapeutic Services in Seattle's Mental Health Court*

*Lead Presenter, Culturally Competent and Evidence Based Child Welfare Practices*

*White Privilege Forum: A Response to UW Affirmative Action 'Bake Sale'*

*U.S. Laws and Policies on Trafficking of Women and Children*

*Ethnic Identity Process in Asian American Children and Evidence Based Practices*

- **Harborview Medical Center Seattle, WA**

*Lead Presenter, Overview of DSHS and Social Security Assessment Process*

*Overview of Budget for Justice Campaign around Racial Disparity Project Focusing on Washington State*

### **VOLUNTEER WORK**

- **Seattle Pacific University, Mentorship Program Seattle, WA**

- **Swedish Medical Center, discharge volunteer Seattle, WA**

### **HOBBIES**

- *Yoga, exploring different cultures through traveling and meditation*

# Seattle Human Rights Commission

## September 2021

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
1	M	4	1.	Member	Aaron G. Oravillo	7/23/21	7/22/23	2	City Council
			2.	Member	Robel Mulugeta	7/23/21	7/22/23	1	Mayor
2	M	7	3.	Member	Tyrone Grandison	7/23/21	7/22/23	2	City Council
	F		4.	Member	Roopali Dhingra	7/23/21	7/22/23	1	Mayor
	F		5.	Member	Guneeta Chadha	7/23/21	7/22/23	1	City Council
	F		6.	Member	Amanda Richer	1/23/21	1/22/23	1	Mayor
	M		7.	Member	Allan Nyaribo	1/23/20	1/22/22	1	City Council
	F		8.	Member	Julia Ismael	1/23/20	1/22/22	1	Commission
	F		9.	Member	Rachel Kramer	7/23/20	7/22/22	1	Mayor
2	F	6	10.	Member	Jackie Turner	7/23/20	7/22/22	2	City Council
1	F	7	11.	Member	Erika Chen	7/23/20	7/22/22	2	Mayor
6	F	3	12.	Member	Elizabeth W. Pachaud	7/23/20	7/22/22	2	City Council
	F		13.	Member	Jackie Schultz	1/23/21	1/22/23	1	Mayor
	F		14.	Member	Kayleigh Kleiva	1/23/21	1/22/23	1	City Council
6	F	7	15.	Member	Claire Guilmette	1/23/21	1/22/23	1	Mayor
6	M	3	16.	Get Engaged	Vacant	9/1/21	8/31/22	1	Mayor
	F		17.	Member	Natasha Bennett	7/23/20	7/22/22	1	City Council
	M		18.	Member	Alexander Tang	1/23/20	1/22/22	1	Mayor

			19.	Member	Vacant	7/23/20	7/22/22	1	Commission
6	M	3	20.	Member	Brian Egger	1/23/20	1/22/22	2	Commission
6	F	3	21.	Member	Jessica C. Bhuiyan	7/23/20	7/22/22	2	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
<b>Mayor</b>	3	5											
<b>Council</b>	3	5											
<b>Comm</b>	1	2											
<b>Total</b>	7	12											

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.*