




City of Seattle Boards & Commissions Notice of Appointment

Appointee Name: Carmen A. Bendixen		
Board/Commission Name: Seattle Public Library Board of Trustees		Position Title: Trustee
<input type="checkbox"/> Appointment OR <input checked="" 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: * 4/2/2025 to 4/1/2030 <input type="checkbox"/> Serving remaining term of a vacant position
Residential Neighborhood: Green Lake	Zip Code: 98103	Contact Phone No.: [REDACTED]
Background: <p>Bendixen was appointed to the Library Board by Mayor Jenny Durkan in April 2020 and has served as an active and engaged Trustee for five years, during which time she has held the positions of board president and vice president, as well as serving on the Executive Search Committee during the national search to hire a new Executive Director/Chief Librarian in 2022. She has played an active role in guiding policy and budget issues as well as development of the Library's 2024-2033 Strategic Plan.</p> <p>Prior to serving on the Library Board of Trustees, Bendixen was a member of the Friends of The Seattle Public Library, where she served as board president, vice president, and secretary. On behalf of the Friends of the Library, Bendixen helped lead advocacy efforts during the 2012 and 2019 Library Levy campaigns. She has also been a Welcome Desk and events volunteer at the Central Library, and is a regular user of the Greenwood and Green Lake branches.</p> <p>Bendixen has been employed at Washington State Ferries for over 8 years, where her responsibilities have included transportation and land use planning, community outreach, and public policy analysis. Bendixen has a bachelor's degree from Willamette University, and a master's degree in City Planning from the University of Pennsylvania.</p>		
Authorizing Signature (original signature):  Date Signed (appointed): February 13 th , 2025		Appointing Signatory: Bruce A. Harrell Mayor of Seattle

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

Carmen A. Bendixen

Volunteer and Professional Activities

The Seattle Public Library, Board of Trustees, 2020-present

- President: 2022-2023
- Vice President: 2021

Friends of The Seattle Public Library, Board

- President: 2015-2017
- Vice President: 2014-2015
- Board Member: 2011-2020

Friends of The Seattle Public Library, FriendShop volunteer, 2007-2020

The Seattle Public Library, Central Library Events Volunteer, 2007-2020

Experience

Senior Transportation Planner,

2016-present

Washington State Department of Transportation, Ferries Division (WSF), Seattle, WA

- Steward the development and implementation of WSF's plans, including 2040 Long Range Plan
- Supply data/analysis support for planning, service planning, and customer service areas
- Represent WSF on various internal and external workgroups and with regional planning organizations
- Analyze complex transportation planning data, perform analysis, and make recommendations to all levels of WSDOT and WSF groups and managers

Environmental Planner, CH2M Hill (now Jacobs), Bellevue, WA

2015-2016

- Assisted with preparation of reader-friendly environmental documents, including writing technical reports and sections for environmental impact statements (EISs) and other environmental compliance documents
- Served on project management team for high-profile EIS project
- Assisted with GIS and data coordination for EIS analyst team
- Assisted with quantitative and qualitative land use and transportation analysis for both public and private sector clients

Environmental Planner, Washington State Department of Natural Resources, Olympia, WA

2013-2015

- Served as a senior planner for the DNR's Long-Term Conservation Strategy (LTCS) for the marbled murrelet, a threatened species under the Endangered Species Act (ESA), and for DNR's other major policy planning project, the Sustainable Harvest Calculation
- Coordinated the development of an EIS to be utilized by DNR in its status as SEPA lead agency, including coordinating data needs for technical experts, and facilitating communications among team members
- Interpreted complicated SEPA and NEPA policy and procedural issues ranging from working on the LTCS EIS to providing interpretation of SEPA and NEPA to Executive Management

Transportation Planner, ICF International, Seattle, WA

2009-2012

- Served as project coordinator and supported the project team on major infrastructure projects, including but not limited to data management, meeting coordination, preparing presentation materials, and team communication
- Assisted with preparation of reader-friendly environmental documents, including writing transportation, land use, and parks sections for EISs, for projects in Washington and California
- Prepared GIS-based maps for various planning and environmental documents including transportation plans, EISs, and comprehensive plans
- Assisted with quantitative and qualitative air quality, noise, environmental protection, and transportation analysis for both public and private sector clients

Transportation Planner, Transpo Group, Kirkland, WA

2006-2008

- Prepared non-motorized transportation plans including ArcView spatial analyses of pedestrian and bicycle facilities
- Created GIS-based maps for various planning documents including transportation plans, concurrency policies,

and transportation impact fee policies

- Collaborated on transportation plan updates and on SEPA documentation for public sector clients
- Prepared traffic impact studies, wrote memoranda and reports, assisted with Synchro analysis, performed field work for private and public development projects

Planning Intern, University City District, Philadelphia, PA 2005-2006

- Led weekly planning or urban history lesson and/or activity at local junior high school
- Collected and analyzed demographic and neighborhood information for annual report
- Carried out tasks and projects for Director of Research & Planning, such as analyzing new neighborhood development

Planning Intern, Division of Facilities & Real Estate Services, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA
2004-2005

- Researched issues, including transportation and sustainable campus planning
- Prepared memoranda on topics such as long-term campus planning for the Office of the University Architect

Legislative Staff, Office of Senator Barbara Boxer, Washington, DC 2000-2004

Legislative Aide 2003-2004; Legislative Correspondent 2000-2003

- Drafted legislation and monitored legislative action related to transportation, energy, Native Americans, housing, and other issues as necessary
- Wrote policy memoranda and summary documents for the Senator and senior legislative staff
- Prepared committee hearing and Senate floor materials, including witness questions and talking points
- Attended constituent and issue meetings with the Senator and senior staff
- Met with constituent and interest groups regarding a variety of issues
- Researched special topics for the legislative director
- Communicated information for the press office and state operations

Other Experience

- Congressional Hispanic Caucus Institute Legislative Fellow, Office of Rep. Jay Inslee, Washington, DC 2000
- Congressional Hispanic Caucus Institute Legislative Fellow, Office of Senator Patty Murray, Washington, DC 1999-2000
- AmeriCorps Volunteer & Assistant Program Coordinator, Hood Canal Watershed Project Center, Belfair, WA 1998-1999

Education

Master of City Planning, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Concentration: Land Use and Transportation Planning

Bachelor of Arts, Willamette University, Salem, Oregon

Major: Politics; Minor: African American Studies

Seattle Public Library Board of Trustees

5 Members: Pursuant to RCW 27.12, City Charter Article XII, all members subject to City Council confirmation, 5-year terms:

- # City Council-appointed
- 5 Mayor-appointed
- # 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	6	1.	Trustee	Carmen A. Bendixen	4/2/2025	4/1/2030	2	Mayor
1	F	7	2.	Trustee	Faith Pettis	4/2/2024	4/1/2029	1	Mayor
2	M	2	3.	Trustee	Dr. W. Tali Hairston PhD	4/2/2023	4/1/2028	2	Mayor
9	F	7	4.	Trustee	Yazmin Mehdi	4/2/2022	4/1/2027	1	Mayor
1	M	2	5.	Trustee	Ron Chew	4/2/2021	4/1/2026	2	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	2	3			2	1	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.