





# City of Seattle Boards & Commissions Notice of Appointment

<b>Appointee Name:</b> <i>Erin Okuno</i>		
<b>Board/Commission Name:</b> <i>Families, Education, Preschool, and Promise Levy Oversight Committee</i>		<b>Position Title:</b> <i>Member</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> Appointment <b>OR</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reappointment		<b>City Council Confirmation required?</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
<b>Appointing Authority:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> City Council <input type="checkbox"/> Mayor <input type="checkbox"/> Other: <i>Fill in appointing authority</i>		<b>Term of Position: *</b> <i>1/1/2023</i> <b>to</b> <i>12/31/2025</i>  <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Serving remaining term of a vacant position</i>
<b>Residential Neighborhood:</b> <i>Beacon Hill</i>	<b>Zip Code:</b> <i>98144</i>	<b>Contact Phone No.:</b> 
<b>Background:</b> <i>Erin Okuno is the former executive director of the Southeast Seattle Education Coalition (SESEC). Before joining SESEC, Erin worked on developing K-12 and early learning education policy, supporting public libraries, and developing education coalitions. Through these experiences, she developed a deep interest in racial equity, which prepared her to lead SESEC and the coalition in its efforts to address poor educational achievements and unequal investments in SE Seattle schools. This will be Erin's third term on the Committee.</i>		
<b>Authorizing Signature (original signature):</b>   <b>Date Signed (appointed):</b> <i>7/24/2023</i>		<b>Appointing Signatory:</b> <i>Tammy J. Morales</i> <i>Seattle City Councilmember</i>

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

## PROFILE

- Experience leading and collaborating for racially just processes and outcomes.
- Extensive experience building, leading, and staffing high performing organizations working on behalf of community and education related causes.
- History of building partnerships and relationships with agencies, grassroots leaders, philanthropic organizations, academia, and community groups to accomplish goals and projects that enhance opportunities for families.
- Understanding of racial equity and working with communities of color, supporting underserved and overlooked communities.

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## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

### Partnership and Network Building, Leadership Management for Racial Equity

- History of building partnership to drive towards action and systems change.
- Extensive experience working with grassroots, community based organizations and systems level agencies including Seattle Public Schools and other government organizations.
- Background in working with volunteers, policymakers and their staffs, administrators, board members, community members, and others to drive towards a common and shared agenda.
- History of nurturing relationships to build long-term partnerships and benefit advocacy efforts.
- Grassroots and systems work to listen to community members and serving as a liaison to connect groups to systems level providers and vice versa. Use a racial equity lens to support those farthest from racial justice.
- Created and adapted programs to meet the needs of underserved communities, including a grantmaking program targeted at supporting grassroots and emerging leaders, leadership development programs, forums to support ongoing learning, data learning cohort, and a advocacy and policy cohort.
- Partner with University of Washington College of Education, Seattle Public Schools, various community based nonprofits, ethnic and language based organizations, other coalitions, etc.

### Program Management and Advocacy Experience

- Experience in partnering and working with underserved communities including grantees, partner organizations, and grassroots leaders. Communities include Native American, Latino, Asian, rural and remote, and others.
- Represented organizations at policy coalition meetings and representing their interest in policy discussions.
- Worked within other coalitions to support and guide policy recommendations and maintain relationships with policymakers.
- Guided Office of Education Ombuds and Southeast Seattle Education Coalition's policy and advocacy efforts. Including positioning the organization's efforts and positions to advance systemic and organizational changes that positively impact clients.
- Strong writing background, including writing grants, copy writing, and editing.

### Fundraising and Grantmaking Experience

- Cultivated philanthropic donors, including program officers from foundations and businesses.
- Built relationships with local funders and worked to diversify foundation support.
- Worked with academic partners on academic grants.
- Served as a grant reader and grantmaker.

- History of working with funders including family foundations, Boeing Company, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, etc.
- Managed events, including: fundraising breakfasts, black-tie auctions, Grantee Grantmaker Exchange, etc.
- Created and maintain an Advisory Board to stay connected to key community members.

### **Administrative Experience**

- Managed and guided staff to achieve organizational goals and operations.
- Built a highly effective team galvanized around a common goal of closing achievement and opportunity gaps.
- Managed program and project budgets, timelines, contracts, including working with external partners to accomplish goals.
- Wrote and oversaw work plans, including determining appropriate outcomes and value statements.
- Used social media to communicate the importance of our mission and work with the broader community.
- Work closely with a Board of Directors to maintain and advance organizational growth and development. Including recruitment of board members, continuous communication, cultivation, and creating meaningful dialogue between board and staff.

### **EMPLOYMENT**

#### **Governor's Office of the Education Ombuds**

Director, October 2022 – Present

#### **Southeast Seattle Education Coalition, Seattle, WA**

Executive Director, September 2014 – September 2022

#### **SOAR, Seattle, WA**

Early Learning Projects Coordinator, September 2013 – 2014

#### **Okuno Consulting, Seattle, WA**

Principal and Blogger at Fakequity.com, January 2013 – Present

### **VOLUNTEER AND CIVIC ENGAGEMENT**

#### **Womxn of Color in Education, Puget Sound, WA**

Raise campaign contributions, recruit, and support women of color running for school boards

Founding steering committee member– 2018-Present

#### **Asian Pacific Directors Coalition, Puget Sound, WA**

Co-Chair, 2021 -- Present

#### **Center for Children and Family Wellbeing, University of Washington, Seattle, WA**

Advisory Board, Fall 2009–Present

#### **Washington State Budget & Policy Center, Seattle, WA**

Board of Directors, 2016 – 2021

#### **Neighborhood House, Seattle, WA**

Board of Directors, Chair Board Development Committee, December 2010–2016

## **EDUCATION**

### **Seattle University**, June 2007

- Masters of Public Administration
- GPA: 3.97
- Inducted into the Pi Alpha Alpha honor society

### **Seattle University**, June 2000

- Bachelor degree in Public Administration
- Minors in Political Science and Social Work

# Families, Education, Preschool, and Promise Levy Oversight Committee

17 Members: Pursuant to *Ordinance 125604*, 12 members subject to City Council confirmation, *staggered*-year terms:

- 6 City Council-appointed 3-year terms, subject to City Council confirmation
- 6 Mayor-appointed 3-year terms, subject to City Council confirmation
- 5 Other Appointing Authority-appointed (specify): *Ordinance 125604*

## Roster:

*D	**G	RD	Position No.	Position Title	Name	Term Begin Date	Term End Date	Term #	Appointed By
1	F	2	1.	Member	Erin Okuno	1/1/23	12/31/25	3	Council
6	F		2.	Member	Natalie Beauregard	1/1/23	12/31/25	1	Council
3	F	2	3.	Member	Manuela Slye	1/1/21	12/31/24	1	Council
6	F	1	4.	Member	Jennifer Matter	1/1/22	12/31/24	2	Council
2	M	2	5.	Member	Donald Felder	1/1/22	12/31/24	2	Council
2	F	N/A	6.	Member	Kimberly Walker	1/1/21	12/31/23	2	Council
4	F	N/A	7.	Member	Kateri Joe	1/1/22	12/31/24	1	Mayor
2	F		8.	Member	Linda Thompson Black	1/1/22	12/31/24	1	Mayor
1	F	N/A	9.	Member	Susan Lee	1/1/23	12/31/25	2	Mayor
2	M		10.	Member	Marques Gittens	1/1/23	12/31/25	2	Mayor
2	F	4	11.	Member	Stephanie Gardner	1/1/20	12/31/23	1	Mayor
6	M		12.	Member	Evan Smith	1/1/22	12/31/23	1	Mayor
9	M	N/A	13.	Mayor	Bruce Harrell	N/A	N/A	1	Ordinance 125604
3	F	N/A	14.	Governance and Education Committee	Tammy Morales	N/A	N/A	1	Ordinance 125604
2	M	N/A	15.	School District Superintendent	Brent Jones	N/A	N/A	1	Ordinance 125604
1	F	N/A	16.	School District Board Member	Victoria Song Maritz	N/A	N/A	1	Ordinance 125604
1	F	N/A	17.	Chancellor of Seattle Colleges	Rosie Rimando-Chareunsap	N/A	N/A	1	Ordinance 125604

## 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	2	4			1	3		1		1			
Council	1	5			1	2	1			2			
Other	3	2			2	1	1						1
<b>Total</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>11</b>			<b>4</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>		<b>3</b>			<b>1</b>

### 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.*