




# City of Seattle Boards & Commissions Notice of Appointment

<b>Appointee Name:</b> Jennifer Matter		
<b>Board/Commission Name:</b> Families, Education, Preschool, and Promise Levy Oversight Committee		<b>Position Title:</b> Member
<input type="checkbox"/> Appointment OR <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reappointment		<b>City Council Confirmation required?</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
<b>Appointing Authority:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> City Council <input type="checkbox"/> Mayor <input type="checkbox"/> Other: <i>Fill in appointing authority</i>		<b>Term of Position: *</b> 1/1/2022 to 12/31/2024  <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Serving remaining term of a vacant position</i>
<b>Residential Neighborhood:</b> Beacon Hill	<b>Zip Code:</b> 98108	<b>Contact Phone No.:</b> [REDACTED]
<b>Background:</b> Jennifer Matter is the President of the Seattle Education Association (SEA), the union representing over 6500 certificated and classified staff working in Seattle Public Schools. SEA is the voice for educators, standing united to address the needs of our community and to transform SPS into an anti-racist school system where every student thrives. Jennifer has 21 years of experience working in and advocating for improving public education, including teaching at Madison Middle School and Washington Middle School in Seattle, and Bret Harte Middle School in Oakland, California. She earned a Master's in Teaching and a State of Washington teaching certificate from the University of Washington. Jennifer is also the proud mother of one current Seattle Public School student and another recent graduate of SPS.		
<b>Authorizing Signature (original signature):</b>   <b>Date Signed (appointed):</b> 7/24/2023		<b>Appointing Signatory:</b>  Tammy J. Morales Seattle City Councilmember

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

# Jennifer Matter

## **Public Education Experience**

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**President, Seattle Education Association (SEA)** Seattle, WA Jun. 2020 – Present  
*President for the union representing over 6,500 educators in SPS. Responsibilities include acting as primary officer and spokesperson for the union, presiding over board meetings and member assemblies, and leading member-driven campaigns to improve public education for our school communities. Prior to becoming President, served on multiple bargaining teams (2013, 2015, 2019), as SEA Treasurer, and as a building representative for almost entire educational career.*

**Teacher, Madison Middle School** Seattle, WA Aug. 2011 – Jun. 2020  
*Taught 6<sup>th</sup> Language Arts and Ancient World History, 7<sup>th</sup> Reading. Leadership activities include PBIS (Positive Behaviors, Interventions, and Support) Lead 2016-2020, Teacher Leader 2016-2020, Mentor/Cooperating Teacher 2012-2020, Digital Learning Steering Committee Member 2019-2020, Madison's Educator of the Year 2017.*

**Teacher, Washington Middle School** Seattle, WA Aug. 2006 – Jun. 2010  
*Taught 6<sup>th</sup> Language Arts and Ancient World History, 6<sup>th</sup> Computer Awareness (elective for learning multiple computer applications), 8<sup>th</sup> Computer Awareness II (elective for learning digital photography and video production), 7-8<sup>th</sup> Yearbook. Leadership activities include BLT representative 2009-10, Equity Team 2006-2010, Yearbook Advisor 2006-2009.*

**Teacher, Bret Harte Middle School** Oakland, CA Aug. 2001 – Jun. 2006  
*Taught 6<sup>th</sup> Language Arts and Ancient World History, 6-8<sup>th</sup> English Language Development and History, 6-8<sup>th</sup> Visual Arts. Leadership activities include Girls Techbridge (math/science after school program) 2005-06, Dept. Chair 6<sup>th</sup> Language Arts and Ancient World History 2002-06, Grade-level Dept. Co-chair 2002-06, Faculty Council 2005-06, School Site Council 2004-05.*

## **Education**

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**UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON** Seattle, WA Sept. 1999 – Jun. 2001  
*Master's in Teaching & State of Washington initial teaching certificate with endorsements in K-8 elementary education, K-12 Art, K-12 Spanish.*

**MACALESTER COLLEGE** St. Paul, MN Sept. 1994 – May 1998  
*Bachelor of Arts, Major: Spanish Minor: Art  
Study abroad: Guatemala, Columbia, Ecuador in Fall 1996 with HECUA*

## **Professional References**

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**Yvette De La Cruz, known since May 2020**  
Executive Director, Seattle Education Association, Seattle, WA, 206-283-8443

**Dr. Gary, known since 2013**  
Principal, Madison Middle School, Seattle, WA, 206-252-9200

**Renee Swayne, known since 2001**  
Retired Humanities Teacher, Oakland Unified School District, Oakland, CA, 510-421-6638

# 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	1/1/23	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	1/1/21	12/31/24	1	Council
6	F	1	4.	Member	Jennifer Matter	1/1/22	12/31/24	2	Council
2	M	2	5.	Member	Donald Felder	1/1/22	12/31/24	2	Council
2	F	N/A	6.	Member	Kimberly Walker	1/1/21	12/31/23	2	Council
4	F	N/A	7.	Member	Kateri Joe	1/1/22	12/31/24	1	Mayor
2	F		8.	Member	Linda Thompson Black	1/1/22	12/31/24	1	Mayor
1	F	N/A	9.	Member	Susan 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	Stephanie Gardner	1/1/20	12/31/23	1	Mayor
6	M		12.	Member	Evan Smith	1/1/22	12/31/23	1	Mayor
9	M	N/A	13.	Mayor	Bruce Harrell	N/A	N/A	1	Ordinance 125604
3	F	N/A	14.	Governance and Education Committee	Tammy Morales	N/A	N/A	1	Ordinance 125604
2	M	N/A	15.	School District Superintendent	Brent Jones	N/A	N/A	1	Ordinance 125604
1	F	N/A	16.	School District Board Member	Victoria Song Maritz	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	Middle Eastern	Multiracial
Mayor	2	4			1	3		1		1			
Council	1	5			1	2	1			2			
Other	3	2			2	1	1						1
<b>Total</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>11</b>			<b>4</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>		<b>3</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.*