



City of Seattle Boards & Commissions Notice of Appointment

Appointee Name: *Balvina E. Cortez*

Board or Commission Name: *Seattle Disability Commission*

Position Title: *Member*

☐ Appointment ☒ Reappointment

***Term of Position:** *5/1/2026 to 4/30/2028*

☐ *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: *Central District*

Appointee brief overview:

Balvina Cortez is passionate about creating systemic change and building stronger community connections. With her experience living as a parent of neurodivergent children, her formal training to serve in non-profit boards along with her current participation in UW LEND Leadership Program has prepared her to be an advocate and representative of the community. Her experiences have shown the importance of representation, and of centering disabled voices in policy and decision-making. She brings her experiences and perspective as someone directly impacted, but also her dedication to listening, learning, and working collaboratively to advance disability justice in Seattle. Balvina has been an active participant and member since 2025 and looks forward to serving her first full term.

Appointing Authority Signature:

Date Signed: *6/30/2026*

Appointing Authority Printed Name and Title:

*Councilmember Dionne Foster
Seattle City Council*

Balvina E. Cortez

SKILLS

MS Office, Excel PowerPoint SharePoint Access Structured Query Language SQL Server Integration Services EPIC Analytics
Visual Studio C# HTML JavaScript CSS, Bilingual in Spanish

EXPERIENCE

M217, Inc. Self-employed

Dec. 1, 2018-Present

Cofunded medical clothing company and worked with VAD recipients to create life changing garments. Grew company to \$250,000 annual sales. I am responsible for bookkeeping, supply chain duties, warehouse inventory, business analysis and marketing. I use different tools and platforms such as Amazon seller, Salesforce, Google search console, and Facebook business.

Centene Provider Data Analyst

Oct. 1, 2017-Nov 30, 2018

As a data analyst I performed various data management activities to maintain database integrity. I Assisted in internal and governmental audits by researching and analyzing systemic data. Used multiple systems and applications to validate and update data according to contract specifications and standard business rules.

MultiCare Medical Group Assistant Purchaser

Nov. 2016-Apr. 2017

Tacoma General Hospital

Coordinate the purchase and delivery of medication to MultiCare's 170 outpatient clinics. I re-designed work processes to eliminate waste and optimized the layout of workspace. I created a runbook along with an Excel workbook to assist in new hire training. I used Excel and SQL for reporting on federal compliance, saving Tacoma General thousands of dollars.

Pharmacy Med. Rec. Technician

Aug. 2010-Sep. 2018

Good Samaritan Hospital Emergency Department

In this role I worked in the critical section of the emergency room department which meant I had to work well under pressure, maintain focus, prioritize based on patient care impact. In addition, collected and updated data into the patient's electronic health record.

EDUCATION

2019 University of Washington Digital Marketing certification

2017 Pierce college Computer Information Systems associate degree:

Database Management & Design, Health Information Management

2017 Pierce College Certificate Business Analysis, Application development

SEATTLE DISABILITY COMMISSION

21 Members: Pursuant to SMC 3.14.920, all members subject to City Council confirmation, with 2-year terms except for the Get Engaged member who will serve a 1-year term pursuant to SMC 3.51.

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

Roster as of July 2026

Position Number	Position Title	Appointee Name	Term Begin Date	Term End Date	*Term Number	Appointed By
1	Member	Samiya Nasim	5/1/25	4/30/27	1	Mayor
2	Member	Marc G Côté	5/1/25	4/30/27	1	City Council
3	Member	Scot Nelson	5/1/25	4/30/27	1	Mayor
4	Member	Adekunbi Ajiboye	5/1/26	4/30/28	1	City Council
5	Member	VACANT	5/1/26	4/30/28	1	Mayor
6	Member	Daniel Ramier	5/1/26	4/30/28	1	City Council
7	Member	VACANT	5/1/26	4/30/28	1	Mayor
8	Member	Rashaad O'Neal	5/1/26	4/30/28	1	City Council
9	Member	Balvina E Cortez	5/1/26	4/30/28	1	City Council
10	Member	Julia Thompson	5/1/26	4/30/28	1	Mayor
11	Member	Naomi Snow	5/1/26	4/30/28	1	City Council
12	Member	Sawyer Stearns	5/1/26	4/30/28	1	Mayor
13	Member	Bianca Gallegos	11/1/24	10/31/26	1	City Council
14	Member	Zachary Dar	11/1/24	10/31/26	1	Mayor
15	Member	Jessica Jensen	11/1/24	10/31/26	1	City Council
16	Get Engaged	Charlie Nguyen	9/1/25	8/31/26	1	Mayor
17	Member	VACANT	5/1/25	4/30/27	1	Commission
18	Member	Linda W. Finkle	11/1/24	10/31/26	1	Mayor
19	Member	Shelby Dey	5/1/26	4/30/28	3	Commission
20	Member	VACANT	5/1/26	4/30/28	1	Commission
21	Member	VACANT	11/1/24	10/31/26	1	Commission

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

City Council districts represented

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

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