




City of Seattle Boards & Commissions Notice of Appointment

Appointee Name: Nate Lessler	
Board/Commission Name: Historic Seattle Preservation and Development Authority	Position Title: Position 9 - Member
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Appointment <i>OR</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Reappointment	City Council Confirmation required? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Appointing Authority: <input type="checkbox"/> City Council <input type="checkbox"/> Mayor <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other Governing Council	Term of Position: * 12/1/2025 to 11/30/2028 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <i>Serving remaining term of a vacant position</i>
Residential Neighborhood: Montlake	Zip Code: 98112 Contact Phone No.:
Background:	
Authorizing Signature (original signature): Date Signed (appointed):	Appointing Signatory: Lorne McConachie Chair  11/11/25

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

Nate Lessler



SUMMARY

Documentary producer and video editor with over a decade of experience crafting nonfiction stories for film and digital platforms. Director of The Seattle Earthquake Project, an in-production feature documentary examining how seismic risk, history, and the built environment shape life in the Pacific Northwest. Experienced in archival research, post-production, and collaboration with civic, scientific, and cultural organizations.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Principal Collaborator / Media Lead

Fix the Bricks Campaign (Independent Civic Collaboration) | 2025–Present

An ongoing public-outreach and preservation initiative produced in collaboration with the City of Seattle's Unreinforced Masonry (URM) Program and with support from the Structural Engineers Foundation of Washington (SEFW).

- Wrote and led production of the campaign's central call-to-action video and supporting materials, working with campaign leadership, engineers, and preservation advocates to advance outreach promoting URM retrofits and support for House Bill 1810.
- Developed social-media content, public reels, and additional outreach media emphasizing preservation, safety, and civic resilience.
- Supported communications and collaboration across agencies and nonprofit partners.

Producer / Director

The Seattle Earthquake Project (In-Production Feature Documentary) | 2024–Present

- Recipient of 4Culture Arts and Heritage Grants; lead grant writer.
- Lead producer, writer, and director of a documentary examining seismic risk, regional history, and the relationship between community resilience and place in Seattle.
- Conducted 20+ filmed interviews with scientists, engineers, historians, and emergency managers, and documented operations inside Seattle's Emergency Operations Center.
- Oversaw archival producing and rights clearances and sponsored the digitization of previously inaccessible film materials from the Seattle Municipal Archives for both documentary and public research use.

Selected Freelance & Advocacy Projects | 2020–Present

- Editor – Snake River Dam Removal Campaign Video: Edited advocacy video supporting salmon restoration, clean-energy alternatives, and ecosystem recovery in partnership with regional conservation groups and the Nez Perce Tribe.
- Assistant Editor – Microsoft / Replit Case Study Video (2025)
- Producer – Inspire Washington: Created short-form videos for the state’s leading cultural advocacy organization, advancing public awareness around arts, heritage, and science funding.
- Archival Producer – *Transmission* (Fiscal Sponsorship: Gotham Film & Media Institute): Sourcing and clearing historic footage for an internationally produced feature film.
- Additional clients include Witness Immersive (NYC / London), and regional arts nonprofits.

Lead Editor & Post-Production Supervisor

Hullabaloo (Emmy Award-Winning Creative Agency) | 2018–2023

Assistant Editor | 2017–2018

- Oversaw post-production for branded and documentary-style campaigns for Microsoft, Dell Technologies, The Gates Foundation, and The Nature Conservancy.
- Collaborated with creative teams to shape story structure and write scripts for social-media ads, brand videos, and short documentaries, blending motion graphics and live-action storytelling.
- Managed international media workflows and mentored junior editors to streamline delivery under tight deadlines.

Lead Editor – Ultimate Citizens (Documentary Film) | 2019–2023

- Lead editor for award-winning documentary following an Iranian American educator’s work with immigrant youth in Seattle.
- Screened at 50+ festivals worldwide including SIFF and SXSW EDU.

Earlier Experience

- Harborview Medical Center – Programs Assistant, (Seattle, 2015–2016)
- Whitewater Films – Production Assistant (Los Angeles, 2014–2015)

EDUCATION

Whitman College – B.A. Film & Media Studies, Minor: Sociology | 2013

TECHNICAL SKILLS

Adobe Premiere Pro, After Effects, Audition, DaVinci Resolve, Final Cut Pro, Photoshop, Archival Research & Rights Clearance.

Historic Seattle Preservation and Development Authority

18 Members: Pursuant to RCW 35.21.730 and SMC 3.110, all members subject to City Council confirmation, 3-year terms, however, due to restructuring of the board a 1-year transition provision is implemented until a stagger is created.

- 6 Mayor- appointed
- 12 Other Appointing Authority: 6- PDA Governing Council, 6- PDA Constituency

Roster:

*D	**G	RD	Position No.	Position Title	Name	Current Term Begin Date	Term End Date	Term #	Appointed By
6	M	2	1.	Member	David Yeaworth	12/1/20	11/30/24	2	Constituency
6	F	5	2.	Member	Stephanie Toothman	12/1/21	11/30/25	2	Mayor
6	M	4	3.	Member/ Chair	Lorne McConachie	12/1/22	11/30/26	1	Constituency
6	M	3	4.	Member	Bryce Seidl	12/1/25	11/30/28	1	Governing Council
2	M	N/A	5.	Member/ Ex Officio	Kenny Pittman	12/1/20	11/30/24	1	Mayor
1	F	N/A	6.	Member/ Vice Chair	Mariko Park	12/1/21	11/30/25	2	Constituency
8	F	3	7.	Member	Taha Ebrahimi	12/1/20	11/30/24	1	Governing Council
6	F	N/A	8.	Member/ Treasurer	Katy Al-Khalidi	12/1/23	11/30/26	1	Governing Council
6	M	3	9.	Member	Nate Lessler	12/1/25	11/30/28	1	Governing Council
6	M	N/A	10.	Member	Alistair Ceretti	12/1/24	11/30/27	1	Mayor
6	M	7	11.	Member	Rick Sever	12/1/23	11/30/24	5	Constituency
1	M	1	12.	Member/ Secretary	Raam Wong	12/1/24	11/30/27	1	Mayor
6	F	2	13.	Member	Angela Faul	12/1/23	11/30/26	1	Governing Council
6	F	2	14.	Member	Caroline Lemay	12/1/23	11/30/26	1	Governing Council
6	M	7	15.	Member	Bert Gregory	12/1/24	11/30/27	1	Constituency
2	M	5	16.	Member	Jonathan Moore	12/1/24	11/30/27	1	Mayor
6	F	2	17.	Member	Kimberly Kemp	12/1/23	11/30/26	1	Constituency
			18.	Member	Vacant				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
Mayor	2	1			1	2				2			
Council	2	4								4		1	
Other	4	2			1					5			
Total	7	7			2	2				9		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.