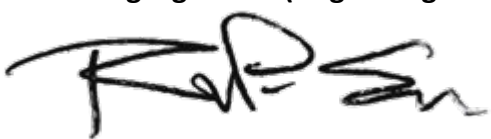




City of Seattle Boards & Commissions Notice of Appointment

Appointee Name: <i>Daniel Wolpert</i>		
Board/Commission Name: <i>Seattle Transit Advisory Board</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: * 8/3/2025 to 8/2/2027 <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Serving remaining term of a vacant position</i>
Residential Neighborhood: <i>Alki, West Seattle</i>	Zip Code: <i>98116</i>	Contact Phone No.: [REDACTED]
Background: <i>In addition to his work in spiritual life and leadership, I have worked in the construction industry for four decades and have served in leadership roles in multiple public and private construction and community development projects, several in the multi-million dollar range. A life long user of public transportation and bike paths, I am passionate about making communities travel friendly, accessible, and sustainable. Bringing my expertise in community engagement and consensus building alongside my passion for healthy transportation I believe would serve this Board and the City of Seattle well.</i>		
Authorizing Signature (original signature):  Date Signed (appointed): 11/10/2025		Appointing Signatory: <i>Rob Saka</i> <i>Councilmember</i>

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

Rev. Daniel Wolpert M.Div., MA.



Education

San Francisco Theological Seminary; M.Div. 5/00
Naropa Institute; MA. Clinical Psychology 12/87
University of California, Berkeley; BA. Genetics 6/80

Job Experience - My job history and background is diverse and multifaceted and so my experience is categorized by activity so as to more clearly display my wide variety of skills and experience.

Spiritual Life and Leadership: As a student of the spiritual life for the past almost 40 years I have taught, led retreats, led communities, and written on spiritual life and practice both nationally and internationally.

Current	<u>Book Author-</u> “Looking Inward, Living Outward” - Upper Room June 2024 “Creation’s Wisdom” - Orbis Press Fall 2020 “The Collapse of the Three Story Universe: Christianity in an Age of Science” – MICAH 2013 “Creating a Life with God”- Upper Room July 2003 and 2023 20th Anniversary Edition (republished in 4 countries and 3 languages) “Meeting God in Virtual Reality”- Abingdon Press: May 2004 (also published in Chinese) “Leading a Life with God” – Upper Room 2006
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I have also authored numerous articles and books chapters on contemplation, spiritual leadership, and the spiritual dimension of healing.

Current	<u>Retreat Leader/Speaker:</u> Lead retreats and teaching on prayer, the spiritual life, and spiritual leadership at numerous venues in the U.S. and abroad including: Upper Room Academy for Spiritual Formation, UND medical school, Luther Seminary, UCLA, church and church board retreats, national gatherings for a variety of ministries, Cooperative Baptist Fellowship national gathering, among others.
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- 6/20-6/25 Certificate in Spiritual Direction & Social Transformation - Co-Director of training program for Spiritual Directors in a unique approach to spiritual direction through examination of social and systemic transformation as well as individual work.
- 2018- 5/19 Plymouth Congregational Church, Minneapolis MN - Interim Minister in a 1,500 member historic, progressive, downtown church. In this unique role as the congregations 'spiritual therapist' I helped the church transition following a difficult staffing change. Roles include teaching, preaching, helping with governance issues and systemic healing work.
- 2000-2014 First Presbyterian Church, Crookston MN- Solo pastor (2000- 2013), Part time pastor (begun 9/13)
- 2000-2004 Sabbath Retreat Co-Director- Speaker, retreat leader, and administrator for the Sabbath retreat program: Five day retreats using prayer practices for ministers and youth workers.
- 9/97-6/00 San Francisco Theological Seminary: Small group leader, speaker for Youth Ministry and Spirituality Project, Sabbath Retreat Program, and Certificate program in Spiritual Direction. Teaching assistant in Theology core course. Co-instructor in course on Centering Prayer. Supervisor for spiritual directors in training.
- 10/89-9/90 Lumen Christi Monastery: Benedictine oblate. Lived and worked in contemplative community. Participated in daily prayer and work. Helped build retreat cabin and care for sheep flock.

Organizational Development and Leadership: I have been a part of numerous Boards and community projects, often in leadership roles. I have also created a successful religious non-profit that flourished for 22 years.

- 2002-2023 Minnesota Institute of Contemplation and Healing- co-founder and Executive-director of multifaceted facility for the practice and study of contemplation, healing, and the arts. Job responsibilities include administration, financial management, teaching nationally and internationally in the areas of spiritual practice and leadership, and retreat leading in a variety of locations.
- 1996-present Organizational Leadership - While student at San Francisco Theological Seminary I was part of the committee that oversaw the redevelopment of the Seminary's historic buildings that had been closed after the 1989 earthquake. This was a \$12 million

project. While pastor in Crookston MN I was a key leader in the development of a community wide discernment process that resulted in the building of a \$10 million community center. I also served as president of the United Way Board, overseeing the most successful fundraising campaign in the organization's history.

Healing Work: As a trained psychologist specializing in family systems therapy, and also as a spiritual director I have worked in a variety of settings practicing the healing arts. I have also taught spiritual direction in 4 different programs around the United States and also taught in the field of psychology at the college level.

- 9/90-present Private Practice: Private clinical psychology/spiritual direction practice including individual, family, couples counseling, individual direction, running retreats and workshops.
- 1/24 - present Osher Center UW - Affiliate member and faculty
- 2014-5/2019 Penny George Institute for Health and Healing - Spiritual Director at a nationally renowned, multi-faceted Integrative Medicine Center. Provide Individual Spiritual Direction for clients.
- 1/95- 8/96 Community College of Vermont: College instructor in communications and psychology. Responsible for entire course content and presentation.
- 9/90-9/94 Southeastern Vermont Mental Health Center: School-based clinician. Providing treatment for children and families within the school context. From 9/90-9/92 was responsible for psychological treatment in a special school program for severely emotionally disturbed children. In 1994 was responsible for development of new therapeutic program in a local school district.
- 9/90-9/92 Private Supervision Practice: Ran a supervision groups for therapists and spiritual directors using a technique based on contemplative theory and practice.
- 9/86-6/87 Southwest Denver MHC: Clinical internship in child and family therapy. Responsible for treatment plans and case management. Work included; individual, couple, family, play therapy; group therapy; crisis work.
- 10/85-3/86 Boulder County MHC: Worked with chronically mentally ill clients at a community housing and treatment facility. Assisted with house meetings, group meals, maintenance groups. Also did individual therapy and case management.

- 10/89-9/90 Vermont Catholic Charities: Family therapist. Family and individual therapy in an outpatient setting. Responsible for treatment plans and case management.
- 3/88-6/88 Family Medicine Institute: Worked with physicians in hospital and clinic settings, evaluating patients' non-medical health needs. Ran a supervision group for physicians.

Creating Sacred Space: I have been involved with the construction and development of places whose purpose is the development of the spiritual life and of spiritual leaders. In addition to the creation of our MICAH retreat center, and the redevelopment of the Seminary, mentioned above, I have been directly involved in the construction of two monasteries in North America.

- 6/87-9/87 Gempo Abbey : Construction Forman. Oversaw the construction of a 5000sq ft addition to Pema Chodron's monastery. Lived and practiced with the community.
- 4/82-4/83 Odyian Retreat Center: Lived and worked in Buddhist monastery. Participated in construction projects, gardening projects, co-managed small dairy operation, studied and practiced contemplative disciplines.

Honors/Awards

Dean's Scholarship, SFTS 1996
Phi Beta Kappa, UCB 1980
American Gastroenterology Student Research Prize, 1978

Seattle Transit Advisory Board

12 Members: Pursuant to Resolution 31572, all members subject to City Council confirmation, 2-year terms:

- 7 Mayor- appointed
- 5 City Council- appointed

Roster:

*D	**G	RD	Position No.	Position Title	Name	Term Begin Date	Term End Date	Term #	Appointed By
3	M	3	1.	Member	Sandro R. Pani	8/3/24	8/2/26	3	City Council
1	F	4	2.	Member	Shirley Chu	8/3/24	8/2/26	1	City Council
6	T/NB	4	3.	Member	Deborah Barnard	8/3/24	8/2/26	1	City Council
9	M	1	4.	Member	Daniel Wolpert	8/3/25	8/2/27	1	City Council
1	F	7	5.	Member	Priyadharshini Balan	8/3/25	8/2/27	2	City Council
6	NB	6	6.	Member	Katie Freeman	8/3/24	8/2/26	1	Mayor
1	M	3	7.	Member	Ashwin Bhumbla	8/3/24	8/2/26	2	Mayor
1	M	1	8.	Member	Art Kuniyuki	8/3/24	8/2/26	3	Mayor
6	F	5	9.	Member	Carolyn Tillinger	8/3/25	8/2/27	2	Mayor
6	M/T/ NB	4	10.	Member	Dana Coppernoll-Houston	8/3/25	8/2/27	2	Mayor
6	M	3	11.	Member	Zach Burton	8/3/25	8/2/27	2	Mayor
			12.	Get Engaged Member	Sidney Orr	9/1/25	8/31/26	1	Mayor

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	5	1	1	2	2	1				4			
Council	2	2	1	1	2	1	1			1			
Other													
Total	7	3	2	3	5	1	1			5			

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.