




## City of Seattle Boards & Commissions Notice of Appointment

<b>Appointee Name:</b> <i>Lesley Bain</i>		
<b>Board/Commission Name:</b> <i>Cultural Space Agency Public Development Authority</i>		<b>Position Title:</b> <i>Member</i>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Appointment</b> OR <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Reappointment</b>		<b>City Council Confirmation required?</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
<b>Appointing Authority:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> City Council <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mayor <input type="checkbox"/> Other:		<b>Term of Position: *</b> 1/1/2025 to 12/31/2027  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <i>Serving remaining term of a vacant position</i>
<b>Residential Neighborhood:</b> <i>Mercer Island</i>	<b>Zip Code:</b> <i>98040</i>	<b>Contact Phone No.:</b> [REDACTED]
<b>Background:</b> <i>Lesley Bain is an architect and urban planner, and a frequent collaborator with this team and with others, on a long list of large projects over the years, including the CAP Report (30 Ideas for the Creation, Activation, and Preservation of Cultural Space), the Cultural Space Agency, and the Build Art Space Equitably program. She is the owner and principal at Framework Cultural Placemaking, which she founded in 2013. Lesley is a passionate and successful advocate for urban life, drawing on skills of architecture, urban design, arts integration, and community engagement. She has led arts and culture plans for cities and community organizations, tailored to the specific need of each place.</i>		
<b>Authorizing Signature (original signature):</b>  <b>Date Signed (appointed):</b> November 10th, 2025		<b>Appointing Signatory:</b> <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.*

## **LESLEY BAIN, FAIA**

A passionate and successful advocate for urban life, Lesley provides leadership that strengthens communities. Putting people and the public realm at the heart of design, her work draws on skills of architecture, urban design, arts integration, and community engagement. With her unique multi-disciplinary background she helps communities arrive at strategies and actions that achieve a range of stated goals, strengthen social bonds, and physical environments.

Lesley has led arts and culture plans for cities and community organizations, tailored to the specific need of each place. SeaTac and Tukwila share some issues with Renton in terms of shifting demographics in King County, and the plans looked for opportunities through arts and culture to bring people together across typical divides.

Engaging the community is fundamental to her practice, using creative methods to reach the widest possible spectrum of constituents in the spirit of arts and creativity.

Lesley founded Framework Cultural Placemaking in 2013. Previously, she was a Principal at Weinstein A|U Architects and Urban Designers. She was elected to the College of Fellows of the American Institute of Architects in 2013.

### **EDUCATION**

**Masters of Architecture**, University of Pennsylvania

**B.A. Planning**, Yale University

**Ecole de Beaux Arts Americain**, Fontainebleau, France

### **SELECTED PROJECTS: ARTS & CULTURE**

Renton Arts & Culture Plan, City of Renton, WA

SeaTac Arts & Culture Plan, City of SeaTac, WA

Municipal Arts Plan, City of Tukwila, WA

Culture, Arts & Heritage Plan, City of Vancouver, WA

An Art Plan for City Gateways, Olympia, WA

Vancouver Arts Hub planning, City of Vancouver, WA

Pier 81 Art Plan and Implementation, Seattle, WA

KODA Art Selection, Nihonmachi neighborhood, Seattle, WA

30 Ideas to Create, Activate and Preserve Space for Arts and Culture, City of Seattle, WA

Structure for Stability: Creating a Public Development Authority for Cultural Space, City of Seattle, WA

Broad Street Green at Seattle Center renovation, including sculpture park, Seattle WA

Theater Commons at Seattle Center, urban design, Seattle WA

Chinatown Alleys Master Plan, Seattle WA

Neighbours Alley Plan and events, Capitol Hill neighborhood, Seattle WA

Lake to Bay Plan, Seattle, WA

## **ARCHITECTURE/ FEASIBILITY/ MASTER PLANNING**

Armory Creative Campus Concept Plan, City of Olympia, WA  
Mercer Island Center for the Arts, Mercer Island, WA  
Youth Theatre Northwest black box renovation, Mercer Island, WA  
Seattle Center Skateparks, Seattle, WA  
Seattle Repertory Theatre, exterior renovations, Seattle, WA  
Canton Alley renovation, Seattle, WA  
Park District, Everett Housing Authority, Everett, WA  
Kingston City Land Bank Housing, Kingston, NY  
Sunnyside Housing, Catholic Charities, Sunnyside WA  
Mt. Baker Housing Site Planning, Office of Housing, Seattle, WA  
BelRoy Apartments, Seattle, WA  
Pike Pine Master Plan, Agnes Lofts and the Piston & Ring Building, Seattle, WA

## **ARTS RELATED COMMUNITY ROLES**

Build Art Space Equitably (BASE) Steering Committee, 2019-present  
Seattle Public Theater, Board of Directors, 2023-present  
Macha Theatre, Board of Directors 2017-present  
Build Art Space Equitably Steering Committee 2017-present  
Facilities Equitable Development Committee of the Seattle Arts Commission 2020-present  
Steering Committee, Chinese American Legacy Art Work Project, 2022--present  
City of the Future Exhibits, The Teal Building and Seattle Art Museum Remix event, June-Aug 2024  
4CulturePublic Art Advisory Board 2017-2023  
Oboist/instrumentalist (including 14/48 Theater, Lyric Arts Ensemble, Emerald Wind Quintet)  
Giver Award, Youth Theatre Northwest, 2015

# 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.*