City of Seattle Boards & Commissions Notice of Appointment

Appointee Name: *Kate Faoro Wright*		
Board/Commission Name: *Seattle Women's Commission*		**Position Title:** *Member*
☐ **Appointment** ***OR*** ☒ **Reappointment**	**City Council Confirmation required?** ☒ Yes ☐ No	
Appointing Authority: ☒ City Council ☐ Mayor ☐ Other: *Fill in appointing authority*	**Term of Position: *** 7/2/2025 **to** 7/1/2027 ☒ *Serving remaining term of a vacant position*	
Residential Neighborhood: *West Seattle*	**Zip Code:** *98126*	**Contact Phone No.:** *Business phone # - NOT personal phone #*
Background: *Kate is drawn to the Seattle Women's Commission because of its dedication to creating positive, lasting change for women and girls in our city. She is eager to contribute her skills in project management, stakeholder collaboration, research, and policy advocacy to advance gender equity in Seattle.*		
Authorizing Signature (original signature): Deborah Juarez **Date Signed (appointed):** 11.21.2025	**Appointing Signatory:** *Debora Juarez,* *Seattle City Councilmember*	

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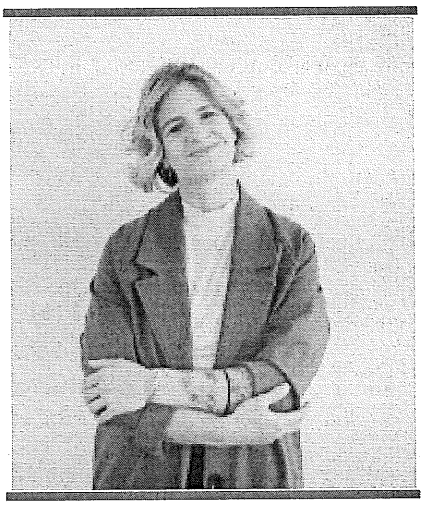

KATE FAORO WRIGHT
(KATHERINE FAORO)

OBJECTIVE

Seeking opportunities in the Seattle community to advocate for policy and legislation that impacts women and female-identifying individuals.

SKILLS & ABILITIES

Organization, curiosity, resilience, problem-solving, business management, team building, stakeholder management, negotiation, data analysis, public-private partnerships.

REFERENCES

Available upon request.

EXPERIENCE

FOUNDER + CREATIVE DIRECTOR – TAPESTRY EVENT COMPANY, SEATTLE

APRIL 2018 – PRESENT

- Promotes tourism to the Pacific Northwest through founding a Seattle-based event company, specializing in weddings across Seattle and Washington State.
- Delivers large-scale projects on time and on budget by overseeing operations and coordinating multiple stakeholders and interests.
- Strengthens Seattle's small business economy by advising on over $1M in annual investments, leveraging financial oversight expertise to maximize efficiency.
- Enhanced stakeholder communication by balancing competing interests, negotiating contracts, and advocating for solutions while maintaining professionalism in interactions with internal teams and clients.

STUDIO MANAGER – COREPOWER YOGA, SEATTLE

MARCH 2015 – JULY 2019

- Exceeded studio revenue, student enrollment, and retention goals every quarter by prioritizing authentic connections and fostering an inclusive environment for both students and staff.
- Improved customer experience and instructor development by implementing best practices, facilitating certification programs, and creating professional development opportunities for staff.
- Supported the business's $1M+ annual revenue by managing 100 employees and a member community of over 400, ensuring consistent operational success.

TERRITORY ACCOUNT MANAGER – DATAWORKS DEVELOPMENT INC, MOUNTLAKE TERRACE

OCTOBER 2015 – FEBRUARY 2017

- Enhanced data organization and analysis for national and international clients in diverse fields like biomedical research, agriculture, and academia, helping them effectively communicate their findings.
- Raised awareness of the importance of data-driven analysis by partnering with academic institutions and publicly funded programs, leading presentations to prominent organizations like the CDC and Emory University, and Children's Hospital of Atlanta.

RESEARCH ANALYST – UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON, SEATTLE

AEROSPACE SECTOR RESEARCH ANALYST

JUNE 2014 – JUNE 2015

- Delivered impactful policy recommendations to improve aerospace sector funding and practices in Washington by planning and executing

comprehensive research, including surveys and interviews with 65 industry professionals. Policy recommendations were delivered at the: PNAA Annual Conference, INWAC Annual Conference, WA. Dept. of Commerce, and WAP Board Meeting.

• Fostered collaboration among aerospace sector stakeholders by organizing and facilitating seven workshops aimed at identifying and reducing barriers to effective partnerships.

INFORMATION LITERACY RESEARCH ANALYST – UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON, SEATTLE

DECEMBER 2014 – JUNE 2015

• Synthesized data from over 1,600 respondents into actionable insights, producing individualized reports published on platforms like First Monday and Medium.com.

• Empowered research faculty by coaching 10 colleagues in the recruitment and surveying of qualitative research candidates, enhancing research quality.

• Developed a codebook for a 23-question survey, later adopted as an exemplar at the University of Washington's Center for Social Science Research (UW CSSR).

RESEARCH AND IMPLEMENTATION OFFICER – DAYS FOR GIRLS INTERNATIONAL, SEATTLE

NOVEMBER 2013 – DECEMBER 2014

• Established a sustainable feminine hygiene model in Kenya by generating market data, identifying risks, and creating a theory of change that led to the program's launch by 2016.

• Improved M&E program effectiveness by developing best practice recommendations for data collection and personnel management.

• Secured high-profile partnerships with HuffPost, Starbucks, and Google by contributing to the communications strategy, helping the organization gain recognition as one of the "Top 10 Organizations to Change the World in the Next Ten Years."

EDUCATION

UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON – MASTERS OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION (2015)

International Development Certificate Program
Case Study Pilot Program
Global Social Entrepreneurship Competition – People's Choice Award (2014)

Seattle Women's Commission
September 2025

21 Members: Pursuant to *SMC 3.14.920, all* members subject to City Council confirmation, *2*-year terms:

- *8* City Council-appointed
- *9* Mayor-appointed -plus one Get Engaged.
- *4* Other Appointing Authority-appointed: Commission-appointed

*D	**G	RD	Position No.	Position Title	Name	Term Begin Date	Term End Date	Term #	Appointed By
2	F	2	1.	Member	Tosh Owens	7/02/25	7/01/27	1	Mayor
2		6	2.	Member	Sierra Miles	7/02/24	7/01/26	1	Mayor
	F		3.	Member	Hannah Glover	7/02/24	7/01/26	1	Mayor
8	F	3	4.	Member	Naseem Ghazanfari	7/02/24	7/01/26	1	Mayor
1	F	7	5.	Member	Sirena Styles	7/02/25	7/01/27	1	Mayor
			6.	Member	Sonia Hitchcock	7/02/25	7/01/27	1	Mayor
1	F	1	7.	Member	Eunji Han	7/02/24	7/01/26	1	Mayor
3	F		8.	Member	Krystal Guerrero	7/02/24	7/01/26	2	Commission
3		2	9.	Member	Elizabeth Perez	7/02/25	7/01/27	1	Mayor
6	F	3	10.	Member	Neely Evanoff	7/02/24	7/01/26	1	City Council
6	F		11.	Member	Emily Rose Barr	7/02/25	7/01/27	2	City Council
3	F		12.	Member	Mariah Rivera	7/02/25	7/01/27	2	City Council
8	F		13.	Member	Vinati Mamidala	7/02/24	7/01/26	2	City Council
6	F	3	14.	Member	Talley Mills	7/02/24	7/01/26	1	City Council
1	F		15.	Member	Jennifer Tran	7/02/25	7/01/27	2	City Council
5	F	1	16.	Member	Kate Faoro Wright	7/02/25	7/01/27	1	City Council
5	F		17.	Member	Nardos Tola	7/02/24	7/01/26	1	Commission
6	F	7	18.	Member	Amanda DeFisher	7/02/24	7/01/26	1	City Council
1	F	4	19.	Member	Whitney Nakamura	7/02/24	7/01/26	3	Commission
6		7	20.	Member	Nadia Goforth	7/02/25	7/01/27	1	Commission
	F		21.	Get Engaged	Sofia Brown	9/01/25	8/31/26	1	Mayor

SELF-IDENTIFIED DIVERSITY CHART

	Men (1)	Women (2)	Transgender (3)	Unknown (4)	Asian (5)	Black/ African American (6)	Hispanic/ Latino (7)	American Indian/ Alaska Native (8)	Other (9)	Caucasian/ Non-Hispanic	Pacific Islander	Middle Eastern	Multiracial
Mayor	0	9	1	0	2	2	1	0	0	0	0	1	0
Council	0	8	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	4	0	1	0
Comm	0	4	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	0
Total	0	21	1	0	4	2	3	0	2	5	0	0	0

Key: *Diversity information is self-identified and is voluntary.*

***D** List the corresponding *Diversity Chart* number (1 through 9)

****G** List *gender*, **M** = Male, **F**= Female, **T**= Transgender, **U**= Unknown

RD Residential Council District number 1 through 7 or N/A

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