




City of Seattle Boards & Commissions Notice of Reappointment

Appointee Name: Kelabe Tewolde		
Board/Commission Name: Seattle Planning Commission		Position Title: Member position 4
<input type="checkbox"/> Appointment OR <input checked="" 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: Fill in appointing authority		Term of Position: * 4/16/2025 to 4/15/2028 <input type="checkbox"/> Serving remaining term of a vacant position
Residential Neighborhood: Beacon Hill	Zip Code: 98134	Contact Phone No.: [REDACTED]
Background: Mr. Tewolde is the Leadership Development Coordinator at Rainier Scholars. Prior to working at Rainier Scholars, Kelabe worked in Senator Patty Murray's office in Washington DC, undertaking casework for constituents that were having difficulties with various government agencies including the FAA, Veterans Affairs, and the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs and working with the outreach team. Kelabe previously served on the Planning Commission as a Get Engaged member. Kelabe perspectives and experiences working with youth have been an important addition to the Planning Commission membership.		
Authorizing Signature (original signature):  Date Signed (appointed): June 11 th , 2025		Appointing Signatory: Bruce A. Harrell Mayor of Seattle

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

Kelabe Tewolde

Education

Colgate University, Bachelor of Arts, Hamilton, NY May, 2018
Major/Minor: Political Science/ Educational Studies
Dean's Award for Academic Excellence Fall 2013
The School for Ethics and Global Leadership, Washington, DC May 2012

Work Experience

Rainier Scholars, *Leadership Development Coordinator*, Seattle, WA June 2021- Present

- Develop curriculum and instruct leadership workshops for our 6th-12th grade scholars
- Organize and plan grade level retreats
- Evaluate the needs of students and implement new ideas based on those needs
- Facilitate monthly seminars with our 6th and 7th grade scholars
- Recruit potential community partners to engage with our scholars at workshops
- Promote leadership and career opportunities with our middle and high school scholars

Rainier Scholars, *Academic Counselor*, Seattle, WA August 2018- Jun 2021

- Maintained consistent in person monthly check-ins with the 58 students on my caseload ranging from 6th-12th grade
- Generated the bridge between students, teachers, and families as a liaison and advocate for my scholars
- Evaluated the needs of students and implemented new ideas based on those needs
- Helped facilitate monthly seminars with our 6th and 7th grade scholars
- Hosted community gatherings for our scholars in their various schools to build stronger ties to each other

Office of Senator Patty Murray, *Casework & Outreach Intern*, Seattle, WA March 2016- January 2017

- Developed knowledge of casework that pertain several federal agencies
- Opened, drafted and closed cases in Intranet Quorum (IQ)
- Wrote and edited responses from constituent letters and requests addressing diverse needs and streamlining communication
- Organized and reported back on meetings with staff and local community groups while staffing events for Senator Murray

Office of Senator Patty Murray, *Legislative Intern*, Washington, DC May 2014- July 2014

- Attended hearings and briefings related to Education and Veterans Affairs and reported back to the Legislative Assistants
- Organized the budget information from the past few years on Education spending
- Wrote and edited responses from constituent letters and requests
- Fielded calls from constituents and other Senate offices

Service Experience

The Seattle Planning Commission, *Get Engaged member*, Seattle, WA October 2020- October 2021

- Advised the Mayor, City Council and City departments on broad planning goals
- Reviewed and edited Seattle's Comprehensive Plan
- Wrote a letter of support for the Permanent Supportive Housing legislation developed by Councilmember Lewis
- Collaborated with commission members to prioritize equity in potential policies and city plans

Colgate University, *Presidential Search Committee*, Hamilton, NY February 2015-September 2015

- Organized an event for students to suggest what qualities they wanted in the 17th president of Colgate University
- Identified and discussed values the Colgate community would want in the 17th president
- Interviewed potential candidates and evaluated their potential as a college president

Activities

SGA, *Chief of Staff and Senior Executive Advisor*, Hamilton, NY April 2017-January 2018

- Maintained and strengthened relationships with student groups on campus
- Advised the President and Vice President of the SGA on potential initiatives

Language: Conversational in Tigrinya

Seattle Planning Commission

16 Members: Pursuant to SMC 3.64, all members subject to City Council confirmation, 3-year terms (except for position 16 which serves a one-year term and is a Get Engaged member per SMC 3.51):

- 7 City Council-appointed
- 8 Mayor-appointed
- 1 Other Appointing Authority-appointed (specify): Planning Commission

Roster:

*D	**G	RD	Position No.	Position Title	Name	Term Begin Date	Term End Date	Term #	Appointed By
6	F	3	1.	Member	McCaella Daffern	4/16/25	4/15/28	2	City Council
3	F	3	2.	Member	Dhyana Quintanar Solares	4/16/25	4/15/28	2	Mayor
6	F	6	3.	Member	Rebecca Brunn	4/16/25	4/15/28	1	City Council
2	M	2	4.	Member	Kelabe Tewolde	4/16/25	4/15/28	2	Mayor
2	F	6	5.	Member	Julia Jannon-Shields	4/16/25	4/15/28	1	City Council
6	M	4	6.	Member	Andrew Dannenberg	4/16/23	4/15/26	1	Mayor
9	F	1	7.	Member	P Xiomara (Xio) Alvarez	4/16/23	4/15/26	1	City Council
1	F	5	8.	Member	Radhika Nair	4/16/23	4/15/26	2	Mayor
6	M	1	9.	Member	Matt Hutchins	4/16/23	4/15/26	2	City Council
9	NB	3	10.	Member	Monika Sharma	4/16/23	4/15/26	1	Mayor
6	F	4	11.	Member	Cecelia Black	4/16/24	4/15/27	1	City Council
9	F	5	12.	Member	Rose Lew Tsai-Le Whitson	4/16/24	4/15/27	2	Mayor
6	M	3	13.	Member	Dylan Glosecki	4/16/24	4/15/27	1	City Council
6	M	1	14.	Member	Nick Whipple	4/16/24	4/15/27	1	Mayor
4	M	7	15.	Member	Dylan Stevenson	4/16/24	4/15/27	1	Commission
6	M	6	16.	Get Engaged	Matt Malloy	9/1/24	8/31/25	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	4	3		1	1	1	1			3			2
Council	3	5				1				5			1
Other								1					
Total	7	8		1	1	2	1	1		8			3

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.