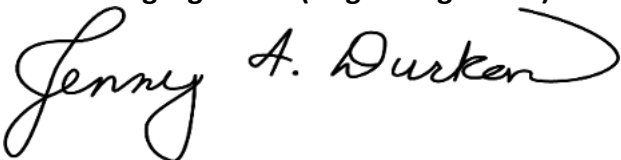




City of Seattle Boards & Commissions Notice of Appointment

Appointee Name: <i>Zachary Pekelis Jones</i>		
Board/Commission Name: <i>Seattle Ethics and Elections Commission</i>		Position Title: <i>Member</i>
<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: 3/15/2021	Term of Position: * 1/1/2020 to 12/31/2022 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <i>Serving remaining term of a vacant position</i>
Residential Neighborhood:	Zip Code:	Contact Phone No.: <i>N/A</i>
Background: Zach Pekelis Jones, Assistant Attorney General, Complex Litigation Division. Zach has expertise in elections law and voter rights law having worked as a trial attorney in the Civil Rights Division- Voting Section of the US Department of Justice. He has litigated cases to enforce federal voting rights law and investigated potential voting rights violations. Before attending law school, he was a Teach for America teacher in Brooklyn, NY and a Senior Associate at the Urban Education Leaders Internship program in District of Columbia Public Schools. He went to Yale undergrad and Yale law school.		
Authorizing Signature (original signature): 		Appointing Signatory: <i>Jenny A. Durkan</i> <i>Mayor of Seattle</i>

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

ZACHARY PEKELIS JONES

EXPERIENCE

WASHINGTON ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE, Seattle, WA Aug. 2018–present
Assistant Attorney General, Complex Litigation Division

Represent state agencies and officials in cases across range of subject matter, including constitutional law, administrative law, and campaign finance; lead team defending Washington's COVID-19 response in federal and state courts, going undefeated in all 28 cases; lead defense of ballot measure regulating assault rifles against constitutional challenge, winning summary judgment; represent Legislature in lawsuit over Governor's line-item veto, winning summary judgment; litigate case against Facebook for violations of state campaign disclosure laws, defeating motion to dismiss; litigated affirmative cases challenging Trump administration actions, including DHS's "public charge" rule and State Department's deregulation of 3D-printed firearms.

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, Washington, D.C. Aug. 2016–July 2018
Trial Attorney, Civil Rights Division – Voting Section

Litigated cases to enforce federal voting rights law, including Texas voter ID litigation; investigated potential voting rights violations by conducting legal research and writing, analyzing election and demographic data, and interviewing witnesses; performed outreach to state and local governments to ensure compliance with federal election laws regulating bilingual election programs, absentee ballots for military and overseas citizens, and voter registration; monitored federal elections in local jurisdictions across the United States.

PERKINS COIE LLP, Seattle, WA June–Aug. 2010, Sept. 2012–Aug. 2016
Litigation Associate (2012–16); Summer Associate (2010)

Litigated complex cases across range of subject matter, including labor and employment, commercial disputes, and political law; tried three civil cases, second-chairing federal jury trial and state bench trial; served as lead associate in all phases of major commercial arbitration; prepared appellate briefs in state courts, Ninth Circuit, and U.S. Supreme Court; counseled political clients and litigated cases on redistricting, recounts, campaign finance, and voting rights; represented Alabama prisoners in state and federal habeas proceedings, partnering with Equal Justice Initiative; first-chaired two felony trials in King County prosecution fellowship.

U.S. COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE SEVENTH CIRCUIT, Bloomington, IN Aug. 2011–Aug. 2012
Law Clerk to Circuit Judge David. F. Hamilton

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS, Washington, D.C. June–Aug. 2009
Senior Associate, Urban Education Leaders Internship Program

Wrote legal memoranda on special education law; assisted at administrative hearings and court proceedings; served on team designing autonomous schools program; interviewed master educator candidates.

TEACH FOR AMERICA, Brooklyn, NY June 2005–June 2007
Social Studies Teacher, Dr. Susan S. McKinney Secondary School for the Arts

Taught global history, government, and economics in 10th through 12th grades.

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE, Florence, Italy June–Aug. 2004
Consular Intern

Drafted cables; prepared daily Italian press briefs; assisted with visa interviews and U.S. citizen services.

EDUCATION

YALE LAW SCHOOL, New Haven, CT J.D., June 2011

Honors and activities: Thurman Arnold Prize for Oral Advocacy, Yale Law School Moot Court Competition
Founding Director, Marshall-Brennan Constitutional Literacy Project (Yale-New Haven)
Teaching Assistant for U.S. Congress; Health Econ. & Policy; U.S. Gay & Lesbian History

PACE UNIVERSITY, New York, NY M.S., Teaching, June 2007

YALE COLLEGE, New Haven, CT B.A., *cum laude*, May 2005

Honors: European Union Studies Fellowship; Distinction in Ethics, Politics & Economics major

INTERESTS AND COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Fitness instructor; saxophonist; Washington Bus Education Fund board; Seattle JazzEd board (2013–16)

LANGUAGES

Italian (advanced proficiency)

Seattle Ethics and Elections Commission

7 Members: Pursuant to Seattle Municipal Code 3.70.020, all members subject to City Council confirmation, 3-year terms:

- 3 Mayor- appointed
- 3 City Council- appointed
- 1 Other Appointing Authority: Commission

Roster:

*D	**G	RD	Position No.	Position Title	Name	Term Begin Date	Term End Date	Term #	Appointed By
6	F	7	1	Member	Kristin Hawes	1/1/21	12/31/23	1	Mayor
6	M	6	2	Member	Richard Shordt	1/1/19	12/31/21	1	City Council
6	F	3	3	Member	Judith Tobin	1/1/19	12/31/21	1	Mayor
6	F	3	4	Member	Susan Taylor	1/1/19	12/31/21	1	Commission
5	M	6	5	Member	Hardeep Singh Rekhi	1/1/20	12/31/22	2	City Council
6	M	3	6	Member	Zach Pekelis Jones	1/1/20	12/31/22	1	Mayor
6	M	7	7	Member	Bruce Carter	1/1/18	12/31/20	3	City Council

SELF-IDENTIFIED DIVERSITY CHART

	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	2								3			
Council	3								1	2			
Other		1								1			
Total	4	3							1	6			

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.