



City of Seattle Boards & Commissions Notice of Appointment

Appointee Name: Shannon Welles		
Board/Commission Name: Seattle Music Commission		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 type="checkbox"/> City Council <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mayor <input type="checkbox"/> Other: <i>Fill in appointing authority</i>		Term of Position: * 9/1/2022 to 8/31/2025 <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Serving remaining term of a vacant position</i>
Residential Neighborhood: Uptown	Zip Code: 98109	Contact Phone No.: [REDACTED]
Background: <p>Shannon Welles is a lifelong music lover and brings deep passion to her more than 20 years of work in the live music industry. Her background is wide-ranging in visual art, music, and ecology and is deeply rooted in community work. She earned an MFA in Arts Leadership from Seattle University, focusing on the intersections of art, artistic citizenship, and ecology. She is the founder of Friends of The Showbox, a community coalition to landmark and save Seattle's iconic music venue, and she holds a management position with The Showbox. She has deep knowledge of venue operations and worker relations and is an AEG 1Earth Ambassador, dedicated to reducing venues' environmental impact.</p> <p>Shannon is a longtime student of ecosystems and systems thinking, and she founded hypha, a free plant nursery project to grow community networks of plant sharing. She is on the Board of Directors of Friends of the Market and the Advisory Board for Seattle University's Arts Ecosystem Research Project. Shannon leads advocacy for the Washington Nightlife and Music Association (WANMA), and she is also a member of the Seattle REVS cohort, a national project to Reopen Every Venue Safely. She worked with music lovers to build Keep Music Live, a philanthropic campaign to save independent WA venues from permanent closure due to the pandemic. Shannon recently joined Mayor Durkan's Downtown Revitalization Work Group as a nightlife / WANMA representative. She is committed to building and maintaining community relationships and wants to serve Seattle's music sector by engaging venues in equity practices, advocating for cultural workers, reducing venue waste, and dreaming ways to make the sector accessible and inclusive. (Recently in Seattle Times: Showbox manager keeps her staff fed by sending groceries)</p>		
Authorizing Signature (original signature): 		Appointing Signatory: Bruce A. Harrell Mayor of Seattle
Date Signed (appointed): 8/18/2022		

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

Shannon Welles

ARTS AND COMMUNITY LEADER

Working with deep passion and integrity in Seattle's arts community

Twenty years' community service, organizing, and advocacy in Seattle's arts sector and 22 years' professional experience in live music events

EDUCATION

Seattle University, Seattle, WA: Master of Fine Arts, Arts Leadership

Georgia State University, Atlanta, GA: Post-Baccalaureate study in Fine Art / Photography

University of South Florida, Tampa, FL: Bachelor of Arts, Criminology

RECENT PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

The Showbox / Showbox SoDo / Marymoor Park Concerts, Seattle, WA
Assistant General Manager (January 2020-Present), House Manager (2014-2020)

SELECTED ARTS AND COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP

Nightlife Representative, Mayor Durkan's Seattle Downtown Revitalization Working Group, 2021

Community Advisor, Keep Music Live, 2020-2021: A philanthropic campaign to save Washington's independent live music venues from permanent closure due to COVID-19

Member, Seattle cohort, Reopen Every Venue Safely (REVS), 2020-2021: A national project of 11 pilot cities to reimagine post-pandemic venue safety

Steering Committee / Advocacy Lead, Washington Nightlife & Music Association, 2020-Present

Board of Directors / Advocacy Committee, Friends of the Market, 2020-Present

Alumni Advisor, Arts Ecosystem Research Project, Seattle University, 2020-Present

Founder, Friends of The Showbox, 2018-Present: A community advocacy coalition to landmark and save the iconic Showbox theater

Founder, hypha, 2013-Present: A collaborative project employing art, ecology, and gift giving to grow community networks of plant sharing

Seattle Music Commission

21 Members: Pursuant to *Ordinance 124422*, all members subject to City Council confirmation, 3-year terms:

- 10 City Council-appointed
- 11 Mayor-appointed

Roster:

*D	**G	RD	Position No.	Position Title	Name	Term Begin Date	Term End Date	Term #	Appointed By
6	F	1	1.	Commissioner	Joleen Hughes	9/1/20	8/31/23	2	Mayor
6	F	5	2.	Commissioner	Sue Ennis	9/1/20	8/31/23	2	City Council
6	M	n/a	3.	Commissioner	Andrew Joslyn	9/1/20	8/31/23	1	Mayor
6	M	2	4.	Commissioner	Jason Clackley	9/1/20	8/31/23	1	City Council
6	F	2	5.	Commissioner	Anne O'Dowd	9/1/20	8/31/23	1	Mayor
9	M	n/a	6.	Commissioner	Eric Lilavois	9/1/20	8/31/23	1	City Council
2	M	5	7.	Commissioner	Terry Morgan	9/1/21	8/31/24	2	Mayor
2	F	2	8.	Commissioner	Bunnie Moore	9/1/21	8/31/24	1	City Council
3	F	6	9.	Commissioner	Paula Nava Madrigal	9/1/21	8/31/24	2	Mayor
2	F	3	10.	Chair	Sharlese J. Metcalf	9/1/18	8/31/21	2	City Council
3	F	3	11.	Commissioner	Kitty Wu	9/1/21	8/31/24	2	Mayor
2	F	1	12.	Commissioner	Adra Boo	9/1/21	8/31/24	1	City Council
7	M	2	13.	Commissioner	Keola Kama	9/1/21	8/31/24	1	Mayor
1	M	7	14.	Commissioner	Nate Omdal	9/1/21	8/31/24	2	City Council
6	F	7	15.	Commissioner	Shannon Welles	9/1/22	8/31/25	2	Mayor
1	F	2	16.	Commissioner	Caseyann McKay	9/1/22	8/31/25	2	City Council
3	M	3	17.	Commissioner	Jovino Santos Neto	9/1/22	8/31/25	2	Mayor
1	M	2	18.	Commissioner	Daniel D. Pak	9/1/19	8/31/22	2	City Council
6	F	6	19.	Commissioner	Jessica Toon	9/1/22	8/31/25	2	Mayor
6	F	5	20.	Commissioner	Denise Burnside	9/1/22	8/31/25	2	City Council
6	M	6	21.	Commissioner	Nick Vaerewyck	9/1/22	8/31/25	2	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	5	6			0	1	3			6	1		0
Council	4	6			3	3	0			3	0		1
Other													
Total	9	12			3	4	3			9	1		1

Key:

- *D List the corresponding *Diversity Chart* number (1 through 9)
 - **G List *gender identity*, 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 voluntary.*