




City of Seattle Boards & Commissions Notice of Appointment

Appointee Name: <i>M. Angela Castañeda</i>		
Board/Commission Name: <i>Cultural Space Agency Public Development Authority</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 type="checkbox"/> City Council <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mayor <input type="checkbox"/> Other:		Term of Position: * 1/1/2025 to 12/31/2027 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <i>Serving remaining term of a vacant position</i>
Residential Neighborhood: <i>Beacon Hill</i>	Zip Code: <i>98144</i>	Contact Phone No.: [REDACTED]
Background: <i>M. Angela Castañeda (she/ella/we) is a Master of Public Administration and bilingual organizational culture strategist who transforms communities through creative, human-centered leadership rooted in social justice values. Working in southeast Seattle's most diverse region, Angela brings over two decades of experience building organizational resilience as Executive Director of Beacon Business Alliance and co-founder of ESES Collective. Her approach integrates strategic systems change with her lifelong practice as a spoken word artist and singer/songwriter, understanding that healthy organizational culture emerges when authentic voices are heard, relationships are centered, and creative expression becomes a pathway to sustainable community transformation and equitable development.</i>		
Authorizing Signature (original signature):  Date Signed (appointed): November 10th, 2025		Appointing Signatory: <i>Bruce A. Harrell</i> <i>Mayor of Seattle</i>

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

Highlights

- Master of Public Administration, Seattle University
- Accomplished program and project manager
- Committed bilingual community outreach advocate and organizer
- Strategic content producer: video, marketing/PR, social media, web design, events, podcast
- Proven writer and facilitator of educational curricula and training programs

Program and Project Manager

As founder and leader of multiple programs and organizations, I bring passion, drive, and a collaborative spirit to the task of setting goals, organizing work, and reaching objectives. As a consultant for community-based nonprofits I develop and manage work plans, timelines, budgets, and teams. I create communications and marketing plans, build organizational infrastructure, and produce and present qualitative and quantitative analysis deliverables to improve informational access to community stakeholders. I bring a substantial multi-media production toolkit with experience producing/creating Industrial, Informational and Documentary film/video. As founder/director of the nonprofit, StoryGarden, with a mission to serve multicultural, multilingual, multi-sensory learners, I developed and managed arts-focused curricula, assessment procedures, internal communications, website, and program marketing/PR materials for a rigorous education program that helped more than 500 under-served youth.

Community Builder and Organizer

I promote equitable community and economic development in part by understanding how diverse stakeholders and key capital improvements can be catalysts for change. My passion, throughout more than two decades of creation and implementation of programs and projects, has been developing solutions to address functional issues and cultural barriers within our living environment. For instance, facilitating productive neighborhood development meetings, organizing vibrant multi-arts community events, creating school food waste separation programs, spearheading numerous art installations, counseling small businesses, providing access to methods, tools and resources that help serve, support, and grow a resilient community in Seattle, WA.

Chronology

2020–present	Owner , ECOLAZOS Consulting
2020–present	Co Founder/Member , Essential Southeast Seattle (ESES) Collective
2019–present	Consultant , Rainier Ave Business Coalition
2010–present	Executive Director , Beacon Business Alliance
2017–2019	Program Director , Mt Baker HUB Business Alliance
2014–2018	Community Youth Programs Organizer , Dragons FC
2006–2012	Founder-Director-Program Manager , StoryGarden
2007–2008	Community Programs Translator , Neighborhood House
2002–2006	Graduate Student , Seattle University
1998–2000	Creative Services Account Manager , Intelligent Life

Degrees, Trainings, Certificates

- Masters of Public Administration, Seattle University
- BA, Spanish and Latin American Studies, University of Washington
- Alumna, Wa State Nonprofit Leadership Academy, Latino Community Fund; Equity Leaders, Cultures Connecting; Equity&Inclusion in Business Districts, Only in Seattle
- Certificate, B.A.S.E. certified (Build Art Space Equitably) Office of Arts & Culture, Seattle
- Certificate, Engaging Virtual Meetings Producer, Seattle
- AAS, Visual and Applied Communications, Seattle Central College

Cultural Space Agency Public Development Authority

6-18 Members: Pursuant to the *Charter of the Cultural Space Agency*, all members subject to City Council confirmation, 3-year terms:

- 0 City Council-appointed
- 6-18 Mayor-appointed
- 0 Other Appointing Authority-appointed (specify):

Roster:

*D	**G	RD	Position No.	Position Title	Name	Term Begin Date	Term End Date	Term #	Appointed By
3	F	2	1	Member	M. Angela Castañeda	1/1/25	12/31/27	1	Mayor
6	F	N/A	2	Member	Lesley Bain	1/1/25	12/31/27	1	Mayor
6	M	6	3	Member	Nick Ronan	1/1/25	12/31/27	1	Mayor
2	M	3	4	Member	Aaron Nathaniel Carr	1/1/25	12/31/27	1	Mayor
2	M	1	5	Member	Obadiah Stephens-Terry	1/1/25	12/31/27	1	Mayor
8	F	4	6	Member	Gülgün Kayim	1/1/25	12/31/27	1	Mayor
			7	Member	Ching-In Chen	12/1/22	12/1/25	1	Mayor
			8	Member	Christiana Obey Sumner	12/1/22	12/1/25	1	Mayor
			9	Member	Gladys Ly-Au Young	12/1/22	12/1/25	1	Mayor
			10	Member	Ixtli Whitehawk	12/1/22	12/1/25	1	Mayor
6	M	3	11	Member	Michael Seiwerath	1/1/26	12/31/28	2	Mayor
2	F	2	12	Member	Afua Kouyate	1/1/26	12/31/28	2	Mayor
9	F	2	13	Member	Nyema Clark	1/1/26	12/31/28	2	Mayor
			14	Member		1/1/24	12/31/26		Mayor
			15	Member		1/1/24	12/31/26		Mayor
			16	Member		1/1/24	12/31/26		Mayor
			17	Member		1/1/24	12/31/26		Mayor
			18	Member		1/1/24	12/31/26		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	4	5				3	1			3		1	1
Council													
Other													
Total													

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.