City of Seattle Boards & Commissions Notice of Appointment

Appointee Name: *Sawyer Stearns*		
Board/Commission Name: *Seattle Disability Commission*		**Position Title:** *Member*
☒ **Appointment** ***OR*** ☐ **Reappointment**	**Council Confirmation required?** ☒ Yes ☐ No	
Appointing Authority: ☐ Council ☒ Mayor ☐ Other: *Fill in appointing authority*		**Term of Position: *** 5/1/2024 **to** 4/30/2026 ☒ *Serving remaining term of a vacant position*
Residential Neighborhood: *Northgate*	**Zip Code:** *98125*	**Contact Phone No.:**

Background:

Sawyer obtained her Master's in 2023 at CWU. As a freshman in college, she sustained a spinal cord injury that left her a quadriplegic. After her injury, she became much more engaged with the disability community and even had the opportunity to work at a Center for Independent Living as a Disability Specialist. This fueled her passion to advocate on a deeper level in disability policy after experiencing the inequity faced in the community and with the healthcare system. She recently completed a fellowship posted by Disability Belongs in the public policy and civic engagement department and has been looking for ways to continue supporting people with disabilities in our community. Sawyer hopes to contribute her skills and past experiences working with people with disabilities to better serve people with disabilities in Seattle and all of King County.

Authorizing Signature (original signature): **Date Signed:** **August 5th, 2025**	**Appointing Signatory:** *Bruce A. Harrell* *Mayor of Seattle*

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Sawyer Stearns

Education

2016 High School Diploma

2017-2021 Bachelor of Science: Family and Child Life
2021-2023 Master of Science: Family and Child Life

Experience

Ambulatory Patient Support Coordinator

October 2023-present

- Communicate with RN and providers to provide support and identify needs, resolve problems, escalate urgent requests, and provide administrative support to RN's

Disability Specialist at Central Washington Disability Resources
March 2021- June 2023

- Subject matter expert for people with disabilities
- Developed a Functional Assessment Service Team (FAST) to assess emergency shelters for accessibility and assist people with disabilities entering emergency shelters in maintaining independence.
- Designed and facilitated the PAS (Power, Action, and Systems) program that assists people with disabilities with bathroom modifications, ramps, grab bars, and yard work.
- Updated emergency plans to include a whole community approach

Child Life Practicum at Seattle Children's Hospital
June 2022-August 2022

- Completed a Child Life Practicum
- Observed a Child Life Specialist in practice with evidence-based and developmentally appropriate interventions to support patients.
- Enhanced knowledge in interventions and knowledge of day to day for Child Life

Teacher Aide at Early Childhood Learning Center
September 2020-March 2021

- Assist the teacher with children ages 8-12. Activities included art projects, sensory activities, snack time, outside time, and homework time.

Volunteer at Developmental Disabilities Preschool
September 2019- March 2020

- Assisted teachers with play time, snack time and other daily activities such as art and outdoor play.

Volunteer at Kadlec Regional Medical Center
June of 2018- June of 2019

Under supervision of a Child Life Specialist:

- Played games with patients in the pediatric unit.
- Cleaned and organized toys in the playroom
- Interacted with the siblings where I would play and supervise the siblings.

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June-August 2016

- Collaborate with agencies locally to implement healthy life choices for teens.
- Organize workshops that focus on substance abuse prevention and provide a safe and fun alternative for teens.
- Learned about substance abuse prevention and resources in our local community.

Professional Committees

DDAC (Developmental Disability Advisory Committee)

PTAC (Public Transportation Advisory Committee)

CIEP (Coalition on Inclusive Emergency Preparedness Committee)

WA Cares Ambassador

References

Kasey Knutson: [redacted]

Amy Claridge: [redacted]

Sue Logsdon: [redacted]

Amie Lusk: [redacted]

Seattle Disability Commission
August 2025

21 Members: Pursuant to *SMC 3.14.920,* all members subject to City Council confirmation, *2*-year terms except for the Get Engaged member who will serve a 1-year term pursuant to SMC 3.51:

- *8*City Council-appointed
- *9*Mayor-appointed (includes 1 Get-engaged Mayor position)
- *4*Other Appointing Authority-appointed (specify): Commission-appointed

Roster:

*D	**G	RD	Position No.	Position Title	Name	Term Begin Date	Term End Date	Term #	Appointed By
1	F	7	1.	Member	Samiya Nasim	5/01/25	4/30/27	1	Mayor
			2.	Member	VACANT	5/01/25	4/30/27	1	City Council
6	M	2	3.	Member	Scot Nelson	5/01/25	4/30/27	1	Mayor
			4.	Member	VACANT	5/01/25	4/30/27	1	City Council
			5.	Member	VACANT	11/1/23	10/31/25	1	Mayor
			6.	Member	VACANT	11/1/23	10/31/25	1	City Council
			7.	Member	VACANT	11/1/23	10/31/25	1	Mayor
			8.	Member	VACANT	11/1/23	10/31/25	1	Commission
			9.	Member	VACANT	5/01/24	4/30/26	1	City Council
			10.	Member	VACANT	5/01/24	4/30/26	1	Mayor
			11.	Member	VACANT	5/01/24	4/30/26	1	City Council
6	F	5	12.	Member	Sawyer Stearns	5/01/24	4/30/26	1	Mayor
3	F	7	13.	Member	Bianca Gallegos	11/1/24	10/31/26	1	City Council
			14.	Member	VACANT	11/1/24	10/31/26	1	Mayor
6	F	7	15.	Member	Jessica Jensen	11/1/24	10/31/26	1	City Council
			16.	Get Engaged	VACANT	9/1/24	8/31/25	1	Mayor
			17.	Member	VACANT	5/01/24	4/30/26	2	City Council
			18.	Member	VACANT	11/1/24	10/31/26	1	Mayor
6	F	7	19.	Member	Shelby Dey	5/01/24	4/30/26	2	Commission
			20.	Member	VACANT	11/1/24	10/31/26	1	Commission
6	F	1	21.	Member	Kaitlin Skilton	11/1/24	10/31/26	3	Commission

SELF-IDENTIFIED DIVERSITY CHART

	(1) Male	(2) Female	(3) Transgender	(4) NB/ O/ U	(5) Asian	(6) Black/ African American	(7) Hispanic / Latino	(8) American Indian/ Alaska Native	(9) Other	Caucasian/ Non-Hispanic	Pacific Islander	Middle Eastern	Multiracial
Mayor	1	2			1					2			
Council		2					1			1			
Other		2								2			
Total	1	6			1		1			5			

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.

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