



# City of Seattle Boards & Commissions Notice of Appointment

<b>Appointee Name:</b> K. M. Van Petten		
<b>Board/Commission Name:</b> Seattle Music Commission		<b>Position Title:</b> Member
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Appointment</b> OR <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Reappointment</b>		<b>City Council Confirmation required?</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
<b>Appointing Authority:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> City Council <input type="checkbox"/> Mayor <input type="checkbox"/> Other: <i>Fill in appointing authority</i>		<b>Term of Position: *</b> 9/1/2025 to 8/31/2028  <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Serving remaining term of a vacant position</i>
<b>Residential Neighborhood</b> Greenwood	<b>Zip Code:</b> 98103	<b>Contact Phone No.:</b> [REDACTED]
<b>Background:</b> K.M. Van Petten is a music industry professional, artist, and nonprofit leader based in Seattle. They currently serve as Marketing Director at Sonic Guild Seattle, supporting artists through grants, programming, and community partnerships. An active musician and writer, K brings firsthand experience navigating the challenges facing artists and venues, and is deeply invested in building a more equitable, sustainable local music ecosystem.		
<b>Authorizing Signature (original signature):</b>  <b>Date Signed (appointed):</b> 3/24/26		<b>Appointing Signatory:</b> Alexis Mercedes Rinck City Councilmember

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

# K.M. VAN PETTEN



## ABOUT ME

Music industry professional, artist, and non-profit leader with deep experience in artist advocacy, grants administration, community partnerships, and live music ecosystems. Currently leading marketing and communications for a music-focused nonprofit, with a strong background in artist support, public programming, and cross-sector collaboration. Active musician and writer with firsthand understanding of the challenges facing artists and venues in Seattle.

## EDUCATION

Illinois Wesleyan University  
Marketing & Theatre Arts

Coursework focused on marketing strategy, communications, and storytelling, alongside performance and production studies. Developed skills in audience engagement, narrative development, and creative project execution across both academic and applied settings.

School of Song | 2020-present  
Graduate of 8 songwriting courses

Ongoing professional development in songwriting, creative practice, and peer-based critique. Coursework emphasizes craft, discipline, and sustainable creative process, with instruction from working artists and educators.

## SKILLS

- Artist advocacy and support
- Music nonprofit operations
- Grant and program communications
- Music industry marketing strategy
- Live music and venue ecosystems
- Community partnerships
- Public-facing arts initiatives
- Equity, access, and sustainability in the arts
- Songwriting
- Live music performance
- Event planning

## EXPERIENCE

Sonic Guild | 2023-present  
Marketing Director

- Lead marketing, communications, and audience development strategy for a music nonprofit providing direct financial support to artists
- Manage promotion for grants, concerts, and member programming supporting Seattle's music ecosystem
- Coordinate artist-facing communications, application processes, and public storytelling around funded work
- Collaborate with venues, partners, and civic-aligned organizations to amplify local music and community impact

KEXP | 2024-present  
KEXP Advisory Board Member

- Advise on community engagement, equity, and cultural impact
- Provide feedback connecting grassroots music communities with public-facing media initiatives

Self-Employed Musician | 2012-present  
Musician, Songwriter, Performer

- Active performing artist and songwriter within Seattle's independent music community
- Perform, release music, and participate in community-driven shows and arts programming
- Bring lived experience as a working artist navigating affordability, access, and sustainability

## REFERENCES

Ben London  
CEO | Sonic Guild

Jessica Toon  
PNW Chapter Recording Academy

# MUSIC INDUSTRY PROFESSIONAL

# Seattle Music Commission

21 Members: Pursuant to *Ordinance 124422*, all members subject to City Council confirmation, 3-year terms:

- 10 City Council-appointed
- 11 Mayor-appointed

## Roster:

*D	**G	RD	Position No.	Position Title	Name	Term Begin Date	Term End Date	Term #	Appointed By
1	F	6	1.	Commissioner	Kelli Faryar	9/1/23	8/31/26	1	Mayor
2	M	6	2.	Commissioner	Nick Turner	9/1/23	8/31/26	1	City Council
n/a	M	6	3.	Commissioner	Andrew Joslyn	9/1/23	8/31/26	2	Mayor
2	M	6	4.	Chair	Jason Clackley	9/1/23	8/31/26	2	City Council
2	F	6	5.	Commissioner	Anne O’Dowd	9/1/23	8/31/26	2	Mayor
n/a	M	9	6.	Commissioner	Eric Lilavois	9/1/23	8/31/26	2	City Council
5	F	6	7.	Commissioner	Christina Frappia	9/1/24	8/31/27	1	Mayor
2	F	2	8.	Commissioner	Bunnie Moore	9/1/24	8/31/27	2	City Council
2	F	6	9.	Commissioner	Olivia Hamilton	9/1/24	8/31/27	1	Mayor
6	NB	6	10.	Commissioner	Andrea Friedman	9/1/25	8/31/28	2	City Council
1	M	2	11.	Commissioner	Jordan Leonard	9/1/24	8/31/27	1	Mayor
1	F	2	12.	Commissioner	Adra Boo	9/1/24	8/31/27	2	City Council
2	M	7	13.	Commissioner	Keola Kama	9/1/24	8/31/27	2	Mayor
6	F	6	14.	Commissioner	Shaina Foley	9/1/24	8/31/27	1	City Council
5	F	9	15.	Commissioner	Tina Marie Tyler	9/1/25	8/31/28	1	Mayor
5	M	6	16.	Commissioner	Ryan Patrick Devlin	9/1/25	8/31/28	1	City Council
3	M	6	17.	Commissioner	Seven Sky Spillios	9/1/25	8/31/28	1	Mayor
6	NB	6	18.	Commissioner	K.M. Van Petten	9/1/25	8/31/28	1	City Council
6	M	2	19.	Commissioner	Marshall Hugh Massengale	9/1/25	8/31/28	1	Mayor
n/a	F	7	20.	Commissioner	Janice L. Jimenez	9/1/25	8/31/28	1	City Council
			21.	Commissioner	Empty	9/1/25	8/31/28	1	Mayor

## SELF-IDENTIFIED DIVERSITY CHART

	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	5	5			0	1	0			6	1		1
Council	4	4		2	0	3	0			6	1		1
Other													
<b>Total</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>11</b>		<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>			<b>12</b>	<b>2</b>		<b>2</b>

## Key:

- \*D List the corresponding *Diversity Chart* number (1 through 9)
  - \*\*G List gender identity, 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 voluntary.*