



City of Seattle Boards & Commissions Notice of Appointment

Appointee Name: <i>Leah Wood</i>		
Board/Commission Name: <i>Green New Deal Oversight Board</i>		Position Title: <i>Environmental Justice Representative</i>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Appointment <input 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	Term of Position: * 5/1/2025 to 4/30/2028 <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Serving remaining term of a vacant position</i>	
Residential Neighborhood: <i>Capitol Hill</i>	Zip Code: <i>98112</i>	Contact Phone No.: [REDACTED]
Background: <i>Leah Wood is an environmental justice advocate and community engagement professional passionate about addressing the intersection of climate change, racial equity, and environmental justice. In her current role with the University of Washington Center for Environmental Health Equity, she has supported over 120 frontline community-based organizations and Tribes across Alaska, Idaho, Oregon, and Washington, many of whom are based here in Seattle, to build capacity to engage in environmental decision making and to implement environmental justice projects in their own communities.</i>		

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

Previously, Leah worked for the State Department of Health where she played a pivotal role in the Department's implementation of the state's Healthy Environment for All Act, a monumental environmental justice law that requires major changes to the way state government operates to more holistically address environmental injustices. Leah has recently accepted a new role as a Research Engagement Manager at Front & Centered, a statewide coalition of BIPOC organizations banding together to advance climate and environmental justice outcomes. She will begin this role in late summer/early fall of 2025. In her spare time, she volunteers with Young Women Empowered and Khmer Community of Seattle King County.

Leah is particularly excited about the opportunity to work alongside other passionate individuals to identify and recommend policies and programs that will make Seattle climate pollution-free, while advancing the wellbeing of the communities most affected by the climate crisis.

Authorizing Signature (original signature):



Date Signed (appointed):
June 23rd, 2025

Appointing Signatory:

*Bruce A. Harrell
Mayor of Seattle*

LEAH WOOD

EDUCATION

University of Washington
2019-2022
Masters of Public Health: Global Health Leadership, Policy, and Management
Masters of Public Administration
Seattle, Washington

Western Washington University
2010-2014
Bachelors of Science in Community Health
Bellingham, Washington

RELEVANT PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

University of Washington Center for Environmental Health Equity
November 2023 - present
Community Outreach Manager
Seattle, Washington

Leads outreach and engagement with frontline and grassroots community-based organizations in Alaska, Oregon, Idaho, and Washington to build capacity to access environmental and energy justice funding and implement projects. Highlights include:

- Coordinating intake, communications, and delivery of technical assistance to over 120 community-based organizations and Tribes;
- Supporting community-based organizations in developing funding proposals for over \$80M to advance environmental justice in their communities;
- Developing systems for tracking technical assistance delivery and outreach and training other staff on how to use them; and
- Leading development and delivery of workshops and training with community-based organizations.

Lake Washington Institute of Technology
September - December 2024
Adjunct Faculty
Kirkland, Washington

Taught PUBH425: Community Health Education and Advocacy course for Public Health major undergraduate students.

Washington State Department of Health
March 2022 - October 2023
Equity and Environmental Justice Consultant
Seattle, Washington

Co-lead implementation of the Healthy Environment for All (HEAL) Act at the WA State Department of Health. Highlights include:

- Leading a community-driven grantmaking process to award \$400K in capacity funding to frontline communities to advance engagement and leadership in HEAL Act implementation;
- Co-chairing the HEAL Act Interagency Workgroup Environmental Justice Assessment and Community Listening Session sub-committees;
- Serving as subject matter expert and lead consultant for environmental justice assessment development and implementation at DOH; and
- Planned and hosted DOH Environmental Justice Speaker Series in Spring 2023 highlighting the work of over a dozen frontline community leaders and organizers.

The Nature
Conservancy
June 2020 - June 2022

SNAPP Project Policy Analysis Workstream Lead

Seattle, Washington

Lead policy analysis workstream for 2020-2022 Science for Nature and People Partnership (SNAPP) project "Wildfires and Human Health" to identify and communicate the health equity linkages with forest management and prescribed fire in West Coast states, including:

- Conducting a comprehensive review of policy leverage points for integrating public health into forest management strategies and stakeholder analysis; and
- Communicating findings in a report, series of presentations, policy brief, and published magazine article for SNAPP working group members and local government, tribal, academic, and practitioner partners.

University of
Washington
May 2021 - March
2022

Graduate Research Assistant

Seattle, Washington

Coordinated implementation of Population Health Initiative 2021 Pilot Project titled "Characterizing Risk Communication around Smoke Exposure in Rural and Tribal Communities in the Okanogan River Airshed Emphasis Area" including:

- Leading engagement and ongoing communication with local government, tribal, practitioner, and academic stakeholder partners;
- Securing \$50,000 in grant funding to support project implementation; and
- Leading qualitative interview and focus group data collection and analysis to inform wildfire and prescribed fire smoke risk communication policy.

University of
Puthisastra
October 2018 - August
2019

Academic English Lead Lecturer

Phnom Penh, Cambodia

Led teaching team in implementing new second year Academic English curriculum for medical, dentistry, pharmacy, nursing and IT undergraduate students aimed at improving comprehension and application of academic literature, including:

- Leading curriculum development and training for Academic English lecturers; and
- Co-founding and coaching the University of Puthisastra Running Club in partnership with local Cambodian woman-led NGO, We Run in Cambodia.

Peace Corps
Cambodia
July 2016 - July 2018

Community Health Educator

Thmor Sor, Cambodia

Partnered with Health Center staff, Village Health Volunteers, school staff, and community members to design and implement small-scale health education projects, including:

- Facilitating service learning opportunities and leadership development for adolescents through organizing, training, and supporting two generations of Peer Environmental Health Educators focused on the intersection of climate, plastic pollution, and health; and
- Managing development and implementation of a community food security program supporting home gardens and a seed library for 30 local families.

Whatcom County
Health Department
May 2015 - April 2016

Healthy Communities AmeriCorps VISTA

Bellingham, Washington

Coordinated implementation of a community-driven food access plan to enhance food security for low-income communities in East Whatcom County.

Green New Deal Oversight Board

19 Members: Pursuant to *Ordinance 125926*, all members subject to City Council confirmation, 3-year terms.

- 8 City Council-appointed
- 8 Mayor-appointed
- 3 Other Appointing Authority-appointed (specify): Green New Deal Oversight Board

Roster:

*D	**G	RD	Position No.	Position Title	Name	Term Begin Date	Term End Date	Term #	Appointed By
	U	2	1.	Member	Nancy Huizar	5/1/23	4/30/26	1	Mayor
4	M	2	2.	Member	Matt Remle	5/1/23	4/30/26	2	City Council
	F	2	3.	Member	Elizabeth Baskerville	5/1/23	4/30/26	1	Mayor
4	F		4.	Member (Tribal Representative)	Rachel Heaton	5/1/23	4/30/26	2	City Council
			5.	Member (Tribal Representative)	VACANT	5/1/23	4/30/26		Mayor
	F	1	6.	Member (Age 16-25)	Hannah Lindell-Smith	5/1/23	4/30/26	1	City Council
			7.	Member (Age 16-25)	Camille Gipaya	5/1/23	4/30/26	1	Mayor
	F		8.	Member	Stephanie Ung	5/1/23	4/30/26	1	Board
	F	3	9.	Environmental Justice Representative	Leah Wood	5/1/25	4/30/28	1	Mayor
	F	5	10.	Environmental Justice Representative	Jamie Stroble	5/1/25	4/30/28	1	City Council
	F	2	11.	Environmental Justice Representative	Fatima Kabba	5/1/25	4/30/28	1	Board
	M	7	12.	Labor Union Representative	Peter Hasegawa	5/1/25	4/30/28	2	Mayor
	F	1	13.	Labor Union Representative	Brittani Cain	5/1/25	4/30/28	1	City Council
	M		14.	Labor Union Representative	John Sanchez	5/1/25	4/30/28	1	City Council
			15.	Labor Union Representative	VACANT	5/1/25	4/30/28		Mayor
	F	4	16.	Member	Akiksha Chatterji	5/1/25	4/30/28	1	City Council
6	F	4	17.	Member	Nina Olivier	5/1/25	4/30/28	2	Board
	F	7	18.	Member	Emily Pinckney	5/1/25	4/30/28	2	City Council
2	F		19.	Workforce Training Representative	Rosalund Jenkins	5/1/25	4/30/28	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	1	4		1		1							
Council	2	7						2					
Other		3											
Total	3	14		1		1		2					

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.