



City of Seattle Boards & Commissions Notice of Appointment

Appointee Name: *H Bradley Kahn*

Board or Commission Name: *Board of Parks and Recreation Commissioners*

Position Title: *Position 7 (Commission Seat)*

Appointment **Reappointment** ***Term of Position:** *3 years from City Council confirmation*

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: *Phinney Ridge*

Appointee brief overview:

Brad brings 15+ years of nonprofit board experience, including service with the Forest Stewardship Council, Seattle Parks Foundation, Green Seattle Partnership, and the David and Lucile Packard Foundation, which more than qualifies him for this seat. He has committed to advocating for parks access, especially for people who may not always feel welcome in every place or situation.

In his professional career, Brad has focused on communications strategy with a global focus on forestry and climate advocacy. He balances his wealth of professional experience with a deeply ingrained sense of social justice and compassion for all members of his community. He has been active with nonprofits focused on keeping our park system strong and will be a wonderful addition to the BPRC, where his expertise and enthusiasm will be invaluable to the department.

Appointing Authority Signature:

Date Signed: 5/19/2026

Appointing Authority Printed Name and Title:

Katie B. Wilson

Mayor of Seattle

H Bradley Kahn



Accomplished professional with more than 20 years of experience in complex strategic communications roles with a global focus on forests and climate advocacy.

Communications Director, ACR

2023 – Present

Lead communications for the first private greenhouse gas registry in the world, which has been operating since 1996.

- Develop and implement communications strategy, including message development, media relations, events, social media, video and web production and more.
- Develop communications tools about a portfolio of emission reductions and removals methodologies related to forest conservation, methane abatement and destruction of ozone-depleting substances.
- Represent the organization in public forums to reinforce the importance of carbon markets and private sector climate action.

Principal, Groundwork Strategies

2011 – 2023

Lead a strategic communications consultancy to advance solutions for climate and forests.

- **Forest Stewardship Council**

2011 – Present

Serve as communications director for U.S. national office to advance initiatives that incentivize responsible forest management. Responsible for strategy, messaging, media relations, crisis communications and social media. Engage with partners such as Google, Disney, McDonald's and Patagonia. Developing a project to quantify forest carbon impacts associated with FSC management. Regularly present at conferences and in corporate settings on behalf of the organization.

- **Bullitt Foundation**

2011 – Present

Lead communications for the Bullitt Center, the world's greenest building. Responsible for all communications, including social media, website, and media relations, with coverage in *The Guardian*, *The New York Times*, *CNN*, *The Los Angeles Times*, *TIME* and many more. Support the Emerald Corridor initiative to advance the Pacific Northwest as a global model of urban sustainability.

- **David and Lucile Packard Foundation 2013 –**

2021

Supported climate and oceans programs. Worked with program and communications teams, facilitated planning retreats, developed communications strategies, messaging, and spokesperson trainings to elevate the Foundation's impact and influence, especially to bring new funders into the climate arena. Supported Foundation engagement related to the Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities (IPLC) Pledge at COP26.

- **ClimateWorks** **2015 and 2017**
Facilitated planning retreat and developed organizational communications strategy in partnership with senior leadership and program teams. Supported implementation by developing case studies of impact for use with potential funding partners.
- **Forest Carbon** **2020 – Present**
Developed a communications plan and supported media relations for a restoration project developer in Indonesia focused on benefits for local communities, biodiversity and investors.
- Other clients have included the Brainerd Foundation, Earthjustice, International Living Future Institute, Lestari Capital, Rainforest Alliance – Accountability Framework Initiative, Sea Change Foundation, and Stanford University Woods Institute for the Environment.

Senior Vice President, Pyramid Communications **1999 – 2010**

Led environmental division, including management of up to 11 direct reports. Responsible for managing large multi-stakeholder networks and projects.

- Served on firm-wide senior leadership team, responsible for strategy, business development, budgeting, recruitment and overseeing complex communications and public affairs projects for diverse clients.
- Clients included: American Forests, City of Seattle, Climate Solutions, Conservation Northwest, Ecotrust, King County, The Nature Conservancy, Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, Sierra Club, Trust for Public Land, and Woodland Park Zoo.
- Other responsibilities and skills included the following: Organizational marketing, brand strategy, crisis communication, project management, staff mentoring, client relations, strategy and communications planning, message development, media relations, opinion research analysis, and oversight of materials, website and video production.

EDUCATION

Yale University School of Forestry and Environmental Studies **1996 – 1998**
Masters of Environmental Studies, Watershed Systems and Management
New Haven, Connecticut

Brown University, Bachelor of Arts, Economics **1988 – 1992**
Providence, Rhode Island

OTHER ACTIVITIES

Board Member, Seattle Parks Foundation **2010 – 2024**
Served as past board chair during successful public funding campaign that generated \$50 million per year for Seattle Parks; current chair of Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Justice Task Force.

Completed “Undoing Institutional Racism” workshop conducted by The People’s Institute Northwest for Survival and Beyond.

BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSIONERS

15 Members: Pursuant to Ordinance 12680, all members subject to City Council confirmation, with 3-year terms, except for position 5 which serves as a one-year term and is a Get Engaged member per SMC 3.51.

- 7 City Council-appointed
- 8 Mayor-appointed
- 0 Other Appointing Authority-appointed:

Roster as of June 2026

Position Number	Position Title	Appointee Name	Term Begin Date	Term End Date	*Term Number	Appointed By
1	At-Large	Ryan Baum	5/14/24	5/13/27	1	Mayor
2	At-Large	Jane Stonecipher	9/16/25	9/15/28	1	Mayor
3	At-Large	Steve Lerer	5/14/24	5/13/27	1	Mayor
4	At-Large	Kevin Werner	9/16/25	9/15/28	1	Mayor
5	Get Engaged	Brian Bakker	9/9/25	9/8/26	1	Mayor
6	Commission Seat	Tricia Diamond	5/14/24	5/13/27	1	Mayor
7	Commission Seat	H Bradley Kahn	N/A	3 years from City Council confirmation	1	Mayor
8	Commission Seat	Whitney Nakamura	4/29/25	4/28/28	1	Mayor
9	Council District 1	Rebecca J. Rasch	N/A	3 years from City Council confirmation	1	City Council
10	Council District 2	Daya Zhang	9/16/25	9/15/28	1	City Council
11	Council District 3	John A. Flinn	5/14/24	5/13/27	1	City Council
12	Council District 4	Elise Chisholm Clare	9/17/24	9/16/27	1	City Council
13	Council District 5	Ammanuel Haile-Leul	7/16/24	7/15/27	1	City Council
14	Council District 6	James Williams	N/A	3 years from City Council confirmation	1	City Council
15	Council District 7	Phillip Meng	N/A	3 years from City Council confirmation	1	City Council

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	5	3		1		1	1		6					
Council	4	3				1	2		4					
Other														
Total	9	6		1		2	3		10					

City Council districts represented

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

*P is for partial initial term. Appointee is eligible for full terms thereafter.