



City of Seattle Boards & Commissions Notice of Appointment

Appointee Name: <i>Nafiso D. Samatar</i>		
Board/Commission Name: <i>Transportation Levy Oversight Committee</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: <i>Fill in appointing authority</i>		Term of Position: * 1/1/2025 to 12/31/2028 <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Serving remaining term of a vacant position</i>
Residential Neighborhood: <i>New Holly</i>	Zip Code: <i>98108</i>	Contact Phone No.: [REDACTED]

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

Background:

I am eager to serve on the Seattle Transportation Levy Oversight Committee because of my deep commitment to transparency, accountability, and equitable resource allocation. With a background in human services and extensive experience supporting small businesses and marginalized communities, I understand how transportation investments impact economic mobility, public safety, and community well-being. As the President of the Somali Independent Business Alliance (SIBA), I have engaged in community-driven initiatives that prioritize equitable resource allocation and responsive decision-making. I have successfully managed grant-funded programs, monitored budgets, and ensured compliance with funding guidelines—skills that align closely with the LOC’s mandate to review expenditures, track project implementation, and provide recommendations to city leadership. Additionally, I worked on Seattle’s Electric Vehicle (EV) Incentive Pilot Project, where SIBA alongside ACCPNW helped enroll over 110 drivers in the program, guiding them through the application process to secure incentives. This experience deepened my understanding of the intersection between transportation policy, environmental sustainability, and community needs. Beyond my work at SIBA, I serve as the CEO of Team Consulting Support Services LLC, providing technical assistance to businesses, including regulatory compliance and strategic planning. My past roles as a youth mentorship coordinator, facilitator, and case manager have strengthened my ability to advocate for underrepresented communities, ensuring their voices are heard in policy decisions. Having worked with organizations such as the African Chamber of Commerce, Seattle Office for Civil Rights, and Seattle Public Schools, I bring a wealth of experience in program oversight, public engagement, and governance. I am excited about the opportunity to contribute my expertise to the Levy Oversight Committee and help guide investments that create a more accessible, efficient, and inclusive transportation system for all Seattle residents.

Authorizing Signature (original signature):**Date Signed (appointed):**
April 23rd, 2025**Appointing Signatory:****Bruce A. Harrell****Mayor of Seattle**

Nafiso D Samatar



EDUCATION

HIGHLINE COLLEGE

Des Moines, WA
Human Services Profession
Human Resource Development Candidate

CITY UNIVERSITY ONLINE UK

Public Health Certificate Graduation 2012

ADDITIONAL SKILLS

- Bilingual- Somali and English
- Community Organizer
- Consulting
- Leadership Skills
- People Person
- Hard worker
- Networking
- Cultural Competency
- Business Development
- Advocacy
- Problem-solving
- Adaptability

CAREER OBJECTIVE

To enhance my working capacities, professional skills, business efficiencies and to serve organizations to the best of my ability with sheer determination and commitment. I would like to be the bridge that brings together the community together.

Experience

CEO

TEAM CONSULTING SUPPORT SERVICES LLC / APRIL 2024 - PRESENT

- Provide hands-on technical assistance to businesses for navigating regulatory processes, including licensing, and compliance filings.
- Offer expert guidance on selecting and acquiring appropriate business and property insurance coverage tailored to the specific needs and risks of each client.
- Develop and implement targeted marketing strategies to enhance brand visibility, attract customers, and drive business growth in the public domain.

PRESIDENT

SOMALI INDEPENDENT BUSINESS ALLIANCE (SIBA)
Seattle and Tukwila WA / Jan 2023 - Present

- Established vital connections with diverse stakeholders, including refugees, immigrants, and small businesses, enhancing access to resources and opportunities.
- Provided expert guidance to BIPOC entrepreneurs, advocating for their needs and interests while offering strategic business consultation.
- Orchestrated skill-building workshops and events to empower marginalized communities, promoting economic empowerment and social integration.
- Forged impactful collaborations with key entities like the African Chamber of Commerce, Seattle Neighborhoods, Seattle Foundation-N2N Program and the Port of Seattle, driving initiatives for business growth and community advancement.

YOUTH MENTORSHIP COORDINATOR

African Community Housing Development 2021-2022

- Helping youth to stay in school
- How they could become tomorrow's leaders
- Showing them the right path and show them effects of use of Drugs, alcohol and to make them positive thinker and success in their life
- Involve different activity

FACILITATOR

Seattle Neighborhood Housing, Guiding Good Choices
Nov 2017 - 2025

- Recruiting Students
- Interpreter and Translation

DIRECTOR

Somali Chamber of Commerce, Of Somali Business Women

May 2015 – 2018

- Association
- Training for business women
- Consulting
- Implementation

Seattle Office, Civil Rights, Seattle, WA / Jan 2013 - Jul 2013

- Trained refugee and immigrant women on Seattle's Civil Rights programs
- Instructed women on their rights as mothers in a public setting, including breast feeding regulations
- Taught them on differentiating on the many varieties of discrimination and how to protect themselves.

Seattle Neighborhood Group, Seattle, WA / Dec 2009 - 2014

- Planning Outreach Engagement Liaison
- Facilitated the local Somali Community's participation in the Neighborhood Planning and Local
- School Parents Participation in Parent for Public Schools
- Expedited the Somali Home Child Care participation in Child Protract Services
- Provided interpretation, translation for local Somali Community member

Seattle Public School, Seattle, WA / Jan 2007 - 2009

- Parent Leadership
- Train refugee and immigrant parents to negotiate with U.S
- Public Schools
- Assist parents to become active in their children's schools
- Educate parents in healthy nutrition and how to deal with post-traumatic stress
- Coach parents to work with their children in using pre-literacy activities.

SOMALI FAMILY ADVOCATE/ CASE MANAGER

Refugee Women's Alliance, Seattle, WA / Feb 2001 - Dec 2008

- Assisted clients to apply for subsidized housing, energy assistance and school enrollments
- Provided interpretation and transliteration services to Somali clients
- Facilitated intake and assessment process for newcomers
- Did outreach and recruitment for agency programs and organized community-based events.

Transportation Levy Oversight Committee

19 Members: Pursuant to *Ordinance 127053*, all appointed members are subject to City Council confirmation, 4-year terms, except for the Get Engaged Member who will serve a 1-year term pursuant to SMC 3.51.

- 7 City Council-appointed
- 6 Mayor-appointed (includes 1 Get Engaged position)
- 1 Chair of City Council's Transportation Committee - Ordinance
- 1 City Budget Director - Ordinance
- 1 Seattle Pedestrian Advisory Board
- 1 Seattle Bicycle Advisory Board
- 1 Seattle Transit Advisory Board
- 1 Seattle Freight Advisory Board

Roster:

*D	**G	RD	Position No.	Position Title	Name	Term Begin Date	Term End Date	Term #	Appointed By
			1.	Chair of CC's Transportation Committee	Rob Saka	N/A	N/A		Ordinance
			2.	City Budget Director	Dan Eder	N/A	N/A		Ordinance
6	M	5	3.	Ex-Officio Member	Wes Mills	N/A	N/A		Seattle Pedestrian Advisory Board
6	F	7	4.	Ex-Officio Member	Donna McBain Evans	N/A	N/A		Seattle Bicycle Advisory Board
6	M	7	5.	Ex-Officio Member	Zachary Burton	N/A	N/A		Seattle Transit Advisory Board
6	F		6.	Ex-Officio Member	Geri Poor	N/A	N/A		Seattle Freight Advisory Board
6	M	4	7.	Get Engaged Member	Leonard Harrison Jerome	01/01/25	8/31/25	1	Mayor
6	M	2	8.	Member	Jack Brand	01/01/25	12/31/28	1	Mayor
6	F	3	9.	Member	Alex Hudson	01/01/25	12/31/28	1	Mayor
6	M	6	10	Member	Chase Kitchen	01/01/25	12/31/28	1	Mayor
2	M	5	11.	Member	Kaid Ni Ray-Tipton	01/01/25	12/31/28	1	Mayor
2	F	2	12.	Member	Nafiso D. Samatar	01/01/25	12/31/28	1	Mayor
1	M	6	13.	Member	Steven C. Pumphrey	01/01/25	12/31/28	1	City Council
			14.	Member		01/01/25	12/31/28		City Council
3	M	3	15.	Member	Tyler J. Vasquez	01/01/25	12/31/28	1	City Council
			16.	Member		01/01/25	12/31/28		City Council

5	M	6	17.	Member	Jack Edson Whisner	01/01/25	12/31/28	1	City Council
			18.	Member		01/01/25	12/31/28		City Council
			19.	Member		01/01/25	12/31/28		City Council

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	2				2				4			
Council	3						1			2			
Other	2	2								4			
Total	9	4				2	1			10			

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.