



City of Seattle Boards & Commissions Notice of Appointment

Appointee Name: Manuela Slye		
Board/Commission Name: Families, Education, Preschool, and Promise Levy Oversight Committee		Position Title: Member
<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> City Council <input type="checkbox"/> Mayor <input type="checkbox"/> Other: Fill in appointing authority		Term of Position: * 1/1/2024 to 12/31/2026 <input type="checkbox"/> Serving remaining term of a vacant position
Residential Neighborhood: West Seattle	Zip Code: 98116	Contact Phone No.: [REDACTED]
Background: My lifelong passion is education. and education access for all. I believe we must make sure all children have the best opportunities for the best outcomes. I understand the weight of the committee responsibility to ensure decisions are made with integrity. My experience serving as a parent leaders has taught me the passion and conviction of educators, families and school leaders to serve our students. Our human capital and future of our world deserve our best work. As an educator I deeply understand the charge to support our children to become the best citizens they can by educating and celebrating them. In our current climate, an intentional emphasis must be placed in racial equity to overcome the terrible injustices in our system and to overcome the deep opportunity gap in our city		
Authorizing Signature (original signature):  Date Signed (appointed): 3/5/2025		Appointing Signatory: Maritza Rivera District 4 Councilmember

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

Manuela Slye

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CAREER OBJECTIVE

Dynamic, results-oriented leader with extensive experience in education in multiple areas: as an early childhood education professional, founder of Cometa Playschool and public education advocate. Highly skilled in strategic planning. Proven track record of leading successful initiatives to benefit students, families and community. Experienced in leading and building relationships across the board to bring leaders, community members and stakeholders together.

SKILLS

Executive Leadership

Cultural Strategist

Innovative curriculum designer

Forward Thinker

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

MEMBER, COMMUNITY WISDOM COUNCIL, Seattle, WA

PSSED, September 2022–Present

- Collaborated with school district representatives from across the region to develop strategies for race, equity and social justice
- Provided guidance as Latino cultural broker and language justice advocate in public education settings
- Contributed as an agent of change as member of the Puget Sound Transformational Collaborative

MEMBER, LEVY OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE, Seattle, WA

City of Seattle – DEEL, September 2021–Present

- Provided recommendations on the design and modification of programs funded by the Families, Education, Preschool, and Promise (FEPP) Levy, including the Dual Language model as gap closing strategy
- Monitored the progress of those investments in meeting intended outcomes and goals
- Attended site visits and engaged with community receiving support has through the FEPP Levy

COMMUNITY ADVISOR, Seattle, WA

Antioch University, November 2018–Present

- Provided guidance to Teacher Candidates as they conducted their teacher residency at local elementary schools
- Reviewed and evaluated Candidate's presentations and coursework
- Participated as Member of the Truth, Racial Healing and Transformation Institute Team as a community partner

FOUNDER, Seattle, WA

Cometa Playschool, July 2008–Present

- Founded the first Spanish Immersion Preschool in West Seattle in 2008
- Developed and maintained school's vision, mission statement and strategic plan
- Designed and implemented an innovative curriculum centered on social/emotional development and second language acquisition
- Cultivated relationships with families, educators and community members to create safe, welcoming environments

EDUCATION

CERTIFICATE IN EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION, Seattle, WA

[North Seattle Community College](#), June 2009

BACHELOR'S DEGREE IN FOREIGN TRADE, Mexico City, Mexico

[Instituto Politecnico Nacional](#), June 1986

LANGUAGES

- **Spanish**
[Native Speaker](#)
- **French**
[Advanced](#)

ADVOCACY APPOINTMENTS

MEMBER, SPECIAL EDUCATION TASK FORCE, Seattle, WA

[Seattle Public Schools](#), September 2021–Present

MEMBER, TITLE IX TASK FORCE, Seattle, WA

[Seattle Public Schools](#), September 2021–May 2022

MEMBER, HC/RACE AND EQUITY SERVICES ADVISORY, Seattle, WA

[Seattle Public Schools](#), September 2019–July 2020

MEMBER, STRATEGIC PLAN STEERING COMMITTEE, Seattle, WA

[Seattle Public Schools](#), October 2018–May 2019

MEMBER, DUAL LANGUAGE TASK FORCE, Seattle, WA

[Seattle Public Schools](#), September 2016–July 2018

MEMBER, EQUITY AND RACE ADVISORY COMMITTEE, Seattle, WA

[Seattle Public Schools](#), September 2017–July 2018

AWARDS

- 2010 KCTS Exceptional Caregiver Award
- 2012 Univision/Allstate Latino Community Award
- 2023 Washington State PTA Lifetime Achievement Award

COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP

MODERATOR, *CON CONFIANZA Y EN COMUNIDAD*, Seattle, WA

A project in partnership with King County Public Health and the Latino Community in response to the Covid-19 pandemic
May 2020–Present

GUEST, RADIO 1360 *EL REY*, Seattle, WA

On-air bi-monthly talks about topics of interest to the Spanish speaking community
September 2022–Present

Families, Education, Preschool, and Promise Levy Oversight Committee

17 Members: Pursuant to *Ordinance 125604*, 12 members subject to City Council confirmation, *staggered*-year terms:

- 6 City Council-appointed 3-year terms, subject to City Council confirmation
- 6 Mayor-appointed 3-year terms, subject to City Council confirmation
- 5 Other Appointing Authority-appointed (specify): *Ordinance 125604*

Roster:

*D	**G	RD	Position No.	Position Title	Name	Term Begin Date	Term End Date	Term #	Appointed By
1	F	2	1.	Member	Erin Okuno	1/1/22	12/31/25	3	Council
6	F		2.	Member	Natalie Beauregard	1/1/23	12/31/25	1	Council
3	F	2	3.	Member	Manuela Slye	1/1/24	12/31/26	2	Council
3	F		4.	Member	Janet Ceballos	1/1/25	12/31/26	1	Council
2	M	2	5.	Member	Donald T. Felder	1/1/24	12/31/26	3	Council
			6.	Member	Vacant	1/1/24	12/31/26		Council
9	M		7.	Member	Girard Montejo-Thompson	1/1/25	12/31/26	1	Mayor
2	F		8.	Member	Linda Thompson-Black	1/1/25	12/31/26	2	Mayor
1	F		9.	Member	Susan Yu Yi Lee	1/1/23	12/31/25	2	Mayor
2	M		10.	Member	Marques Gittens	1/1/23	12/31/25	2	Mayor
2	F	4	11.	Member	Lakeya Afolalu	1/1/24	12/31/26	1	Mayor
6	M		12.	Member	Evan M. Smith	1/1/25	12/31/26	2	Mayor
9	M	N/A	13.	Mayor	Bruce Harrell	N/A	N/A	1	Ordinance 125604
3	F	N/A	14.	Library, Education and Neighborhoods Committee	Maritza Rivera	N/A	N/A	1	Ordinance 125604
2	M	N/A	15.	School District Superintendent	Brent Jones	N/A	N/A	1	Ordinance 125604
9	F	N/A	16.	School District Board Member	Sarah Clark	N/A	N/A	1	Ordinance 125604
1	F	N/A	17.	Chancellor of Seattle Colleges	Rosie Rimando-Chareunsap	N/A	N/A	1	Ordinance 125604

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	Asian Eastern	Multiracial
Mayor	2	3			1	3				1			
Council	1	5			1	1	2			1			
Other	2	3			1	1	1						2
Total	5	10			3	5	3			2			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.