



City of Seattle Boards & Commissions Notice of Appointment

Appointee Name: *John Olensky*

Board or Commission Name: *Seattle Center Advisory Commission*

Position Title: *Member*

☐ Appointment ☒ Reappointment

***Term of Position:** *9/29/2026 to 9/28/2029*

☐ *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: *Council District 7*

Appointee brief overview:

John Olensky is a licensed Architect and Building Envelope Consultant in Seattle. Olensky has a Master's degree in the Conservation of Historic Towns and Buildings from Catholic University in Leuven, Belgium. Olensky's focus is on the rehabilitation of existing and historic buildings throughout the Puget Sound. Originally from Western Canada, Olensky has practiced for more than 25 years in the US in several states, most recently California and Hawaii. Olensky has lived in the Magnolia neighborhood for the last 8 years with his wife and 3 sons. Most of all, Olensky really appreciates learning and collaborating with a team of people, contributing to the success of the Seattle Center while representing the community and advising the Seattle Center staff as well as the Mayor and City Council.

Appointing Authority Signature:

Date Signed: *6/16/26*

Appointing Authority Printed Name and Title:

Katie B. Wilson
Mayor of Seattle

John Olensky AIA, REGISTERED ARCHITECT, WASHINGTON STATE & THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

BUILDING ENVELOPE DESIGN ▪ FORENSIC ARCHITECTURE ▪ ARCHITECTURE ▪ HISTORIC PRESERVATION

For multiple years I have designed repairs for building exteriors (building envelope repair) and done new building envelope design. Prior to building envelope design, I practiced Architecture and historic preservation. I was educated in Europe and Canada. I am humble, respectful and collaborative. Much of what I do is technical, but requires creative solutions, borne from collaboration, communication, and importantly, listening to clients and stakeholders.

WORK EXPERIENCE

Architect, Senior Consultant

OAC Consortus, Seattle, Washington - 2025

Architect focused on building envelope design and forensic consulting on new and existing building envelope design within Consortus, a capital program management and advisory firm leveraging digital innovation to redefine how the world gets built.

Principal Architect, Senior Consultant, Architectural Building Envelope Repair

Evolution Architecture, Seattle, Washington – 2020 (Current)

Lead principal Architect responsible for signing and stamping drawings with a youthful company focusing on design for exterior building envelope repair and rehabilitation of existing commercial and multi-family buildings, with an outstanding team that combines practical know-how, state of the art technology, professional expertise, and forward-thinking marketing.

Senior Project Manager: Building Envelope Design, New Construction

Cross 2 Design, Seattle, Washington - 2015 to 2019

Rewarding and challenging opportunity in a high-volume, very profitable and fast-paced work environment, serving clients in the climatically challenging (and booming) Pacific Northwest and for the robust Northern California construction boom.

Design Building Envelope plans and details corresponding to Architectural designs for multifamily housing for multiple clients in the Pacific Northwest, San Francisco Bay Area, Silicon Valley, and Southern California markets. Exterior systems encompass everything but the kitchen sink, including concrete courtyard amenity spaces, roof top amenity spaces, multiple below grade conditions, as well as multiple claddings and window and storefront systems.

Senior Project Manager: Building Envelope Repair and Forensic Architecture

Allana Buick & Bers, Honolulu, Hawaii - 2010 to 2014

Had the great fortune to enjoy working in one of the friendliest and unique cultures in America! Investigated, developed and made building envelope designs and drawing packages for projects throughout the Hawaiian Islands on Oahu, Maui, and Hawaii, for a variety of clients, from the largest landowners in the state to small businessmen and individual owners. Gained new and enriching technical perspectives from the unique technical challenges of a Pacific Island environment, while working within a closely knit business community with strongly held community values.

Projects included hotel and resort exterior facade restorations, shopping mall facade restorations, resort and condominium recreation deck restorations, hospital and institutional restorations, and elderly housing.

Project Manager: Building Envelope Repair and Forensic Architecture Litigation

Posard Broek + Associates, San Francisco Bay Area, California - 2008 to 2010

Rewarding position within a profitable small business environment, reporting to the firm Principles, with responsibilities for developing, producing, and implementing stand-alone design packages for remedial repairs at projects throughout the San Francisco Bay area.

Implemented system for field documenting existing conditions at buildings, and researching products and repair techniques, leading to the production of remedial designs for deteriorated and defective building exteriors. Developed techniques and strategies to communicate using detailed hand-drawn sketches and photos to clearly guide overseas drafting personnel. Flexibly assisted with the firm's core business in forensic consulting and field investigations as plaintiff experts representing clients locally and nationally.

John Olensky

Project Manager: Building Envelope Design, New Construction

Olympic Associates, Seattle, Washington - 2007 to 2008

Designed Building Envelope details, drawings and specifications corresponding to Architectural designs for clients in the Pacific Northwest. Collaborated with Architectural design firms focusing on new condominium construction in Seattle and Eastern Washington. Collaborated with senior managers while managing personnel producing CAD drawings. Gained eye opening exposure to stringent technical requirements and unique products required in a challenging climactic region, requiring understanding, study, and implementation of critical building science concepts and state-of-the art building components.

Building Envelope Designer: Historic Architecture

Page and Turnbull, San Francisco, California - 2006 to 2007

Provided in-house technical consulting for producing building envelope design details and specifications for adaptive re-use, re-development, and re-modeling of historic buildings for residential and commercial use. Mentored and collaborated with junior and senior colleagues on exterior building envelope details within a medium-sized historic preservation firm, at the longest practicing and one of the top preservation firms in the Western United States.

Projects included redevelopment of historic officers' barracks into the Disney Family Museum in the Presidio, San Francisco; redevelopment of the historic residences in the Presidio; redevelopment of historic multi-unit university housing at Stanford University; and remodeling of historic craftsman style homes in San Francisco.

Consultant, Building Envelope Repair and Forensic Architecture Litigation

Aquatech Consultancy, San Francisco Bay Area, California - 2004 to 2006

Managed and assisted with forensic field investigations and water testing of building envelope components, producing remedial repairs, representing building owners, contractors, and clients in litigation cases.

Served as an in-house Architectural designer producing architectural CAD designs and drawings for a variety of buildings ranging from wood frame to curtain wall assemblies, for residential, commercial and public-sector clients. Performed small scale investigations and water testing of difficult, head-scratching building defects, leading to production of short form specification repair reports featuring hand sketches, annotated photos, and manufacturers' product data.

Project Manager, Building Envelope Repair and Forensic Architecture Litigation

McGinnis Chen Associates, San Francisco, California - 2000 to 2004

Began initial Forensic Architectural career for a recognized and respected San Francisco Forensic Architecture firm, producing exterior remedial repair designs, managing production of construction drawings, and performing construction observation. Projects included existing contemporary and historic buildings varying from multi-story office towers to low rise residential and commercial structures, ranging from wood frame to storefront construction, clad in stucco, siding, stone veneer, and EIFS.

Developed valuable skills for performing forensic field investigations for repair projects, including documenting existing buildings, using detailed measured hand-sketches and digital photography, translating the field information into accurate base drawings that formed the basis for remedial repair CAD drawings and specifications.

Projects varied widely and included remedial repair at Wells Fargo World Headquarters in the San Francisco Financial District; investigation and preparation of exterior envelope conditions assessments of high and low rise historic buildings in the San Francisco Financial District; investigations and remedial repairs to Bank of America buildings in the San Francisco Bay Area, commercial office buildings in Sacramento, hotels on the Coastal Sonoma County, California, and an assisted living complex on the Bay Area Peninsula

EDUCATION

Master Conservation Historic Towns and Buildings

Catholic University Leuven
Leuven, 1999

Bachelor of Environmental Studies in Architecture

University of Manitoba
1986 to 1992

SKILLS

Computer Graphics and Architectural CAD drafting with AutoCad and Revit; training and experience in hand drafting; PDF red line markup and illustration using Bluebeam Revu; Digital photo editing using Photoshop and other photo software; Report writing including developing graphic and photographic content using MS Word and Publisher; Estimating A&E services and construction budgets using MS Excel; Layout of digital photos, illustrations, sketches, and drawings using MS Publisher and Adobe Acrobat; Extensive digital photographic experience in field documenting architectural conditions; Production of precise, measured hand drawn field sketches for documenting existing conditions; Operation of various field testing apparatus including Elcometer, moisture meters, thermal imaging camera, and water testing with spray racks and standardized nozzles

Seattle Center Advisory Commission

15 Members: Pursuant to Ordinances 91885 and 108936, 3-year terms; 1 Member pursuant to Ordinance 121568, 1-year term; all members subject to City Council confirmation:

- 16 Mayor- appointed

Roster:

*D	**G	RD	Position No.	Position Title	Name	Term Begin Date	Term End Date	Term #	Appointed By
6	M	7	1.	Member	Matthew Howard Roewe	9/29/25	9/28/28	1	Mayor
6	F	7	2.	Member	Adriane Musuneggi	9/29/25	9/28/28	1	Mayor
6	M	7	3.	Member	Michael George	9/29/25	9/28/28	3	Mayor
6	M	7	4.	Chair	Mark F. Dederer	9/29/25	9/28/28	6	Mayor
6	F	7	5.	Member	Sally Bagshaw	9/29/25	9/28/28	2	Mayor
6	M	7	6.	Member	John Olensky	9/29/26	9/28/29	3	Mayor
6	F	6	7.	Member	Sarah C. Rich	9/29/26	9/28/29	5	Mayor
6	F	1	8.	Member	Ashley McClaran	9/29/26	9/28/29	1	Mayor
6	M	1	9.	Member	Eric Berlinberg	9/29/26	9/28/29	3	Mayor
6	F	7	10.	Member	Michael Johnson	9/29/26	9/28/29	1	Mayor
2	M	4	11.	Member	Matthew Mead	9/29/24	9/28/27	2	Mayor
2	M	N/A	12.	Member	Eric Pettigrew	9/29/24	9/28/27	1	Mayor
7	F	2	13.	Member	Lara Mae D. Chollette	9/29/24	9/28/27	2	Mayor
6	M	N/A	14.	Vice Chair	Will Ludlam	9/29/24	9/28/27	5	Mayor
3	F	2	15.	Member	Gloria Alvarez Connors	9/29/24	9/28/27	5	Mayor
2	F	7	16.	Get Engaged Member	Lauren Campbell	9/1/25	8/31/26	1	Mayor

SELF-IDENTIFIED DIVERSITY CHART

					(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)
	Male	Female	Transgender	NB/ O/ U	Asian	Black/ African American	Hispanic/ Latino	American Indian/ Alaska Native	Other	Caucasian/ Non-Hispanic	Pacific Islander	Middle Eastern	Multiracial
Mayor	8	8				3	1			11	1		
Council													
Other													
Total	8	8				3	1			11	1		

Key:

*D List the corresponding *Diversity Chart* number (1 through 9)

**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

Diversity information is self-identified and is voluntary.