



# City of Seattle Boards & Commissions Notice of Appointment

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| <b>Appointee Name:</b><br><i>Saunatina A. Sanchez</i>   |   |  |
| <b>Board/Commission Name:</b><br><i>Community Roots Housing Public Development Authority</i>  |   | <b>Position Title:</b><br><i>Board Member</i>  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Appointment OR <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reappointment   | <b>City Council Confirmation required?</b><br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes<br><input type="checkbox"/> No  |  |
| <b>Appointing Authority:</b><br><input type="checkbox"/> City Council<br><input type="checkbox"/> Mayor<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: <i>PDA Governing Council</i>  | <b>Term of Position: *</b><br><i>4/1/2025</i><br><b>to</b><br><i>3/31/2028</i><br><input type="checkbox"/> <i>Serving remaining term of a vacant position</i> |  |
| <b>Residential Neighborhood:</b><br><i>Capitol Hill</i>   | <b>Zip Code:</b><br><i>98122</i>  | <b>Contact Phone No.:</b><br>  |
| <b>Background:</b><br><i>Saunatina is the founder of Crafting Sound Meaning and works as a Communications Specialist, using her professional training and lived experiences to bring intersectional perspectives to projects to reach those, like her, who hold multiple marginalized identities; as an autistic child of autistic parents, being able to interpret mainstream society and how to thrive in it has been a lifelong journey. Saunatina has been a resident of Community Roots Housing for over a decade and currently sits on the Board of League of Women Voters of Seattle-King County as the Membership Chair, is active in the Transit Riders Union, Puget Sound Tenants Union, and mutual aid groups serving those in her neighborhood who've been marginalized from society.</i> |   |  |
| <b>Authorizing Signature (original signature):</b><br>  |   | <b>Appointing Signatory:</b><br><i>Frank Alvarado</i><br><i>Community Roots Housing Governing Council, Board Chair</i> |
| <b>Date Signed (appointed):</b><br><b>May 12, 2025</b>  |   |  |

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

## Career Experience

### **Speaking and Facilitation Skills Trainer, *Crafting Sound Meaning*, 11/2015-Present**

Teaching communication skills to English Language Learners (ELLs), autistic adults, and allistic families/friends of autistic people. Specializing in translation between neurodivergent and neurotypical communication styles.

- Craft curriculum and individualized lesson plans to teach skills related to overcoming misunderstandings- listening and creating space for diverse perspectives.
- Develop a YouTube channel, producing a weekly live broadcast and other scripted content about communication skills.
- Collaborate with professionals in the ELL, linguistics, and general teaching communities to develop and share education strategies, to ensure lessons are developed with equity at the forefront.
- Donate time to Literacy Source, working with refugees, asylees, and other vulnerable people learning language and technology skills.

### **On-Call Residential Counselor, *Downtown Emergency Service Center*, 4/2020-8/2020**

Manage day-to-day operations at DESC buildings and provide support to tenants, with an emphasis on challenges related to mental illness and substance use disorders.

- Assist clinical staff in the coordination of services to residents: interact with residents in the general milieu and common areas, engage them through creative, resourceful strategies to build trust and confidence, and intervene in crises or emergencies, including contact with emergency response systems as needed.
- Manage building operations in the absence of other project and clinical staff: maintain safety and security by monitoring all general access areas and enforcing project rules, and operate all functions in lobby office, including checking visitors in and out, answering telephones, and monitoring security systems.

### **Youth Programs Coordinator, *SIFF*, 6/2019-3/2020**

Create, market, and facilitate filmmaking programs for regional students ages 8-19.

- Administer SIFF Camps, Crash Kids, and Crash Student programming, including communication with parents to gather student information, facilitate student arrival/departure, technical support for instructors, confirming mentors, and supporting workshops throughout the event.
- Collaborate with teaching artists in creating workshops, camps, and other film studies projects for Puget Sound youths.
- Cultivate meaningful relationships and collaborative programs with local organizations including Langston Hughes Performing Arts Center, Red Eagle Soaring, Green Plate Special, Northwest African American Museum, Seattle Aquarium, YouthCare, Rooted In Rights, Shoreline Community College, and Seattle Latino Film Festival.
- Grantwriting for both youth-specific programs and general education programs.
- Create education web pages and design marketing campaigns, including videos and graphics.
- Maintain the classroom computer lab, including cameras, computers, and accessories.

### **Guest Relations Coordinator, *Seattle International Film Festival*, 2016-2019 (Seasonal)**

Manage a team of six interns and over 50 volunteers annually to coordinate ground transportation to and from airport, hotels, films, and events for 200+ attendees.

- Coordinate transport and interact with celebrity guests, each with a unique set of logistics to manage.
- Daily collaboration with all festival departments regarding event planning prior to and during the festival.
- Implemented a new, more efficient communication system for overnight on-call duties.
- Established a relationship with King County Metro and Sound Transit to reduce the amount of car trips needed during the festival.
- Create recruitment material and maintain regular communication with volunteers, primarily via Shiftboard.

### **Volunteer and Programming Staff, *PantheaCon*, 2005-2020 (Seasonal)**

Facilitate programming for a four-day multi-faith conference with ~2000 attendees from around the world.

- Lead the on-site coordination of staff members and around 100 volunteers, including rapid training for instant assignments, and liaising with presenters.
- Adjudicate programming submissions, taking into consideration relevance to year's theme, presenter background, and logistical challenges in each application.
- Supported A/V team with basic technology troubleshooting for presenters.

**Development Co-lead and Site Coordinator, *Unpaving Paradise P-Patch*, 2009-2015**

- Coordinate fundraising and donor communications and serve as a primary point of contact for involved vendors and partner businesses.
- Develop effective social networking, radio, and print ad campaigns to promote events.
- Maintain financial budgets, records, and documentation for reporting.

**Quality Assurance Tester, *Accretive Technology Group, ArenaNet, Concur, Z2Live, Nintendo*, 9/2006-9/2015**

- Identify, report, and verify bugs through entire development cycle, create and execute automated software test plans, create and maintain device check-out and tracking systems.
- Train new testers and supervise teams, create documentation standards and coordinate updates to internal documentation, monitor and communicate progress of team activities to various stakeholders.

**Office Manager, *Disability Outreach*, 3/2009-8/2011**

- Respond to customer inquiries and direct them to appropriate staff member.
- Organize, design, and maintain administrative files.
- Design training manuals and train new employees.

**Volunteer Experience**

**Community Roots Housing PDA Boardmember, 2022-Current**

**Seattle Transit Riders Union, 2019-Current**

**League of Women Voters of Seattle-King County, 2017-Current**

**Capitol Hill Design Review Guidelines Update, 2017**

**Treehouse, 2005-Current**

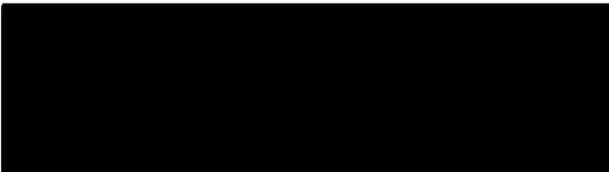
**Seattle International Film Festival, 2007-2015**

**Education**

**International Teacher Training Organization 2015, *Teaching English as a Foreign Language***

**Seattle University 2001-2006, *Communications and Religious Studies***

**References**



# Community Roots Housing Public Development Authority

15 Members: Pursuant to [RCW 35.21.660, 35.21.670, and 35.21.730-755, and Seattle Municipal Code Ch. 3.110], all members subject to City Council confirmation, 3-year terms however, for initial terms should be as follows:

1, 4, 7, and 10 shall be for one year; initial terms for positions 2, 5, 8, and 11 shall be for two years; and initial terms for positions 3, 6, and 9 shall be for three years.

- 12 Board Appointed-appointed
- 3 Mayor-appointed
- Other Appointing Authority-appointed (specify):

## Roster:

| *D | **G | RD  | Position No. | Position Title  | Name                        | Term Begin Date | Term End Date | Term # | Appointed By      |
|----|-----|-----|--------------|-----------------|-----------------------------|-----------------|---------------|--------|-------------------|
| 6  | F   | 3   | 1.           | Member          | Ann T. Melone               | 04/01/24        | 03/31/27      | 1      | Governing Council |
| 6  | F   | N/A | 2.           | Member          | Drew Weber                  | 04/01/23        | 03/31/26      | 1      | Governing Council |
| 3  | M   | 3   | 3.           | Chair           | Frank F. Alvarado III       | 04/01/24        | 03/31/27      | 3      | Governing Council |
| 2  | F   | 4   | 4.           | Member          | M. Michelle Purnell-Hepburn | 04/01/23        | 03/31/26      | 2      | Governing Council |
| 2  | M   | 2   | 5.           | Member          | Shaun Frazier               | 04/01/23        | 03/31/26      | 1      | Governing Council |
| 6  | F   | 6   | 6.           | Member          | Jill Cronauer               | 04/01/23        | 03/31/26      | 3      | Governing Council |
| 4  | M   | N/A | 7.           | Vice Chair      | Derrick Belgarde            | 04/01/22        | 03/31/25      | 2      | Governing Council |
| 2  | F   | N/A | 8.           | Secretary       | Michelle Morlan             | 04/01/24        | 03/31/27      | 2      | Governing Council |
| 6  | M   | 3   | 9.           | Member          | Bob Fikso                   | 04/01/23        | 03/31/26      | 4      | Governing Council |
| 6  | F   | 3   | 10           | Member          | Kristin Winkel              | 04/01/24        | 03/31/27      | 2      | Governing Council |
|    |     |     | 11.          |                 | VACANT                      |                 |               |        | Governing Council |
|    |     |     | 12.          |                 | VACANT                      |                 |               |        | Mayor             |
| 6  | M   | 3   | 13.          | Treasurer       | Chasten Fulbright           | 04/01/23        | 03/31/26      | 3      | Mayor             |
| 2  | F   | N/A | 14.          | Member          | Shalimar Gonzales           | 04/01/23        | 03/31/26      | 3      | Mayor             |
| 9  | F   | 3   | 15.          | Resident Member | Saunatina A. Sanchez        | 04/01/25        | 03/31/28      | 2      | Governing Council |

| 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        | 1        | -           | -        | -        | 1                       | -                | -                              | -        | 1                       | -                | -              | -           |
| Council                         | -        | -        | -           | -        | -        | -                       | -                | -                              | -        | -                       | -                | -              | -           |
| Other                           | 4        | 7        | -           | -        | -        | 3                       | 1                | 1                              | -        | 5                       | -                | -              | 1           |
| <b>Total</b>                    | <b>5</b> | <b>8</b> | <b>-</b>    | <b>-</b> | <b>-</b> | <b>4</b>                | <b>1</b>         | <b>1</b>                       | <b>-</b> | <b>6</b>                | <b>-</b>         | <b>-</b>       | <b>1</b>    |

## 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.