



City of Seattle Boards & Commissions Notice of Appointment

Appointee Name: Rita Howard		
Board/Commission Name: Seattle Public Utilities Customer Review Panel		Position Title: <u>Member</u>
X Appointment OR Reappointment	City Council Confirmation required? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Appointing Authority: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> City Council Mayor Other: <u>Fill in appointing authority</u>	Term of Position: 8/1/2025 to 7/31/2028 <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Serving remaining term of a vacant position</i>	
Residential Neighborhood: Ravenna	Zip Code: 98115	Contact Phone No.: <div style="background-color: black; width: 100px; height: 1.2em;"></div>
Background: Rita Howard (District 4 / Ravenna) Rita is a retired technical writer, teacher, artist, and community advocate with deep ties to older adults, working families, and BIPOC communities. She works with Seattle Housing Authority and has served on the Mayor's Council on African American Elders. Rita combines creativity and technical rigor with a strong equity lens. She is passionate about clean water and sanitation to vulnerable populations and is an advocate for environmental health issues like microplastics.		
Authorizing Signature (original signature):  Date Signed (appointed): 07/23/25	Appointing Signatory: <i>Joy Hollingsworth</i> <i>Seattle City Councilmember</i>	

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

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Respondent

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Anonymous

08:53

Time to complete

Instructions

Thank you for your interest in partnering with Seattle Public Utilities (SPU) to help shape the future of your utility and the environment! This spring, SPU has an exciting opportunity to get involved: the Customer Review Panel (CRP).

Application Deadline: Friday, May 30, 2025.

For more information or to request assistance with this form, please contact:

SPU_CorpPolicy@seattle.gov or (206) 256-6171

Personal Information for Application

Please complete the information below for your volunteer application

1. First and Last Name *

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3. Email Address *

[REDACTED]

Please enter an email

4. Phone number *

[REDACTED]

5. Address *

[REDACTED]

6. Neighborhood *

Ravenna

7. Employer & Occupation *

Retired

8. Would you be participating as a representative of your employer, organization, or community group? *

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☒ Maybe

9. Are you currently employed or contracted with the City of Seattle? *

- ☐ Yes
- ☒ No

Community Experiences & Memberships

Help SPU learn about your experiences, connections, and memberships in community.

10. Describe one topic you would like SPU's Customer Review Panel to address.

Clean water without plastic bottles

11.

Seattle Public Utilities actively seeks candidates who represent diverse community perspectives. Please describe your experience with SPU's services and programs and the unique perspectives you might be able to contribute in this role.

I am a Black woman activist with strong Black community and local neighborhood ties. I am a long time, SPU Customer and have advocated for waste reduction and lowered energy usage in my community.

12. Describe the connections you have in your community. Include any community advocacy, civic engagement, or organizational affiliations

I am part of the community garden in my neighborhood. I manage a therapeutic garden for the Harriet Tubman health center, I serve on the board of commissioners for the Seattle Housing Authority as a resident commissioner.

13. Is there anything else you would like us to know?

I am organized, creative, and articulate. I'm very involved in sustainability and environmental issues in all of the arenas in which I work.

Demographics

Please complete the demographic questions below.

14. Age Range

- ☐ 18-34
- ☐ 35-49
- ☐ 50-64
- ☒ 65+

15. Race/Ethnicity (please select all that apply)

- ☐ Caucasian / White
- ☒ African American / Black
- ☐ American Indian or Alaska Native
- ☐ Chinese
- ☐ Japanese
- ☐ Korean
- ☐ Vietnamese
- ☐ Hispanic / Latino
- ☐ Native Hawaiian
- ☐ Filipino
- ☐ Samoan
- ☐ Asian Indian
- ☐ Chamorro
- ☐ Other Asian (e.g., Pakistani, Cambodian, Hmong, etc.)
- ☐ Other Pacific Islander (e.g., Tongan, Fijian, Marshallese, etc.)
- ☐ Other

16. Gender (enter below)

Female

17. How did you hear about this opportunity?

Bobby Coleman, Director of assist ability at SHA

18.

I certify that the above application information is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge. I understand that the information provided is subject to public records request unless it is specifically exempt from the Washington State Public Records Act. *

☒ Yes

☐ No

Seattle Public Utilities Customer Review Panel

11 Members: Pursuant to *Resolution 31825*, *all* members subject to City Council confirmation, **3**-year terms:

- **5** City Council-appointed
- **6** Mayor-appointed
- **0** *Other* Appointing Authority-appointed (specify):

Roster:

*D	**G	RD	Position No.	Position Title	Name	Term Begin Date	Term End Date	Term #	Appointed By
	F	2	1.	Member	Nafiso Samatar	8/1/2024	7/31/2027	1	Mayor
	F	1	2.	Member	Robin Schwartz	8/1/2025	7/31/2028	2	Council
	F	2	3.	Member	Miki Sodos	8/1/2024	7/31/2027	2	Mayor
	M	n/a	4.	Member	Manav Goel	8/1/2024	7/31/2027	1	Council
	F	6	5.	Member	Allison Mettler	8/1/2024	7/31/2027	1	Mayor
	F	6	6.	Member	Gretchen Glaub	8/1/2024	7/31/2027	2	Council
	M	5	7.	Member	Jeremy Febus	8/1/2025	7/31/2028	1	Mayor
	F	4	8.	Member	Rita Howard	8/1/2025	7/31/2028	1	Council
	F	1	9.	Member	Amanda Richer	8/1/2025	7/31/2028	2	Mayor
	F	2	10.	Member	Ebony Rose Frazier	8/1/2025	7/31/2028	2	Council
	M	7	11.	Member	Raj Kumar	8/1/2025	7/31/2028	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													
Council													
Other													
Total													

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.