

City of Seattle Boards & Commissions Notice of Appointment

Appointee Name: Lillian Williamson								
Board/Commission Name:		Position Title:						
Seattle LGBTQ Commission		Get Engaged Member						
	City Council Confirmation required?							
Appointment OR Reappointment	X Yes							
	☐ No							
Appointing Authority:	Term of Position	*						
City Council	9/1/2022							
Mayor	to							
Other: Fill in appointing authority	8/31/2023							
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Residential Neighborhood:	•	ontact Phone No.:						
University District	98105							
Background: Lillian is a fourth-year student at the University of Washington, where she serves as Student Body Vice President and formerly directed the Queer Student Commission. She is also a board member and Student Organizing Committee Chair at GLSEN Washington, where she works to develop and lead programs for LGBTQ+ youth across Washington. Lillian also works with the Washington Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction and the Health Care Authority on school safety, student wellbeing, and youth behavioral health care policy. As a commission member, she hopes to represent the interests and needs of LGBTQ+ youth in Seattle. Her work within the LGBTQ+ community has led her to gain a comprehensive understanding of the needs of LGBTQ+ young people in this city, and she will bring that to the commission. One of the greatest needs she sees in the community is health care. While the Seattle LGBTQ commission has already done admirable work in this area by securing funds for LGBTQ+ health care organizations, there is still so much to be done to ensure that all LGBTQ+ people have access to safe, affirming, and accessible healthcare. She also hopes to focus her work in the areas of housing instability, social equity, and community engagement.								
Authorizing Signature (original signature):	Appointing Signatory:							
Bruce Q. Hanell	Bruce A. Harrell Mayor of Seattle							
Date Signed (appointed): 10/11/2022	mayor of scattle							
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^{*}Term begin and end date is fixed and tied to the position and not the appointment date.



Academic Background

University of Washington

2019-present

- BA in Environmental Studies and Political Science with Interdisciplinary and Departmental Honors; GPA: 3.91
- Managing editor, executive board member & co-founder of the Historical Review, the UW's undergraduate history journal
- Legislative Affairs Director for the College Democrats of Washington
- Student senator in the Associated Students of the University of Washington
- Member of the executive board of the University of Washington Young Democrats
- Member of philanthropic committee of Phi Alpha Delta, pre-law professional fraternity
- Volunteer at the UW Food Pantry

Honors and Awards

- 2022 Husky Union Building Hall of Fame Awardee
- 2022 Husky 100
- 2022 UW Honors Pillow Scholar
- 2019-2021 Mary Gates Honors Scholar
- Recipient of the 2021 Science Applications International Corporation Scholarship
- Recipient of the 2021 Medtronic Scholarship
- Recipient of the 2021 Paradise Family Scholarship
- 2021 UW Truman Scholarship Nominee
- 2021 UW Udall Scholarship Nominee
- Placed on the UW Dean's List each quarter in attendance

Work Experience

Commissioner

City of Seattle LGBTQ+ · 2021-present

- Advised the Mayor, City Council and City departments about issues of concern affecting the LGBTQ community
- Recommended policies and legislation, brought together LGBTQ communities with the larger Seattle community through long-range projects, and ensured City departments fairly and equitably addressed issues affecting and involving Seattle's LGBTQ communities as individuals and as a protected class

Student Safety and Well-Being Legislative Advisory Committee, Youth Advisory Council Advisor

Washington State Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction • 2019-present

- Presented to groups of elected officials, professional development teams, and school stakeholders about issues facing youth
- Developed potential legislative fixes regarding issues such as school shooting drills and student mental health services
- Led the process of crafting some state education policy through participation on various advisory boards and focus groups
- Recruited a team of passionate policymakers with lived experience

Children and Youth Behavioral Health Group Lead

Washington State Health Care Authority · 2020-present

- Appointed by WA Governor Jay Inslee to work with elected officials, behavioral health care experts and stakeholders to craft and promote legislative policy addressing issues surrounding youth behavioral health
- Worked to pass and conceptualize three bills and several budget provisos in this area during the 2022 legislative session

Board Member

Gay, Lesbian, Straight Education Network · 2020-present

- Developed and ran intersectional programs for LGBTQ+ youth across Washington State, including youth leadership and professional development programs and a program to teach inclusive sexual education to underserved youth
- Fostered strong cross-organizational relationships with key funders, network
 partners, and young people, and assisted with recruiting, training and
 supporting volunteers interested in working in youth organizing

Vice President of the Student Body

Associated Students of the University of Washington \cdot June 2022 - present

- Acted as the Chief Internal Officer and Chief of Staff for the UW's student government, supervising 75+ employees, dozens of volunteers, and a 1.4 million dollar budget
- Advocated on behalf of student needs to the UW administration

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Skills

- Strong knowledge of environmental issues
- Written and spoken Spanish
- Experience in planning and executing protests and community engagement events
- Strong leadership skills
- General fieldwork and research skills
- Skilled in coding and data analysis
- Proficiency in social media and marketing
- Skilled in Spanish-English translation
- Volunteer coordination experience
- Proficiency in non-profit administration skills

Contact Details



Work Experience

Congressional Intern

Office of Congresswoman Kim Schrier · 2022-present

- Attend and summarized briefings on behalf of the office, with a focus on environmental health and social justice issues
- Answered and organized correspondence for constituents and other offices on a variety of important congressional issues

Director of the Queer Student Commission

Associated Students of the University of Washington \cdot 2021-2022

- Acted as a representative and advocate on behalf of issues and concerns of the LGBTQ+ community, and advocated against homophobia, transphobia and other forms of oppression on campus and in the community
- Created and adapted programming benefiting LGBTQ+ students that was appealing, relevant, and successful in drawing membership from all portions of the queer community, including two of the largest events ASUW has seen in years

King County Youth Group Lead

The Lambert House · 2019-2021

- Assisted in the implementation of new youth groups in King County, and the transition of these groups to virtual meetings during COVID-19
- Led youth groups for youth age 11-19, providing leadership training and resources on dealing with LGBTQ+-specific mental and physical health needs

Researcher

University of Washington Geoarchaeology Lab · 2021

- Assisted Associated Professor of Anthropology and researcher in the Geoarchaeology Laboratory Ben Marwick to determine the effects of termites on the distribution of stone artifacts, which could support a new estimated date for human arrival in Australia
- Operated and analyzed data from X-ray fluorescence machine

Freelance Arts Criticism Writer and Arts Equity Advocate

TeenTix, The Seattle Times, & more · 2017-present

- Collaborated with and advised Seattle-area arts organizations on equity and maximizing the engagement of traditionally disenfranchised communities
- Edited and wrote editorials, features, and reviews of plays, art exhibits, theatre, and dance pieces published in the Seattle Times, Encore Magazine, the TeenTix blog, and Seattle Town Hall's online publication The Town Crier

#FurFreeWashington Campaign Lead

The Animal Rights Initiative 2019-present

- Managed a social media campaign about the negative environmental impacts of the fur industry
- Testified in front of legislative committees on the environmental importance of two bills resitricting the sale and production of fur in Washington State
- Co-authored a petition in support of two bills restricting the sale and production of fur in Washington State that received 140,000 signatures in support

Seattle Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer Commission August 2022

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

- 8 City Council-appointed
- 9 Mayor-appointed
- 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.	Member	VACANT	5/1/21	4/30/23	1	City Council	
			2.	Member	VACANT	5/1/21	4/30/23	1	Mayor	
			3.	Member	VACANT	5/1/21	4/30/23	1	City Council	
			4.	Member	VACANT	5/1/21	4/30/23	1	Mayor	
			5.	Member	VACANT	5/1/21	4/30/23	1	City Council	
			6.	Member	VACANT	11/1/21	10/31/23	1	Mayor	
			7.	Member	VACANT	11/1/21	10/31/23	1	Commission	
			8.	Member	Steven Pray	11/1/21	10/31/23	1	Mayor	
			9.	Member	Troika L. Braswell	5/1/22	4/30/24	1	City Council	
			10.	Member	Nathaniel Higby	5/1/22	4/30/24	2	Mayor	
		3	11.	Member	Alex Mielcarek	5/1/22	4/30/24	1	City Council	
			12.	Member	Brett Pepowski	5/1/22	4/30/24	1	Mayor	
			13.	Member	Raja Fouad	11/1/20	10/31/22	1	City Council	
			14.	Member	VACANT	11/1/20	10/31/22	1	Mayor	
			15.	Member	VACANT	11/1/21	10/31/23	1	City Council	
			16.	Get Engaged	Lillian Williamson	9/1/22	8/31/23	2	Mayor	
			17.	Member	Jackson Cooper	5/1/22	4/30/24	1	City Council	
			18.	Member	VACANT	11/1/21	10/31/23	1	Mayor	
			19.	Member	Victor Loo	11/1/21	10/31/23	2	Commission	
			20.	Member	Andrew Ashiofu	5/1/22	4/30/24	1	Commission	
		7	21.	Member	Juan Monroy	5/1/22	4/30/24	1	Commission	

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													1
Council													
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Total													

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