



City of Seattle Boards & Commissions Notice of Appointment

Appointee Name: *Amir Ehsaei*

Board or Commission Name: *Seattle Planning Commission*

Position Title: *Member*

Appointment **Reappointment** ***Term of Position:** *4/16/2026 to 4/15/2029*

Serving partial term (eligible for full terms thereafter)

Appointing Authority: City Council Mayor Other: *Insert Appointing Authority*

City Council Confirmation Required? Yes No

Residential Neighborhood: *Bitter Lake/Haller Lake*

Appointee brief overview:

Amir is a principal engineer with doctorate degrees in both civil and environmental engineering, with professional experience spanning infrastructure delivery, climate and decarbonization strategy, and large-scale capital projects across both the public and private sectors. He has worked across engineering, procurement, and implementation for long-lived infrastructure and building programs, where early planning decisions directly shape long-term affordability, emissions, mobility, and neighborhood outcomes. He is motivated to contribute his time, expertise and judgment in service of Seattle’s long-range planning efforts at a moment when the city faces consequential decisions around growth, housing affordability, climate resilience, and public trust.

Appointing Authority Signature:

Date Signed: *6/4/26*

Appointing Authority Printed Name and Title:

Katie B. Wilson
Mayor of Seattle

**For most boards and commissions, the term begin and end date is fixed and tied to the position and not the appointment date.*

Principal Engineer: Amir Ehsaei, Ph.D., PE, ENV SP

Total Years of experience: 16

Education

PhD, Civil and Environmental Engineering, University of Louisville, KY, 2013

Master of Science, Road Management & Engineering, University of Birmingham, United Kingdom, 2010

Bachelor of Science, Civil Engineering, Ferdowsi University of Mashhad, Iran, 2009

Professional affiliations

American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE)
 World Business Council for Sustainable Development
 Global Concrete & Cement Association
 iMasons Climate Accord



Relevant Experience

<p>2025-Present</p>	<p>Founder and Principal, Zamin Consulting LLC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Full-time embedded engagement with Meta supporting sustainability and infrastructure strategy across Reality Labs and global network investment (fiber), with cross-functional collaboration on data center programs. Provide consulting and advisory services to hyperscalers, industry partners, and those active in the built environment on engineering, sustainability and decarbonization solutions, with focus on embodied carbon, low-carbon materials and equipment, and policy alignment. Providing material and hardware decarbonization solutions to one of the worlds largest tech companies.
<p>2023-2025</p>	<p>Sr Sustainability Engineer - AWS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Led a cross-hyperscaler initiative to decarbonize materials used in hardware and semiconductor components, including rare-earth elements, batteries, and printed circuit boards, collaborating with server design and product engineering teams to quantify embodied-carbon impacts of material substitutions and lower-carbon manufacturing within OEM supply chains. Led the development of decarbonization pathways for high-impact commodities within server and racking manufacturing, including aluminum, copper, and rare-earth magnets, aligning supplier reporting with ISO 21930, PAS 2050, and EU Lot 9 requirements for electronics, hardware, and device components. Led supply-chain engagement with Tier 1 and Tier 2 manufacturers to integrate low-carbon materials into products, procure carbon free energy, and drive recycled content requirements for long lead equipment. Worked cross functionally with Civil, Architecture and Structural (CSA), and procurement teams on implementing sustainable and low carbon building materials such as steel, concrete, and aluminum into AWS data center shells globally. Led a cross-functional team to deliver AWS’s first-of-its-kind pilot program for two consecutive years, executing 22 pilots across building materials, long-lead equipment, and hardware in select data-center builds worldwide to evaluate performance, carbon reduction, and scalability. Represented AWS in global industry collaborations including the iMasons Climate Accord, Global Cement and Concrete Association (GCCA), and World Business Council for Sustainable Development (WBCSD), advancing harmonize carbon accounting frameworks and accelerating adoption of low-carbon materials and hardware standards across the data-center industry.
<p>2022-2023</p>	<p>Sr Sustainability Program Manager - Amazon</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Served as the North America lead for Global Realty Development (GRD) Sustainability, developing embodied- and operational carbon standards for Amazon Operations facilities across North America, LATAM, and APAC regions. Led two enterprise-wide initiatives to reduce operational carbon through building-envelope optimization, balancing operational and embodied emissions by refining insulation design to meet U.S. building, energy, and fire codes for Type II construction. Improved R-value performance and reduced embodied carbon of polyiso insulation, lowering total energy demand for facilities in ASHRAE climate zones 5 and above. Directed the development of Amazon Operations’ Standards Catalog, creating a portfolio of decarbonization options for lowering embodied carbon in core materials, including steel, concrete, and heavy timber. Partnered with procurement and design teams to qualify low-carbon alternatives that comply with local codes and integrate seamlessly into the existing supply chain, achieving over 20% reduction in whole-building emissions (Scopes 1- 3). Standardized Amazon’s approach to LEED certification and building-performance benchmarking to align with federal and state incentive programs, unlocking access to government subsidies, tax credits, and grants for sustainable construction across North America.

<p>2018-2021</p>	<p>Director of Sustainable Infrastructure - AECOM</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Working as the Director of Sustainable Infrastructure, led a cross-functional team, prioritized DEI and provided opportunities for growth through mentorship, set clear measurable goals and expectations for the team, gave frequent actionable feedback, while recognizing outstanding work and improving the team’s retention rate. • Led multiple complex projects, like Neom in the KSA, Los Angeles Rams Training Facility in Los Angeles, and Salt Lake City Water Reclamation Plant, with focus on use of new and innovative approaches to minimize the impact of built infrastructure on the environment, energy and water reduction, using innovative cooling technologies, renewable power, and recycled water. • Performed planning and detailed design for the federal government and hyperscalers, while maintaining a high-level holistic view of the project and the environment. • Worked cross-functionally with electrical, mechanical, and energy engineers to develop installation energy and water plans for various Department of Defense clients, with an emphasis on resiliency, mission assurance and sustainability. • Other clients include: Amazon, County of San Mateo, City of Vancouver, State of Hawaii, Rivian, Google, and NEOM.
<p>2013-2018</p>	<p>Senior Civil Engineer - AECOM</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Task lead, project manager and people manager, with 5 direct reports, managing on-call contracts (with up to \$5M contract value), joint-ventures, and several projects. • Launched a green infrastructure technical practice group on AECOM’s internal website, bringing likeminded professionals together and to foster collaboration, transfer of knowledge and cross selling skills. • Active involvement in business development, and served as a subject matter expert for water, green infrastructure, utility infrastructure and worked on projects, like the Resilient by Design competition to develop design ideas to future proof vulnerable communities across the San Francisco Bay Area and protect them from flooding, while improving accessibility. • Created typologies for sustainable infrastructure design (i.e. sustainable development guidelines and low carbon retrofits) to utilize these methodologies across different projects. Examples include developing a framework for equitable drinking water planning for Sacramento, and then applying the same framework for clients in Utah and Virginia. • Cross functional work with groups within AECOM and worked with energy, environmental, and transportation groups, including with electrical engineers to optimize joint trench routing for an underground transmission line, with architects to design rainwater harvesting on a suspended plaza over a subway line, with geotechnical engineers to design a submergible baseball field that could also act as a temporary flood water reservoir, and with federal planners to develop resilience strategies against power and water disruptions for military facilities. • Other clients include: NASA, Salt Lake City, Google, City of Los Angeles, San Francisco’s Mayor’s Office, Chicago Housing & Urban Development, Lennar, Caltrans, BART, Cities of Berkely, Oakland and San Francisco, developers in China and the Philippines.

SEATTLE PLANNING COMMISSION

16 Members: Pursuant to SMC 3.6, all members subject to City Council confirmation, with 3-year terms, except for position 16 which serves a one-year term and is a Get Engaged member.

- 7 City Council-appointed
- 8 Mayor-appointed
- 1 Other Appointing Authority-appointed: Seattle Planning Commission

Roster as of June 2026

Position Number	Position Title	Appointee Name	Term Begin Date	Term End Date	*Term Number	Appointed By
1	Member	McCaela Daffern	4/16/25	4/15/28	2	City Council
2	Member	Dhyana Quintanar Solares	4/16/25	4/15/28	2	Mayor
3	Member	Rebecca Brunn	4/16/25	4/15/28	1	City Council
4	Member	Kelabe Tewolde	4/16/25	4/15/28	2	Mayor
5	Member	T.J. Stutman	4/16/25	4/15/28	1	City Council
6	Member	Andrew L. Dannenberg	4/16/26	4/15/29	2	Mayor
7	Member	P Xiomara Alvarez	4/16/26	4/15/29	2	City Council
8	Member	Amir Ehsaei	4/16/26	4/15/29	1	Mayor
9	Member	Patrick W. Taylor	4/16/26	4/15/29	1	City Council
10	Member	Hailey P. Karcher	4/16/26	4/15/29	1	Mayor
11	Member	Cecelia Black	4/16/24	4/14/27	1	City Council
12	Member	Rose Lew Tsai-Le Whitson	4/16/24	4/15/27	2	Mayor
13	Member	Dylan Glosecki	4/16/24	4/15/27	1	City Council
14	Member	Nick Whipple	4/16/24	4/15/27	1	Mayor
15	Member	Dylan Stevenson	4/16/24	4/15/27	1	Commission
16	Get Engaged Member	Margaret Szeles	9/1/25	8/31/26	1	Mayor

Self-identified diversity chart

Appointing Authority	Male	Female	Transgender	Non-Binary	N/A	Asian	Black/African American	American Indian/Alaska Native	White/non-Hispanic	Hispanic/Latinx	Pacific Islander	Middle Eastern	Multi-racial	N/A
Mayor	4	4					1		4			1	2	
Council	3	4							6				1	
Other	1	0						1						
Total	8	8					1	1	10			1	3	

City Council districts represented

Council District	District 1	District 2	District 3	District 4	District 5	District 6	District 7	N/A
Total	2	3	4	1	4	1	1	

*P is for partial initial term. Appointee is eligible for full terms thereafter.