
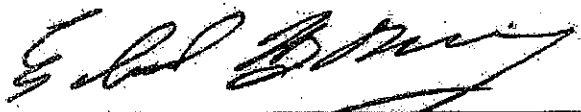




City of Seattle Boards & Commissions Notice of Appointment

Appointee Name: Gyasi Ross		
Board/Commission Name: Seattle Music Commission		Position Title: Member
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Appointment OR <input type="checkbox"/> Reappointment		Council Confirmation required? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Appointing Authority: <input type="checkbox"/> Council <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mayor <input type="checkbox"/> Other: <i>Fill in appointing authority</i>	Date Appointed: 9/1/2016	Term of Position: * 9/1/2016 to 8/31/2017
Residential Neighborhood: Highland Park	Zip Code: 98106	Contact Phone No.: 
Background: <p><i>Gyasi Ross is an author, speaker and storyteller. Gyasi comes from the Blackfeet Nation and resides on the Port Madison Indian Reservation near Seattle. TV and radio programs and print and online publications regularly seek his input on politics, sports, pop culture and the intersections thereof with Native life.</i></p> <p><i>Ross is the author of Don't Know Much About Indians (but I wrote a book about us anyways) (2011) and How to Say I Love You in Indian (2014). "I come from a family of storytellers. My family tells long stories, drinking coffee and blowing smoke in your face. It just fit for me to tell stories, and then I started writing them." He is in demand as a speaker on race, social justice and white privilege as well as issues specifically affecting contemporary Native Americans and guests on MSNBC, ESPN, Democracy Now and radio shows nationwide. Ross writes for the Huffington Post, Indian Country Today, Deadspin and Gawker. Ross has also released a spoken word/hip hop CD titled "Isskootsik (Before Here was Here)" on Cabin Games Records.</i></p>		
Authorizing Signature (original signature): 		Appointing Signatory: Edward B. Murray Mayor of Seattle

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

GYASI ROSS

LEGAL

Stronghold Law Group Seattle, WA.
Owner/Attorney January 2013-Present

Crowell Law Offices—Tribal Advocacy Group Spokane, WA.
Associate Attorney, Litigation August 2010-December 2012

Port Madison Enterprises Suquamish, WA
Associate General Counsel May 2006-July 2010

The Defender Association Seattle, WA
Staff Attorney June 2005 – May 2006

POLITICAL

Obama For America Helena, MT
Montana Constituency Director August 2008 – November 2008

National Congress of American Indians Washington, DC
Legislative Associate August 2003-January 2005

EDUCATION

Columbia Law School NY, NY
J.D.
May 2003

Evergreen State College OLYMPIA, WA.
B.A., Liberal Arts
June 2000

WRITING

Book: *Don't Know Much About Indians (but i wrote a book about us anyways), How To Say I Love You in Indian.* **Columnist:** Indian Country Today Media Network, **Featured:** Huffington Post, Seattle Times, Gawker, Deadspin,

TELEVISION

ESPN "Outside the Lines," MSNBC "Ed Show," MSNBC "Chris Hayes," Al Jazeera

Seattle Music Commission

21 members: Per Ordinance 124422, all subject to City Council confirmation, 3-year terms, max of 6 years:

- 10 City Council-appointed
- 11 Mayor-appointed

*D	**G	Position No.	Position Title	Name	Term Start Date	Term End Date	Term #	Appointed By
6	M	1.	Chair	Jody McKinley	5/1/2014	8/31/2017	2	Mayor
6	F	2.	Vice Chair	Patty Isacson Sabee	6/5/2014	8/31/2017	1	Council
4	M	3.	Commissioner	Gyasi Ross	9/1/2016	8/31/2017	1	Mayor
2	M	4.	Commissioner	Timothy Lennon	6/1/2015	8/31/2017	1	Council
1	F	5.	Commissioner	Hollis Wong-Wear	12/1/2014	8/31/2017	1	Mayor
6	M	6.	Commissioner	Adrian Burton	5/1/2015	8/31/2017	2	Council
6	F	7.	Commissioner	Nadine Zgonc	2/1/2015	8/31/2017	2	Mayor
6	M	8.	Commissioner	Jerry Everard	9/1/2016	8/31/2018	1	Council
5	M	9.	Commissioner	Adam Zacks	9/1/2016	8/31/2018	1	Mayor
2	F	10.	Commissioner	Sharlese Metcalf	9/1/2016	8/31/2018	1	Council
6	F	11.	Commissioner	Joan Sandler	2/1/2015	8/31/2018	2	Mayor
7	F	12.	Commissioner	Marissa Tanimura	8/17/2015	8/31/2018	1	Council
2	M	13.	Commissioner	Owuor Arunga	9/1/2016	8/31/2018	1	Mayor
2	M	14.	Commissioner	Ricardo Frazer	5/1/2015	8/31/2018	2	Council
9	F	15.	Commissioner	Nicole Jon Sievers	9/1/2016	8/31/2019	2	Mayor
6	F	16.	Commissioner	Karen P. Thomas	9/1/2016	8/31/2019	2	Council
2	F	17.	Commissioner	Catherine Harris White	9/1/2016	8/31/2019	1	Mayor
1	M	18.	Commissioner	Daniel Damian Pak	9/1/2016	8/31/2019	1	Council
6	F	19.	Commissioner	Jennifer Czeisler	9/1/2016	8/31/2019	1	Mayor
6	M	20.	Commissioner	Tony Kiewel	9/1/2016	8/31/2019	1	Council
6	M	21.	Commissioner	John Roderick	9/1/2016	8/31/2019	2	Mayor

Diversity Chart:

			(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)		
	Men	Women	Vacant	Minority	Asian-American	Black/African American	Hispanic/Latino	American Indian/Alaska Native	***Other	Caucasian/Non-Hispanic	Pacific Islander	Middle Eastern	Multiracial
Mayor	5	6	0		1	2		1	1	5			1
Council	6	4	0		1	3				5	1		
Total	11	10	0		2	5		1	1	10	1		1

Key:

- *D List the corresponding Diversity Chart number (1 through 9)
- **G List gender, M or F
- ***Other Includes diversity in any of the following: race, gender and/or ability