



# City of Seattle Boards & Commissions Notice of Appointment

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| <b>Appointee Name:</b> Nafiso Samatar   |   |   |
| <b>Board/Commission Name:</b> Seattle Public Utilities Customer Review Panel  |   | <b>Position Title:</b><br><i>Member</i> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Appointment <b>OR</b> Reappointment  | <b>City Council Confirmation required?</b><br><input type="checkbox"/> Yes<br>No  |   |
| <b>Appointing Authority:</b><br>City Council<br><input type="checkbox"/> Mayor<br>Other:  | <b>Term of Position: *</b><br>8/1/2024 – 7-31/2027<br><input type="checkbox"/> <i>Serving remaining term of a vacant position</i> |   |
| <b>Residential Neighborhood:</b><br>New Holly   | <b>Zip Code:</b><br>98108   | <b>Contact Phone No.:</b><br>[REDACTED] |
| <b>Background:</b><br>Nafiso Samatar (Council District 2) is a new member (Mayor’s Appointee, Seat #1). She works as President of the Somali Business Alliance (SIBA). She has a long history of helping small businesses, especially in minority, immigrant and refugee communities, coordinate with the City of Seattle and access essential city services. For the past 20 years, she has focused on empowering these communities by helping them navigate city services. SIBA has established strong relationships with local governments, regional organizations, chambers of commerce and community organizations. Nafiso is very interested in helping with outreach to small businesses to educate them about the benefits of sustainability and conservation efforts, such as improving water use efficiency, to reduce their utility costs. |   |   |
| <b>Authorizing Signature (original signature):</b><br><br><b>Date Signed (appointed):</b><br>July 24 <sup>th</sup> , 2024  | <b>Appointing Signatory:</b><br>Bruce A. Harrell<br>Mayor of Seattle  |   |

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

## View results

Respondent

4

Anonymous

173:53

Time to complete

### Instructions

Thank you for your interest in partnering with Seattle Public Utilities (SPU) to help shape the future of your utility and the environment! This spring, SPU has two exciting opportunities to get involved the Customer Review Panel (CRP) and the Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC)

Application Deadline Tuesday, April 23, 2024

For more information or to request assistance with this form, please contact

CRP Brian Brooke at [brian.brooke@seattle.gov](mailto:brian.brooke@seattle.gov) or 206 939 2286

SWAC Quinn Apuzzo at [quinn.apuzzo@seattle.gov](mailto:quinn.apuzzo@seattle.gov) or 206 507 1485

### Personal Information for Application

Please complete the information below for your volunteer application

#### 1. First and Last Name

Nafiso Samatar

2. Pronouns

she/her/hers

3. Email Address

[REDACTED]

4. Phone number

[REDACTED]

5. Address

[REDACTED]

6. Neighborhood

[REDACTED]

7. Employer & Occupation

President at Somali Independent Business Alliance (SIBA)

8. Would you be participating as a representative of your employer, organization, or community group?

- Yes
- No
- Not Sure

9. Are you currently employed or contracted with the City of Seattle?

Yes

No

Please select the volunteer opportunity below you are applying for.

10. Which SPU board are you interested in applying for?

Customer Review Panel (CRP)

Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC)

Both (Please note, applicants will be considered for both boards but may only serve on one board at a time )

## CRP Application Questions

Learn more about CRP by visiting <https://seattle.gov/utilities/about/plans/strategic-business-plan/customer-review-panel>

11. Describe one topic you would like SPU's Customer Review Panel to address.

Review and update SPU's water conservation programs and incentives making sure there is improved public education and outreach to clearly communicate the impact of the citizens'/users' participation in sustainability and conservation efforts

## Community Experiences & Memberships

Help SPU learn about your experiences, connections, and memberships in community

12. Seattle Public Utilities actively seeks candidates who represent diverse community perspectives. Please describe your experience with SPU's services and programs and the unique perspectives you might be able to contribute in this role.

As a resident of Seattle for over 20 years, I've relied on SPU's reliable water and energy services all through this time. I can offer a perspective on minority community needs, especially the immigrant and refugee community, that may not be fully represented. I'm particularly passionate about ensuring that underrepresented groups have access to affordable essential services. Therefore, SPU's dedication to providing affordable and equitable stewardship of water and waste resources strongly resonates with me.

13. Describe the connections you have in your community. Include any community advocacy, civic engagement, or organizational affiliations.

I am the president of a non-profit organization, Somali Independent Business Alliance (SIBA), that supports refugees and immigrants gain the knowledge and skills to grow and start their businesses. At SIBA, we actively reach out to businesses and individuals by visiting them at their workplaces. This approach builds trust, allows us to meet businesses where they are, and ensures our services are accessible to all. We also participate in community events which allows us to interact with local businesses and strengthens community ties. SIBA has established strong relationships with key stakeholders like African Chamber of Commerce, City of Seattle, Seattle Foundation, Port of Seattle, Washington Department of Commerce and Pacific Northwest Economic Region among others. These partnerships have resulted in many achievements like facilitating enrollment of drivers in the City's Electric Trucks Incentive Pilot, 2 survey projects targeting Somali businesses, an outreach plan and report on the electrification of Medium and heavy duty electric trucks and informative workshops for multiple businesses among other achievements.

14. Is there anything else you would like us to know?

No, thank you. However, I wanted to reiterate my strong interest in serving on the customer review panel and in so doing help and serve the community.

## Demographics

Please complete the demographic questions below.

15. Age Range

18-34

35-49

50-64

65+

16. Race/Ethnicity (please select all that apply)

- Caucasian / White
- African American / Black
- American Indian or Alaska Native
- Chinese
- Japanese
- Korean
- Vietnamese
- Hispanic / Latino
- Native Hawaiian
- Filipino
- Samoan
- Asian Indian
- Chamorro
- Other Asian (e g , Pakistani, Cambodian, Hmong, etc )
- Other Pacific Islander (e g , Tongan, Fijian, Marshallese, etc )
- Somali

17. Gender (enter below)

Female

18. How did you hear about this opportunity?

I heard about this opportunity through an email from a contact at the Department of Neighborhoods They mentioned a colleague recommended me for this community engagement opportunity

19. I certify that the above application information is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge. I understand that the information provided is subject to public records request unless it is specifically exempt from the Washington State Public Records Act. \*

I agree



# Seattle Public Utilities Customer Review Panel

11 Members: Pursuant to *Resolution 31825*, all members subject to City Council confirmation, 3-year terms:

- 5 City Council-appointed
- 6 Mayor-appointed
- 0 Other Appointing Authority-appointed (specify):

## Roster:

| *D | **G | RD  | Position No. | Position Title | Name               | Term Begin Date | Term End Date | Term # | Appointed By |
|----|-----|-----|--------------|----------------|--------------------|-----------------|---------------|--------|--------------|
|    | F   | 2   | 1.           | Member         | Nafiso Samatar     | 8/1/2024        | 7/31/2027     | 1      | Mayor        |
|    | F   | 1   | 2.           | Member         | Robin Schwartz     | 8/1/2022        | 7/31/2025     | 1      | City Council |
|    | F   | 2   | 3.           | Member         | Miki Sodos         | 8/1/2024        | 7/31/2027     | 2      | Mayor        |
|    | M   | n/a | 4.           | Member         | Manav Goel         | 8/1/2024        | 7/31/2027     | 1      | City Council |
|    | F   | 6   | 5.           | Member         | Allison Mettler    | 8/1/2024        | 7/31/2027     | 1      | Mayor        |
|    | F   | 6   | 6.           | Member         | Gretchen Glaub     | 8/1/2024        | 7/31/2027     | 2      | City Council |
|    | M   | 7   | 7.           | Member         | Bobby Coleman      | 8/1/2018        | 7/31/2025     | 2      | Mayor        |
|    | M   | 6   | 8.           | Member         | Noel Miller        | 8/1/2013        | 7/31/2025     | 2      | City Council |
|    | F   | 1   | 9.           | Member         | Amanda Richer      | 8/1/2022        | 7/31/2025     | 1      | Mayor        |
|    | F   | 2   | 10.          | Member         | Ebony Rose Frazier | 8/1/2022        | 7/31/2025     | 1      | City Council |
|    | M   | 7   | 11.          | Member         | Raj Kumar          | 8/1/2022        | 7/31/2025     | 1      | 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   |      |        |             |          |       |                         |                  |                                |       |                         |                  |                |             |  |     |  |     |  |
| 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.*