



City of Seattle Boards & Commissions Notice of Appointment

Appointee Name: Noel Miller		
Board/Commission Name: Seattle Public Utilities 2018-2023 Strategic Plan Update Customer Review Panel		Position Title: <u>Member</u>
Appointment OR X Reappointment	City Council Confirmation required? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Appointing Authority: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> City Council	Term of Position: * 8/1/2022 to 7/31/2025 <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Serving remaining term of a vacant position</i>	
Residential Neighborhood: Phinney Ridge	Zip Code: 98103	Contact Phone No.: [REDACTED]
Background: Noel Miller- (Reappointment/ District 6- Phinney Ridge) Noel Miller, P.E., is a retired municipal public works and utilities director and a licensed civil engineer with a Master's in Public Administration. His 40-year career has been focused on municipal stormwater, wastewater, water supply and transportation programs, systems and projects in the Puget Sound region. His early career involved practicing as a project engineer for several local consulting civil engineering firms. In 2012, he was appointed to SPU's Creeks, Drainage and Wastewater Advisory Committee and served as a co-chair. In 2013 and 2014, he served as the Chair of the Customer Review Panel, supporting the creation of SPU's 2015-2020 strategic business plan. A Seattle resident since the late 1970's, Noel now resides in the Phinney Ridge neighborhood after living in the West Seattle, Matthews Beach and Madison Park neighborhoods. He is an advocate for increasing the public's understanding and appreciation of regional and local water quality issues and infrastructure in general. He is also interested in finding effective solutions to the ongoing challenge of financing SPU's programs and projects.		
Authorizing Signature (original signature):  Date Signed (appointed): June 28, 2022	Appointing Signatory: Councilmember Alex Pedersen	

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

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Page 2: Applicant Information

Q1

First Name

Noel

Q2

Last Name

Miller

Q3

Please provide your contact information.

Email

[REDACTED]

Q4

Address

I have a permanent address (enter below),

Address:

[REDACTED]

Q5

Neighborhood Information You can lookup your Council District Number here.

Council District Number

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Neighborhood Name

Noel Miller

Q6

Who is your employer?

Retired

Q7

What is your primary occupation or expertise?

Civil Engineering/ public works and utilities

Q8

No

Are you currently employed by or contract with the City of Seattle?

Q9

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

I am a decades long professional association member that represent public works infrastructure interests through the American Public Works Association (APWA) and American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE). These organizations advocate for sustainable and reliable infrastructure projects and programs for all of our diverse community groups. After the first 6 year Strategic Business Plan was created , I arranged to have SPU give a presentation at a local APWA meeting regarding the development of the SBP along with the involvement of the CRP.

I have been an active singing member of the City Cantabile Choral for the past 8 years. Through our concert performances, we advocate for environmental and societal justice throughout our world wide communities. Many of the Cantabile concerts have collaborated with Black, Indigenous or Hispanic composers and performers as well as Celtic and Eastern European performers. As part of an Earth Day concert, I coordinated with SPU to use their recycling mascots in a song named "Reuse Me" which was composed by Kent Stevenson, a local gospel composer and choral conductor.

I have been involved in a local spiritual community named the Northwest Vipassana Association for many decades. This group promotes peace and harmony for oneself and well as for all sentient beings through retreats at a rural meditation center.

I have been active in the Seattle Public Utilities community for over a decade by first serving on the SPU Creeks, Drainage, and Wastewater Advisory Committee and then on the SPU Customer Review Panel. I have enjoyed the opportunity to collaborate with fellow members and SPU staff and participate in developing and monitoring the Strategic Business Plan's initiatives and investments which take into consideration the various community and customer interests.

In my professional career at the City of Edmonds, I was active in regional water supply, wastewater, and stormwater forums and groups and continue to keep abreast of the progress and the challenges facing our local agencies.

Lastly, I am involved with the Phinney Ridge Community Council providing advice and perspectives to the Board President regarding neighborhood issues and concerns.

Q10

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

I am very interested in efforts to increase SPU's disaster preparedness resilience. This would include more detailed communications to customers on what they need to anticipate and do when services are disrupted resulting from a major earthquake. This concern also encompasses the upgrades to SPU's operation centers so the utility can expediently respond to restore its essential services.

Q11

Seattle Public Utilities actively seeks CRP members who represent the diverse experiences of SPU customers. Describe how your experience as a SPU customer might lend a unique perspective to the CRP.

I have been a continuous SPU residential retail customer since 1979. Recently, my wife and I needed to have our 100 plus year old residential side sewer pipe renovated at a significant cost. During the process, it was unexpectedly and extremely disruptive to our normal living as we were not able to flush the toilet for several days due to a problem created by the contractor. It drove home the point that low income customers need to have a financial assistance program that is easy to access and provide all customers the guidance to know what to anticipate when their side sewer pipe needs to be repaired or renovated.

In my 20 year experience of overseeing the city of Edmonds' public works operations and programs for approximately 40,000 residents, I gained personal knowledge of residential and small business customer concerns and perspectives. Many of those concerns are similar ones for customers that are served by SPU. Another additional perspective gained during my tenure at Edmonds, was being the point of contact with SPU in the continuation and monitoring of a wholesale water supply delivery contract for Edmonds.

I appreciate the opportunity to serve for another term on the SPU Customer Review Panel.

Q12

Agree

Agree with the following statement: "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." *

Page 3: Optional Survey

Q13

White/Caucasian

Describe your Race/Ethnicity (Select all that apply)

Q14

Male

Please describe your gender identity (Select all that apply)

Q15

How did you hear about the openings on SPU's Customer Review Panel?

At a quarterly CRP meeting

Seattle Public Utilities 2018-2023 Strategic Plan Update 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	Tiffany Sevilla	8/1/2021	8/31/2024	1	Mayor
	F	1	2.	Member	Robin Schwartz	8/1/2022	7/31/2025	1	Council
	F	3	3.	Member	Miki Sodos	8/1/2021	7/31/2024	1	Mayor
	F	4	4.	Member	Suzanne Burke	8/1/2021	7/31/2024	3	Council
	F	2	5.	Member	Maria McDaniel	8/1/2021	7/31/2024	2	Mayor
	F	6	6.	Member	Gretchen Glaub	8/1/2021	7/31/2024	1	Council
	M	7	7.	Member	Bobby Coleman	8/1/2022	7/31/2025	2	Mayor
	M	6	8.	Member	Noel Miller	8/1/2022	7/31/2025	2	Council
	F	1	9.	Member	Amanda Richer	8/1/2022	7/31/2025	1	Mayor
	F	2	10.	Member	Ebony Rose Frazier	8/1/2022	7/31/2025	1	Council
	M	7	11.	Member	Raj Kumar	8/1/2022	7/31/2025	1	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.