



City of Seattle Boards & Commissions Notice of Appointment

Appointee Name: <i>Akiksha Chatterji</i>		
Board/Commission Name: <i>Green New Deal Oversight Board</i>		Position Title: <i>Member</i>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Appointment <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	Term of Position: * 5/1/2025 to 4/30/2028 <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Serving remaining term of a vacant position</i>	
Residential Neighborhood: <i>Maple Leaf</i>	Zip Code: <i>98115</i>	Contact Phone No.: <div style="background-color: black; width: 100px; height: 20px;"></div>
Background: <p><i>Akiksha Chatterji has spent the past four years working with 350 Seattle in various capacities to advance a Green New Deal, officially joining staff as Campaigns Director in early 2024. Her time at 350 Seattle has instilled valuable experience and insight into the key aspects and challenges of implementing a city-wide Green New Deal. Akiksha is also a community organizer and has experience in campaign management and policy advocacy as well as strategy development and communications.</i></p> <p><i>After witnessing countless climate calamities in her home county of India, Akiksha is passionate about and driven to fight for climate justice. Working with 350 Seattle, Akiksha has lead relationship and community building efforts and is excited to bring these experiences and skills to the GNDob to advance intersectional, equitable, and impactful climate solutions in Seattle.</i></p>		

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

**Authorizing Signature (original
signature):**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Alexis Mercedes Rinck', written over a horizontal line.

Date Signed (appointed):

6/10/25

Appointing Signatory:

Alexis Mercedes Rinck

Seattle City Council Member

Akiksha Chatterji

Education

Master of Social Work (M.S.W.), The University of Washington (UW), Seattle, WA

Graduated: June 2021

Focus: Administration and Public Policy

Bachelor of Arts (B.A.), The College of Wooster, Wooster, OH

Graduated: May 2017

Major: Philosophy; Minor: Religious Studies

Graduated Cum Laude; D. Ivan Dykstra Prize in Philosophy

Relevant Experience

Campaigns Director – 350 Seattle, Seattle, WA

January 2024 – Present

- Lead the strategic development and execution of climate justice campaigns, ensuring alignment with organizational goals, movement-building priorities, and equity commitments.
- Responsible for developing all elements of a campaign, including research, strategy, tactics, policy and power analysis, narrative and communications strategies, and grassroots mobilization and organizing.
- Recruit, onboard, and coach volunteer leaders, with clear engagement strategies and leadership development opportunities to build grassroots power and long-term movement capacity.
- Build, manage, and sustain external relationships with labor unions, environmental groups, racial justice organizations, coalitions, and policymakers to support and advance campaign goals.
- Contribute to development projects, including fundraising, base building, and equity efforts.
- Support emergent campaigns and rapid response efforts as needed.

Climate Finance Campaigner – Positive Money US, Remote

August 2021 – January 2024

- Helped launch the organization in the U.S. and led campaigns targeting the Federal Reserve (Fed).
- Developed educational, digital, and communications strategies, including blogs, all social media content, press releases, op-eds, and policy briefs.
- Built campaign infrastructure and grew the supporter base from scratch.
- Led launch of first report, *Tackling Fossilflation*, securing media coverage and congressional meetings.
- Organized advocacy efforts, including a Fed Teacher Town Hall campaign and mobilization for the Fossil Free Finance Act.
- Launched the development of an Equity Filter across international teams in the UK and EU.
- Represented Positive Money with funders, policymakers, journalists, and coalition partners.
- Led coalition work on the Stop the Money Pipeline Policy Steering Committee and the Justice, Equity, Diversity & Inclusion team.

Board Member – 350 Seattle, Seattle, WA

April 2021 – December 2024

- Oversaw budget approval, major revisions, hiring and termination decisions.
- Resolved high-level internal conflicts escalated to the board.
- Participated in annual leadership retreats and mandatory leadership trainings.
- Assessed reputational risks for potential campaigns and organizational actions.
- Provided input on large-scale strategic planning and decision-making.
- Supported initiatives to advance organizational equity and inclusion goals.

Green New Deal Intern – 350 Seattle, Seattle, WA

October 2020 – April 2021

- Campaigned for an anti-austerity Solidarity Budget (SB).
- Organized with over 200 community groups to engage in grassroots pressure tactics and sign onto SB.

- Developed comprehensive and replicable campaign debrief and evaluation tools for campaigns.
- Helped the City of Seattle win \$1 million for a Green New Deal (GND) oversight board.
- Conducted Power Mapping research, contributing to shared analysis of local economic and political power.
- Part of team that organized King County unions to build power behind GND policies.
- Part of core team & lead on organizing the Housing is Climate Justice Campaign.

Crisis Intervention Specialist – Crisis Connections, Seattle, WA

July 2020 – August 2021

- Managed crisis and professional calls from five WA counties.
- Provided callers with county-based mental health resources, and emotional support.
- Conducted assessments for suicidal and/or homicidal ideation and/or attempts.
- Supervised and guided phone workers through all calls.

Researcher – Centre for Social, Emotional, and Intellectual Learning, UW, WA

October 2019 – April 2021

- Conducted community based participatory research on racial disparities in discipline
- Engaged and assessed current culture of compliance, discipline practices, and school climate.
- Used Dedoose to code for all qualitative data, conducted analysis and developed report of observations.
- Drafted Memorandum of Understanding, and developed detailed Logic-Models.
- Conducted literature review on racial disparities in discipline and critical consciousness.
- Planned, organized, and co-led group facilitations and focus groups.
- Helped draft grants for research on impacts of COVID-19 on learning disparities in the virtual classroom.

Content Creator – StuCred, Pune, Maharashtra, India

September 2018 – August 2019

- Wrote and published daily articles on various topics including, environmental consciousness and climate change.
- Developed educational content on building financial independence amongst students.
- Helped raise awareness about fiscal responsibility and financial independence amongst college students

Field Manager – Grassroots Campaigns, Berkeley, CA

September 2017 – July 2018

- Participated in and led grassroots movements through canvassing for fundraising.
- Raised over 15 percent of all Doctors Without Borders (MSF) funds for the canvassing season.
- Led in-depth training for new additions to the canvassing team.
- Successfully staffed a majority of new canvassers through in-field training and guidance.
- Created daily interactive presentations to help support and onboard canvassers.
- Developed and managed weekly and monthly recruitment plans.

Research Fellow – Environmental Progress, Berkeley, CA

June 2017 – September 2017

- Conducted research on the history of coal plants in the U.S.
- Coded all relevant articles in Excel, generated graphs and created timelines to analyze data for each plant.
- Conducted research on the ethics of nuclear energy.
- Prepared and presented a comparative study on opposition to coal plants to reputed donors and guests.
- Researched the history of nuclear energy in Germany, France, and Switzerland.

Opinion Pieces

- “Prop 1A Is Seattle’s Opportunity to Lead on Climate Justice”, [The Urbanist](#)
- “Help Us Make Social Housing a Success in Seattle”, [The Stranger](#)
- “The Fed is out of touch on climate”, [The Hill](#)
- “This millennial wants to talk climate with Fed Chair Jerome Powell”, [Climate & Capital Media](#)
- “Wall Street Is Gambling With Our Future. The Federal Reserve Must Act Now”, [Common Dreams](#)
- “The Fed Should Not Punish Working People for Inflation Driven by Big Oil's Greed”, [Common Dreams](#)

Green New Deal Oversight Board

19 Members: Pursuant to *Ordinance 125926*, all members subject to City Council confirmation, 3-year terms.

- 8 City Council-appointed
- 8 Mayor-appointed
- 3 Other Appointing Authority-appointed (specify): Green New Deal Oversight Board

Roster:

*D	**G	RD	Position No.	Position Title	Name	Term Begin Date	Term End Date	Term #	Appointed By
	U	2	1.	Member	Nancy Huizar	5/1/23	4/30/26	1	Mayor
4	M	2	2.	Member	Matt Remle	5/1/23	4/30/26	2	City Council
	F	2	3.	Member	Elizabeth Baskerville	5/1/23	4/30/26	1	Mayor
4	F		4.	Member (Tribal Representative)	Rachel Heaton	5/1/23	4/30/26	2	City Council
			5.	Member (Tribal Representative)	VACANT	5/1/23	4/30/26		Mayor
	F	1	6.	Member (Age 16-25)	Hannah Lindell-Smith	5/1/23	4/30/26	1	City Council
			7.	Member (Age 16-25)	Camille Gipaya	5/1/23	4/30/26	1	Mayor
	F		8.	Member	Stephanie Ung	5/1/23	4/30/26	1	Board
	F	3	9.	Environmental Justice Representative	Leah Wood	5/1/25	4/30/28	1	Mayor
	F	5	10.	Environmental Justice Representative	Jamie Stroble	5/1/25	4/30/28	1	City Council
	F	2	11.	Environmental Justice Representative	Fatima Kabba	5/1/25	4/30/28	1	Board
	M	7	12.	Labor Union Representative	Peter Hasegawa	5/1/25	4/30/28	2	Mayor
	F	1	13.	Labor Union Representative	Brittani Cain	5/1/25	4/30/28	1	City Council
	M		14.	Labor Union Representative	John Sanchez	5/1/25	4/30/28	1	City Council
			15.	Labor Union Representative	VACANT	5/1/25	4/30/28		Mayor
	F	4	16.	Member	Akiksha Chatterji	5/1/25	4/30/28	1	City Council
6	F	4	17.	Member	Nina Olivier	5/1/25	4/30/28	2	Board
	F	7	18.	Member	Emily Pinckney	5/1/25	4/30/28	2	City Council
2	F		19.	Workforce Training Representative	Rosalund Jenkins	5/1/25	4/30/28	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	1	4		1		1							
Council	2	7						2					
Other		3											
Total	3	14		1		1		2					

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.