

City of Seattle Boards & Commissions Notice of Appointment

Appointee Name: Wilford (Tali) Hairston								
Board/Commission Name: The Seattle Public Library Board of Trustees	Position Title: Member 20							
Appointment OR Reappointment	City Council (X Yes Aw No	Confirmation required? FEB 21						
Appointing Authority: ☐ City Council ☐ Mayor ☐ Other: Fill in appointing authority ☐ Serving remaining term of a vacant position								
Residential Neighborhood: Rainier Beach – Rainier Valley	Zip Code: 98178	Contact Phone No.:						
Background: Wilford (Tali) Hairston is a lifelong Seattle resident and Seattle public school graduate. He is the Director of Community Organizing, Advocacy & Development at Seattle Presbytery. He enjoys the work of integrating equity and inclusion into performance-based outcomes and community engagement practices. With 17 years of experience within higher education, Wilford is an able communicator, researcher, speaker, trainer, consultant, and facilitator. His doctoral studies include equity in education and public policy in promoting inclusive learning frameworks. Through his work in global development, Wilford learned a sociocultural approach to forming inclusive learning communities. Wilford previously served on the Priority Hire Advisory Committee and Our Best Black Male Achievement Initiative.								
Authorizing Signature (original signature):	Appointing S Jenny A. Durl	AND THE REPORT OF THE PARTY OF						
Date Signed (appointed): 02/21/20	Mayor of Sea	attle						

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

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Brief Biography

W. Tali Hairston is a life-long Seattle resident and Seattle public school graduate. He enjoys the work of integrating equity and inclusion into performance-based outcomes and community engagement practices, a National Science



Foundation research grantee in physics education research, and facilitates stakeholder involvement for the most impacted and vulnerable communities toward holistic community development. With 17 years of experience within higher education, Hairston is an able communicator, researcher, speaker, trainer, consultant, and facilitator. His doctoral studies include equity in education and public policy in promoting inclusive learning frameworks. Through his work in global development, Hairston learned a sociocultural approach to forming inclusive learning communities. This has informed his most recent work in Colombia and the peace process.

KEY SKILLS

Community development & engagement Leading multi-sector initiatives Higher education research in physics & equity Multi-cultural leadership practices Public speaker and research consultant
Public policy development (International)
Technical assistance and program evaluation
Community-based research practices.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Seattle Presbytery

Director of Community Organizing, Advocacy, and Development (2018 - Present)

Leads the faith-based organization by providing consultation and facilitation in the work of engaging neighborhoods and communities in diversity, equity, inclusion, and social change work. As faith leaders seek to be relevant to their local communities and support the needs of the community, this role supports the short and long-term development of presbytery leaders and institutions.

Equitable Development, LLC Seattle, WA Principal owner, 2017 – Present

Serving the for-profit and non-profit sector in organizational culture and leadership development through integration of equity-inclusive practices, metric integration, framework development, capacity building, public policy, and community engagement projects.

- Lead Consultant Safe and Thriving Youth and Adult Co-Design, Human Services Division, City of Seattle. Responsible for 18-community engagement sessions with local non-profits, facilitation, planning outreach, and producing report on qualifications for funding (2018-19).
 - Provided technical assistance to organizations for RFP (2019).
- Co-Facilitator/Consultant Priority Hire Advisory Council (2018-2020).
- Lead Consultant King County's Puget Sound Taxpayers Accountability Account. Led the development and implementation of the community engagement process for \$311 milliondollar education initiative (2019).

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- Subcontract King County's Puget Sound Taxpayers Accountability Account. Responsible for writing Needs Assessment Report and Strategy Assessment of two of nine strategy areas of \$311 million-dollar education initiative (2018 – 19).
- Subcontract Cascadia Consulting Group: Community engagement and ESJ lead for SPU Comprehensive Work Plan (2018).
- Consultant Developed strategic social equity plan for Cascadia Consulting Group (2016 2018).
- Co-chair Black Male Achievement Initiative, Department of Education and Early Learning, City of Seattle (2017 2019).
- Trainer and organizational consultant for six regional and national non-profits on equity-inclusive organizational development, workplace equity, and workforce diversity.

John M. Perkins Center, Seattle Pacific University, Seattle WA Director and Special Assistant to President for Diversity and Reconciliaton (2001 – 2018) Leading the educational advancement of community development through community engagement and service learning with community-based organizations.

- Co-principal investigator for National Science Foundation Grant on inclusive learning environments for physics educators.
- Educational Consultant, South African Township Education Initiative, Tambisa, South Africa (2009-2012). Exmenda (International non-profit). Consultant for the educational development of a private township school focused on sustainability, educational outcomes, and organizational development.
- Educational Consultant, Southeast Asian Partnership *Duy Tan University (2006-2009)* Exmenda (International non-profit).
- Developed and delivered diversity training workshops in accordance with the Center for Faculty Scholarship and Development and Office of the Provost.
- Oversaw set of university community engagement programs networking local CBO's as field educators.
- Professor of community engagement and participatory research in local and global contexts.
- Led community engagement and education learning projects to three countries.
- Formed urban youth leadership development program and curriculum for pre-college engagement.
- Managed center fundraising, budgets, and grant planning.

EDUCATION

University of Washington, Seattle, WA	History	B.A., 1995
Leadership Tomorrow Alumni		2007
Fuller Seminary, Pasadena, CA	Global Leadership and Development	t MAGL 2012
Seattle Pacific University, Seattle, WA	Education (Candidate)	PhD, 2019

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VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES, SKILLS, AND HONORS

- Project Creator and Coordinator, Jamaican Trauma Therapy and Reconciliation Institute (2012)
- Co-Chair Our Best Black Male Achievement Initiative, City of Seattle, 2016 2018.
- Union University of California, Board of Trustees (2012 -2017).
- Franklin High School Public Service Academy "Spirit of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Service AWARD (January 2017)
- Jurisprudence Champion Award Section on Public Law and Administration (March 18th, 2016) – for contributions to the practice of public law and administration.
- Connie Jacobsen Service Award Divine Alternatives for Dads (2016)

Seattle Public Library Board of Trustees

5 Members: Pursuant to RCW 27.12, City Charter Article XII, all members subject to City Council confirmation, 5-year terms:

5 Mayor-appointed

Roster:

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Diversity information is self-identified and is voluntary.

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^{**}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