




City of Seattle Boards & Commissions Notice of Appointment

Appointee Name: Whitney Nakamura		
Board/Commission Name: Board of Parks and Recreation Commissioners		Position Title: Boards & Commissions Seat 8
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Appointment OR <input 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: * 4/1/2024 to 3/31/2027 <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Serving remaining term of a vacant position</i>	
Residential Neighborhood: University District	Zip Code: 98115	Contact Phone No.: [REDACTED]
<p>Background: Seattle native Whitney Nakamura grew up attending Seattle Parks and Recreation programs. In her own words, “SPR has been a big part of my life, from my childhood spent in SPR spaces and activities, to later participating in the summer youth internship, and now raising a young kiddo in SPR parks and playgrounds (and pre-pandemic in the toddler play gyms/community centers and pools).” In her professional life, Nakamura serves as Admissions and Family Services Manager for Tiny Trees Preschool, uniting her passions for parks and open spaces with her compassion for children.</p> <p>Nakamura stays actively engaged with her community and city, and continuously seeks ways to give back. She volunteers with several organizations specifically serving low-income and at-risk women, and comes to us highly recommended from the Seattle Women’s Commission. During the COVID-19 pandemic, she sought out organizations providing aid, education, and vaccine access to Seattle’s BIPOC population. Nakamura hopes to bring her perspective and experience to advocate for many of Seattle’s most vulnerable as a member of the Board of Parks and Recreation Commissioners.</p>		
Authorizing Signature (original signature):  Date Signed (appointed): 4/16/2024	Appointing Signatory: Bruce A. Harrell Mayor of Seattle	

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

Whitney Nakamura

Experience (selected)

TINY TREES, SEATTLE, WA | NOV. 2019–PRESENT

Admissions and Family Services Manager

- Manage Family Services team and department, including oversight of budget and operations
- Engage families, including supportive check-ins, referrals, financial assistance and resource provision; support Families of Color Cohort, including partnering with families to develop events
- Develop activities and materials to promote outdoor engagement for BIPOC children and families

OPEN ARMS PERINATAL SERVICES, SEATTLE, WA | APRIL 2018–NOV. 2019

Birth Doula Services (BDS) Program Manager | MAY 2019–NOV. 2019

- Managed program operations and completion of goals, including enrollment, budget and reporting
- Supervised and supported the BDS team (staff, MSW interns, volunteers and community doulas)

Birth Doula Services (BDS) Program Coordinator | APRIL 2018–APRIL 2019

- Processed incoming interest and referrals, completed screening and client enrollment
- Provided case management to caseload, including supportive check-ins, community referrals and resource provision (baby supplies, produce bags, financial support and other items)
- Fostered community relationships; maintained communications with partners and stakeholders

Volunteer Experience and Affiliations (selected)

Early Learning Action Team, Renton Innovation Zone Partnership (2021–Present)

COVID Vaccine Clinics Volunteer, ACRS and El Centro de la Raza (2021)

Caring Messages/Club Bamboo/Food Bank Volunteer, Asian Counseling and Referral Service (2020–Present)

Seeking Equity and Educational Diversity (SEED) Cohort, Southeast Seattle Education Coalition (2020)

Projects/Events Volunteer, Wing Luke Museum of the Asian Pacific American Experience (2019–Present)

Seattle Women's Commission, Seattle Office for Civil Rights (2019–Present)

Healthy Outcomes, Prevention and Education (HOPE) Network, Public Health – Seattle & King County (2019)

Health Equity Circle, University of Washington (2017)

Board of Directors, ROOTS Young Adult Shelter (2016–Present)

Risk Management Committee, the Service Board (2016–Present)

Anti-Oppression/Change Team, ROOTS Young Adult Shelter (2015–2017)

Volunteer, Jubilee Women's Center (2010–2012, 2014–2020)

Training and Certifications (selected)

Community Leadership Institute, Puget Sound Sage (2021–Present)

Board Chairs Academy, Third Sector Company (2021–2022)

PACE (People's Academy for Community Engagement), Seattle Department of Neighborhoods (2021)

Undoing Institutional Racism, The People's Institute for Survival and Beyond (2021)

Birth Doula Skills Workshop, Simkin Center at Bastyr University (2019)

BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSIONERS

15 Members: Pursuant to *Ordinance 126325*, all members subject to City Council confirmation, 3-year terms:

- 7 City Council-appointed
- 8 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	M	1	1.	At-Large	Ryan Baum	4/1/24	3/31/27	1	Mayor
6	M	6	2.	At-Large	Joshua Seyfried	2/21/23	3/31/25	1	Mayor
6	M	4	3.	At-Large	Steve Lerer	4/1/24	3/31/27	1	Mayor
3	M	3	4.	At-Large	Pasqual Contreras	2/21/23	3/31/26	1	Mayor
6	F	3	5.	Get Engaged	Lauren Lanham	9/1/23	8/31/24	1	Mayor
2	F	4	6.	Commission Seat	Tricia Diamond	4/1/24	3/31/27	1	Mayor
1	M	7	7.	Commission Seat	Phillip Meng	9/26/23	8/31/26	1	Mayor
1	F	4	8.	Commission Seat	Whitney Nakamura	4/1/24	3/31/27	1	Mayor
7	M	1	9.	City Council Dist. 1	Justin P. Umagat	4/1/24	3/31/27	2	City Council
			10.	City Council Dist. 2	Vacant				City Council
6	M	3	11.	City Council Dist. 3	John A. Flinn	4/1/24	3/31/27	1	City Council
			12.	City Council Dist. 4	Vacant	4/1/24	3/31/27		City Council
			13.	City Council Dist. 5	Vacant				City Council
6	F	6	14.	City Council Dist. 6	Amy Brockhaus	4/1/22	3/31/25	1	City Council
2	M	7	15.	City Council Dist. 7	Stafford Mays	4/1/22	3/31/25	1	City 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	5	3	0	0	2	1	1	0	0	4	0	0	0
Council	3	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	3	1	0	0
Other													
Total	8	5	0	0	2	2	1	0	0	7	1	0	0

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.*