City of Seattle Boards & Commissions Notice of Appointment

Appointee Name: *Nirae Petty*

Board or Commission Name: *Green New Deal Oversight Board*

Position Title: *Frontline Community Representative*

☒ **Appointment** ☐ **Reappointment** ***Term of Position:** *5/1/2026* to *4/30/2029*

☐ *Serving partial term (eligible for full terms thereafter)*

Appointing Authority: ☐ City Council ☒ Mayor ☐ Other: *Insert Appointing Authority*

City Council Confirmation Required? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Residential Neighborhood: *Mt. Baker*

Appointee brief overview:
Nirae Petty is a community-based policy leader with a background in policy analysis, community power-building, legislative advocacy, coalition governance, and state government systems. She has contributed to environmental justice efforts through the Washington State Environmental Justice Council, the Washington State Department of Commerce, and various advocacy organizations. She helped organize around and provide feedback on the HEAL Act, Climate Commitment Act, and Growth Management Act implementation. While on staff at the Urban League of Metropolitan Seattle, she also founded Black Earth Day in partnership with Black Farmers Collective to celebrate Black environmental leadership and deepen community engagement around climate justice. Black Earth Day was recently recognized and adopted by King County.

Nirae grew up in Seattle's Rainier Beach–Duwamish Valley area, she witnessed firsthand how environmental, economic, and racial inequities intersect and shape people's health, opportunity, and quality of life. She is most passionate about advancing environmental justice here in Seattle and believes as Seattle continues to grow and change, frontline communities must have a meaningful role in shaping how climate investments are made and who benefits from them. Her experience in building coalitions, navigating government systems, and working alongside communities has prepared her to represent those perspectives thoughtfully and collaboratively.

Appointing Authority Signature:	**Appointing Authority Printed Name and Title:**
Katie B Wilson **Date Signed: 9/2/26**	*Katie Wilson* *Mayor of Seattle*

**For most boards and commissions, the term begin and end date is fixed and tied to the position and not the appointment date.*

NIRAE PETTY (she/her/they/them)

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FORMER DIRECTOR OF ADVOCACY | GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS STRATEGIST
Community-based, data-driven advocacy • Legally compliant organizing • Team leadership

PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Selected as one of Harvard's Young American Leaders in 2024, I am a community-based policy leader with 5+ years of experience building multi-stakeholder campaigns across Washington State. I have a proven track record directing legally compliant organizing programs, supervising organizers, and aligning local campaigns with national priorities under complex legal and political constraints. My background spans policy analysis, community power-building, legislative advocacy, coalition governance, and state government systems, with a strong focus on intersectional environmentalism, racial equity, and reducing disenfranchisement to build durable political power for underserved communities, especially youth and young adults from marginalized communities.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Urban League of Metropolitan Seattle — Seattle, WA (2019–2023)
Director of Advocacy & Civic Engagement

- Designed and led multi-issue organizing strategy across environmental justice, voting rights and redistricting, housing stability, and criminal legal system reform
- Directed 501(c)(3)-compliant advocacy campaigns requiring education, coalition pressure, and power-building in lieu of direct lobbying
- Established and managed multi-stakeholder campaign infrastructure balancing community leadership, candidate engagement, legal compliance, and alignment with National Urban League priorities
- Led candidate education and mayoral forums connecting community priorities to legislative agendas
- Supervised and coached teams of 3–5 organizers; developed workplans, campaign timelines, and accountability systems
- Drafted legislative frameworks guiding coalition priorities, testimony strategy, and legislative session planning
- Managed grant-funded advocacy programs, reporting, and compliance requirements

Washington State Department of Commerce — Olympia, WA
Equity Analyst | 2023–2025

- Translated community priorities into policy and funding decisions
- Supported initiatives focused on equitable funding distribution and equitable program outcomes
- Conducted research on By-and-For funding set-asides and equity accountability frameworks
- Presented a Targeted Universalism-informed Equitable Program Outcomes matrix at the Office of Equity Convening

WA State Environmental Justice Council
2021-2023
Roles: Chair of Community Engagement; Youth Representative Councilmember

- Presented at EJC Council Meetings and led various public engagements.
- Composed public testimonies for the Council.
- Offered technical input on strategic planning documents for both legislative bodies and agencies.

Independent Consultant — Organizing & Policy Strategy | 2023–Present

Clients include: NAACP-AOWSAC LGBTQ Committee; Surge Reproductive Justice; Filipino Community Services; Eastside Pathways; White Center Community Development Association

- Provided organizing, policy, fund development, and coalition strategy support aligned with community priorities and legislative opportunities

EDUCATION

Executive Master of Public Administration (Online EMPA) (2025-Present)
Syracuse University — Maxwell School of Citizenship & Public Affairs

Bachelor of Arts, Law & Justice (2021)
Central Washington University

Targeted Universalism Cohort (UC Berkeley's Othering and Belonging Institute)

Harvard's Young American Leaders Program (2024)

PUBLIC SPEAKING RECOGNITION

Presenter, Office of Equity Convening (2025)

Harvard Young American Leader (2024)

Lecturer, Seattle University School of Law (2024)

Presenter, Washington State Appellate Courts — HEAL Act Briefing (2023)

DOH EJ Speaker Series Panelist (2023)

Guest Lecturer, University of Washington (2023)

Na'ah Illahee Fund Sovereign Futures Cohort (2023)

Washington State Public Health Association Conference Presenter (2022)

REFERENCES

Joy Hollingsworth — President of Seattle City Council
[redacted]

Marissa VanHoozer — Managing Director of Boards, Washington State Dept of Commerce
[redacted]

Michelle Merriweather — CEO, Urban League of Metropolitan Seattle
[redacted]

Aurora Martin — Co-Executive Director, Front and Centered
[redacted]

Deaunte Damper — Chair, Snohomish County NAACP LGBTQ+ Committee
[redacted]

Esther Min — Clinical Assistant Professor, University of Washington
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GREEN NEW DEAL OVERSIGHT BOARD

19 Members: Pursuant to City Ordinance 125926, 16 members subject to City Council confirmation, with 3-year terms.

- 8 City Council-appointed
- 8 Mayor-appointed
- 3 Green New Deal Oversight Board

Roster as of [08/10/26]

Position Number	Position Title	Appointee Name	Term Begin Date	Term End Date	*Term Number	Appointed By
1	Frontline Community Representative	Nancy Huizar	5/1/26	4/30/29	2	Mayor
2	Frontline Community Representative	Stephanie Masterman	5/1/26	4/30/29	1	Council
3	Frontline Community Representative	Nirae Petty	5/1/26	4/30/29	1	Mayor
4	Tribal Representative	Rachel Heaton	5/1/23	4/30/26	2	Council
5	Tribal Representative	Hannah Ljunggren	5/1/25	4/30/28	1	Mayor
6	Youth Representative	Hannah Lindell- Smith	5/1/26	4/30/29	2	Council
7	Youth Representative	Jasmine Hadassa	5/1/26	4/30/29	1	Mayor
8	Frontline Community Representative	George Farrell	5/1/26	4/30/29	1	GNDOB
9	Environmental Justice Organization Representative	Leah Wood	5/1/25	4/30/28	1	Mayor
10	Environmental Justice Organization Representative	Jamie Stroble	5/1/25	4/30/28	1	Council
11	Environmental Justice Organization Representative	Fatima Kabba	5/1/25	4/30/28	1	GNDOB
12	Labor Union Representative	Peter Hasegawa	5/1/25	4/30/28	2	Mayor
13	Labor Union Representative	Brittani Cain	5/1/25	4/30/28	1	Council
14	Labor Union Representative	John Sanchez	5/1/25	4/30/28	1	Council
15	Labor Union Representative	VACANT	5/1/25	4/30/28		Mayor
16	Emissions Reduction Rep.	Akiksha Chatterji	5/1/25	4/30/28	1	Council
17	Emissions Reduction Rep.	Nina Olivier	5/1/25	4/30/28	2	GNDOB

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18	Emissions Reduction Rep.	Emily Pinckney	5/1/25	4/30/28	2	Council
19	Workforce Training Rep.	Rosalund Jenkins	5/1/25	4/30/28	1	Mayor

Self-identified diversity chart

Appointing Authority	Male	Female	Transgender	Non-Binary	N/A	Asian	Black/ African American	American Indian/ Alaska Native	White/ non-Hispanic	Hispanic/ Latinx	Pacific Islander	Middle Eastern	Multi - racial	N/A
Mayor		xxx		x			xx						xx	
Council		xx						x	x				x	
Other	x							x						
Total														

City Council districts represented

Council District	District 1	District 2	District 3	District 4	District 5	District 6	District 7	N/A
Total	x	xx	x				x	

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