



City of Seattle Boards & Commissions Notice of Appointment

Appointee Name: *Phillip Lewis*

Board or Commission Name: *Seattle Human Rights Commission*

Position Title: *Member*

☐ Appointment ☒ Reappointment ***Term of Position:** *7/23/2026 to 7/22/2028*

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

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

City Council Confirmation Required? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Residential Neighborhood: *Queen Anne, District 7*

Appointee brief overview:

Commissioner Lewis has found it a privilege to serve on the Seattle Human Rights Commission alongside such thoughtful, dedicated, and passionate colleagues. Over the course of his first term, he has had the opportunity to work alongside fellow commissioners, City staff, elected officials, community leaders, and advocates as we seek to protect, advance, and expand the rights of everyday Seattleites. One of the things he values most about the Commission is its ability to bring together people from different backgrounds, experiences, and perspectives to engage deeply with some of the most pressing issues facing our city. Phillip was honored to serve as Co-Chair during his first year working to rebuild the Commission and strengthen their engagement with the broader community. During that year, they were able to host a community film screening with community members, advocates, and elected officials that explored the impact of eviction in our city and across our country. More importantly, they were able to provide tangible ways for community members to respond to and engage with the ongoing affordability and housing crisis facing Seattle. Commissioner Lewis would like to continue serving because he believes there is still important work ahead and is excited about the opportunity to help move forward many of the policies, initiatives, and community partnerships the Commission has been developing, particularly the SCFRE legislation in collaboration with the LGBTQ+ Commission. He believes meaningful change requires long-term commitment, relationship-building, and sustained advocacy, and would be honored to continue contributing to the Commission's work as they advance policies and listen to community needs in a way that strengthen human rights and improve the lives of Seattle residents.

Appointing Authority Signature:

Date Signed: *6/30/2026*

Appointing Authority Printed Name and Title:

Council Member Dionne Foster

Phillip Lewis

Skills

- 10+ years of experience empowering diverse youth, fostering participation in social justice initiatives and supporting their development in leadership and embodied spiritual practices.
- Extensive experience coordinating meetings, retreats, and high-impact events, including student-run activities and executive gatherings with stake holders and executive board members. Experience securing grants of over \$100,000.
- Skilled in managing program budgets, optimizing resources for community initiatives, events and fundraising efforts.

Education

Master of Art's: Reconciliation and intercultural studies, Master's Degree <i>(The study of Spirituality, sociology and psychology and how to begin repairing and changing systems)</i> Seattle Pacific University, Seattle, WA, Cum Laude	2022
Business Administration: Marketing, Bachelor's degree University of Washington, Tacoma, WA,	2017

Work Experience

Pastor of Youth and Community: Union Presbyterian Church, Seattle

2022-Present

- Developed a queer-affirming spirituality program, growing participation from 0 to 40 middle and high schoolers in the first year through effective engagement, mentorship and community events.
- Cultivated strong relationships with parents, community leaders, and stakeholders like Seattle Public Schools and Compass House to create a vibrant community for our youth.
- Strategically collaborated with non-profit organizations to design and implement community learning and engagement programs focused on social justice.

Student Director: Quest Church, Seattle

2017-2020

- Managed program budgets, resources, and communication materials to support ongoing youth involvement.
- Demonstrated ability to lead and recruit a diverse team of 12 adults while delegating leadership to empower them and our youth to lead.
- Developed and facilitated discussions and curriculum on mental health and race, fostering growth and transformative outcomes for youth and the wider community.

Marketing Project Lead: Brehm Cascadia: Brehm Arts Engagement Foundation, Seattle

2017-2018

- Collaborated with team to develop creative marketing strategies, design visual content using Canva and support email marketing efforts for major events
- Scheduled and implemented the creation and scheduling of social media content, utilizing platforms like Instagram, Twitter and Facebook.
- Increased social media following by 200+ users within a year's time, driving higher engagement and brand visibility

Community Leadership

BIPOC Seminarian Scholarship fund**2021**

- Co-founded a scholarship program for BIPOC seminarians, securing \$100,000 in annual funding each academic year.

Dickinson Fellowship: Seattle Pacific University**2019-2020**

- Completed a competitive fellowship focused on supporting individuals and families impacted by severe mental health conditions. Collaborated on community initiatives like the NAMI walk and observed Mental Health Court.
- Participated in bi-weekly seminars covering mental illness, family dynamics, community outreach and public health policy

Lead Organizer for Seattle State of the Youth (Seattle, WA)**2018**

- Organized 100 faith leaders, psychologists, and community leaders to have a conversation around youth care and mentorship in the Seattle area.

SEATTLE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION

21 Members: Pursuant to 3.14.920, 21 members subject to City Council confirmation, with 2-year terms.

- 8 City Council-appointed
- 9 Mayor-appointed
- 4 Other Appointing Authority-appointed: Commission

Roster as of June 10, 2026

<i>Position Number</i>	<i>Position Title</i>	<i>Appointee Name</i>	<i>Term Begin Date</i>	<i>Term End Date</i>	<i>*Term Number</i>	<i>Appointed By</i>
1	Member	Bryennah Quander	7/23/25	7/22/27	2	City Council
2	Member	Trevor Duston	7/23/25	7/22/27	1	Mayor
3	Member	Amy Bailey	7/23/25	7/22/27	1	City Council
4	Member	Gwen McCullough	7/23/25	7/22/27	1	Mayor
5	Member	J. Queen Adams	7/23/25	7/22/27	1	City Council
6	Member	Kyle Tibbs	7/23/26	7/22/28	1	Mayor
7	Member	VACANT	7/23/26	7/22/28	1	City Council
8	Member	VACANT	7/23/25	7/22/27	1	Commission
9	Member	Beverly Smith	7/23/26	7/22/28	2	Mayor
10	Member	VACANT	7/23/26	7/22/28	1	City Council
11	Member	Brandon Monson	7/23/26	7/22/28	1	Mayor
12	Member	Terry Lin	7/23/26	7/22/28	1	City Council
13	Member	Zoe Bailey Stylianides	7/23/25	7/22/27	1	Mayor
14	Member	David J. Isaak	7/23/25	7/22/27	1	City Council
15	Member	Kim Kkwafkwao	7/23/25	7/22/27	1	Mayor
16	Get Engaged	VACANT	9/1/25	8/31/26	1	Mayor
17	Member	Phillip Lewis	7/23/26	7/22/28	2	City Council
18	Member	Katie Sophie Gonser	7/23/26	7/22/28	1	Mayor
19	Member	VACANT	7/23/25	7/22/27	1	Commission
20	Member	Nicholas Leydon	7/23/26	7/22/28	1	Commission
21	Member	Miranda Catsambas	7/23/24	7/22/26	1	Commission

Self-identified diversity chart

<i>Appointing Authority</i>	<i>Male</i>	<i>Female</i>	<i>Transgender</i>	<i>Non-Binary</i>	<i>N/A</i>	<i>Asian</i>	<i>Black/ African American</i>	<i>American Indian/ Alaska Native</i>	<i>White/ non-Hispanic</i>	<i>Hispanic/ Latinx</i>	<i>Pacific Islander</i>	<i>Middle Eastern</i>	<i>Multi-racial</i>	<i>N/A</i>
Mayor	3	5					2		4					2
Council	3	3				1	1		1				1	3
Other	1	1		1					1					1
Total	7	9		1			3		6				1	4

City Council districts represented

<i>Council District</i>	<i>District 1</i>	<i>District 2</i>	<i>District 3</i>	<i>District 4</i>	<i>District 5</i>	<i>District 6</i>	<i>District 7</i>	<i>N/A</i>
Total	2	2	1	3	2	1	5	0

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