



City of Seattle Boards & Commissions Notice of Appointment

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| Appointee Name: Robert D. Kaplan | | |
| Board/Commission Name: <i>Museum Development Authority Governing Council</i> | | Position Title: <i>Member</i> |
| <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 type="checkbox"/> Mayor <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: Seattle Art Museum | | Term of Position: * 8/1/2025 to 7/31/2028 <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Serving remaining term of a vacant position</i> |
| Residential Neighborhood: Cascade | Zip Code: 98109 | Contact Phone No.: [REDACTED] |
| Background: Robert Kaplan has been a SAM Trustee since 2003. He is a retired lawyer who specialized in small business, charitable organizations, artists, and authors. He has served on numerous boards of non-profit and community organizations that deal with health care for underserved communities and the arts, including the Pacific Hospital Preservation & Development Authority. He has also served on the City Planning Commission. In 1996, he was recognized by the American Bar Association, Business Law Section, for his pro-bono work. He and his wife, Margaret Levi, have a substantial collection of Australian aboriginal art that has been pledged as promised gifts to SAM. This reappointment represents Mr. Kaplan's third term. | | |
| Authorizing Signature (original signature):  Date Signed (appointed): 9/30/25 | | Appointing Signatory: Scott Morris Board Chair, Seattle Art Museum |

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

Robert D. Kaplan Biography

Robert D. Kaplan was raised in Seattle and received his B.A. (Political Science) and J.D. from the University of Washington. After graduation from law school he served in VISTA (Volunteers in Service to America) being sited in Chicago. While in VISTA he worked with various community organizations in Chicago.

He returned to Seattle after his service in VISTA and practiced law as a partner in various law firms and as a sole practitioner. His practice consisted primarily of working with small businesses, charitable organizations, and artists and authors. His community based practice lead him to work and volunteer with organizations and individuals in the fields of health care, community development, legal services and the arts. He retired in 2014.

In addition to serving on boards of many private non-profit organizations and community organizations he served on the Seattle Planning Commission and the council of the Pacific Hospital PDA. He is currently on the board of the Seattle Art Museum, the Museum Development Authority and the Cross Cultural Health Care Program.

Mr. Kaplan was recognized in 1996 with an award from the American Bar Association's Business Law Section for his pro-bono work. In 2004 he was named Distinguished Alumnus of the University Of Washington Department Of Political Science.

Museum Development Authority Governing Council

9 Members: Pursuant to RCW 35.21.730 and Seattle Municipal Code 3.110, all members subject to City Council confirmation, 3-year terms:

- 3 Mayor- appointed
- 6 Other Appointing Authority:
 - 3 – Seattle Art Museum (SAM)
 - 3 – MDA Governing Council

Roster:

| *D | **G | RD | Position No. | Position Title | Name | Term Begin Date | Term End Date | Term # | Appointed By |
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| 3 | F | | 1. | Member | Rosita I. Romero | 8/1/25 | 7/31/28 | 7 | Mayor |
| | | | 2. | Member | Robert D. Kaplan | 8/1/25 | 7/31/28 | 3 | SAM |
| 2 | M | | 3. | Member | Raymond Tymas-Jones | 8/1/25 | 7/31/28 | 1 | MDA Governing Council |
| | | | 4. | Member | Vacant | | | | Mayor |
| 6 | M | 3 | 5. | Chair | Robert Strong | 7/12/24 | 7/11/27 | 7 | SAM |
| | | | 6. | Member | Carol M. Binder | 7/12/24 | 7/11/27 | 1 | MDA Governing Council |
| 2 | M | | 7. | Treasurer | Robert J. Flowers | 7/14/20 | 7/13/23 | 5 | Mayor |
| 6 | M | | 8. | Vice Chair | Douglas E. Norberg | 7/14/23 | 7/13/26 | 11 | SAM |
| 2 | F | 7 | 9. | Member | Stephanie Ellis-Smith | 7/12/24 | 7/11/27 | 2 | MDA Governing Council |

SELF-IDENTIFIED DIVERSITY CHART

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| | 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 | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Council | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Other | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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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.