



City of Seattle Boards & Commissions Notice of Appointment

Appointee Name: <i>Zahoor Ahmed</i>		
Board/Commission Name: <i>Washington State Convention Center Public Facilities District</i>		Position Title: <i>Member</i>
☒ Appointment OR ☐ Reappointment		City Council Confirmation required? ☒ Yes ☐ No
Appointing Authority: ☐ City Council ☒ Mayor ☐ Other: <i>Fill in appointing authority</i>		Term of Position: * <i>7/31/2026</i> to <i>7/30/2030</i> ☐ <i>Serving remaining term of a vacant position</i>
Residential Neighborhood: <i>Shoreline</i>	Zip Code: <i>98177</i>	Contact Phone No.: <i>[REDACTED]</i>
Background: <i>R.C. Hedreen Co – Chief Financial Officer and VP Hotel Operations – from August 2000</i> <i>Hyatt Regency San Francisco – Senior Controller</i> <i>Hyatt Regency San Francisco Airport – Senior Controller</i> <i>Grand Hyatt San Francisco – Controller</i> <i>Park Hyatt San Francisco Controller</i> <i>Education: B.S. Hotel Administration – University of Nevada Las Vegas</i> <i>B.Commerce – University of Karachi, Pakistan</i>		
Authorizing Signature (original signature): <i>Katie B Wilson</i> Date Signed (appointed): 6/4/26		Appointing Signatory: <i>Katie B. Wilson</i> Mayor of Seattle

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

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NAME Zahoor Ahmed

CURRENT TITLE Chief Financial Officer and VP
R.C. Hedreen Co



PLACE OF BIRTH Karachi - Pakistan

EDUCATION Bachelors of Commerce; University of Karachi, Pakistan, 1979
BS Hotel and Restaurant Administration; University of Nevada, Las Vegas; 1984

PROJECTS AND ACCLOMPLISHMENTS Largest hotel in Pacific Northwest – 1260 Rooms and over 100,000 sq. ft of meeting space, Hyatt Regency Seattle opened in December 2018. Significant involvement in construction financing, hotel programs, sales goals and tracking of advance bookings, pre-opening offices, construction contracts with General Contractor as well as Sub-contractors, post opening placing of permanent financing of \$435 million.

Overseeing the management of Renaissance Seattle – all aspects, Finance, Human Resources, Sales and Marketing, and Engineering – tracking competition to stay ahead of the trends

Asset Managing of Grand Hyatt and Hyatt @ Olive 8, tracking sales performance, providing guidance to the hotels to improve sales and future revenue opportunities

Hedge Funds and Stock portfolio management

Over \$1.2 billion in long term financing over the last three years.

**Credit lines and banking relationship
Internal Controls for all businesses in compliance with GAAP
and Uniform Systems of Accounts.**

PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

**CFO – VP Hotel Operations – R.C. Hedreen Co; 2006 - present
Senior Controller/Controller – R.C. Hedreen Co and Grand Hyatt Seattle;
2001 - 2006
Senior Controller – Hyatt Regency San Francisco; 1995 - 2000
Regional Controller – Hyatt Regency San Francisco Airport; 1990 - 1995
Controller – Grand Hyatt Seattle; 1990 - 1992
Controller – Park Hyatt San Francisco; 1988 - 1990
CMT – Asst Controller – Hyatt Regency San Francisco; 1984 – 1988**

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

**2007 – Present Board Member
Washington Hospitality Association
Past Board Chair**

**1988 – 2016 Board Member - Hospitality Finance and Technology
Professionals**

**2010 – Present – Board Member
Visit Seattle
Past Board Chair and Finance Chair**

**2013 – Present - Board Member
Downtown Seattle Association
Past Board Chair – Downtown Seattle Association**

Washington State Convention Center Public Facilities District

9 Members: Pursuant to RCW 36.100.020 and King County Ordinance 16883, 3 members subject to Seattle City Council confirmation, 4-year terms:

- 3 Appointed by the Governor
- 3 Appointed by the County Executive, confirmed by the County Council
- 3 Appointed by the Mayor, confirmed by the City Council
 - 1 mayoral appointment must represent organized labor, except that this requirement does not apply to the initial board

Roster: 2026 6.8.26

*D	**G	RD	Pos. No.	Position Title	Name	Term Begin Date	Term End Date	Term #	Position	Appointed By
2	F	N/A	1.	Member	Deryl Brown-Archie	7/31/10	7/30/26	2	Law: Health, Insurance	County
6	M	N/A	2.	Chair	Frank K. Finneran	7/31/10	7/30/26	2	Hospitality	County
6	M	7	3.	Member	Stuart Rolfe	7/31/24	7/30/28	2	Hospitality	County
3	N/A	N/A	4.	Member	Rachel Smith	4/16/26	7/30/28	3	Business	Governor
6	M	N/A	5.	Member	Tom Norwalk	01/01/23	7/30/26	1	Hospitality	Governor
6	M	7	6.	Vice Chair	Craig Schafer	7/31/20	7/30/28	2	Hospitality	Governor
6	F	2	7.	Member	Katie Garrow	7/31/22	7/30/26	1	Organized Labor	Mayor
2	M	NA	8.	Member	Zahoor Ahmed	7/31/26	7/30/30	1	Hospitality	Mayor
1	F	7	9.	Member	Joy Shigaki	7/31/24	7/30/28	1	Business	Mayor

SELF-IDENTIFIED DIVERSITY CHART

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	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
Governor	2	1								2			
County Executive	2	1				1				2			
Mayor	1	2			1					1			
Total					1	1	1			5			

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