



City of Seattle Boards & Commissions Notice of Appointment

Appointee Name: *Brandon Monson*

Board or Commission Name: *Seattle Human Rights Commission*

Position Title: *Member*

☐ Appointment ☒ Reappointment ***Term of Position:** *7/23/2026 to 7/22/2028*

☐ *Serving partial term (eligible for full terms thereafter)*

Appointing Authority: ☐ City Council ☒ Mayor ☐ Other: *Commission*

City Council Confirmation Required? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Residential Neighborhood: *Greenwood, District 5*

Appointee brief overview:

Commissioner Monson would like to continue serving on the Commission because he believes the work of the commission has a direct impact on creating a more equitable, inclusive, and welcoming community for all residents. During his time on the Commission, Brandon has gained valuable insight into the challenges facing the communities of Seattle and the opportunities the commission has to make meaningful progress. Commissioner Monson is committed to building on the work already underway, strengthening community engagement, and ensuring diverse voices are heard in the decision-making process. Continuing his service would allow him to contribute his experience, collaborate with fellow commissioners, and help advance the Commission's mission and goals.

Appointing Authority Signature:

Date Signed: *6/24/26*

Appointing Authority Printed Name and Title:

Mayor Katie Wilson

Brandon Monson

SUMMARY

Experienced advisor to politicians, senior leaders, and managers, skilled in solving complex problems, delivering creative solutions, and identifying strategic opportunities. A cross-functional leader with a focus on empathy, stakeholder engagement, and strategic planning to drive organizational goals.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Campaign Manager – Toshiko Hasegawa King County District 2

2026 - Present

Special Projects Coordinator – City of Kirkland

2025-2026

Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) – Congressional Affairs Manager

2023 – 2025

- Manage all communications between FEMA and Senate/Congressional offices in Oregon, Washington, Idaho, and Alaska.
- Led the response to Hurricane Helene in Tennessee and the wildfire response in Los Angeles County.
- Serve as the primary point of contact for 450 FEMA regional staff regarding congressional and intergovernmental external relations, including meeting facilitation, town halls, and site tours.
- Advise regional External Affairs Director and Regional Administrator on strategies and tactics impacting local elected officials.
- Maintain and grow relationships with elected officials and their staff.
- Provide information and recommendations to senior leadership regarding trends affecting the organization and key stakeholders.
- Manage multiple long- and short-term projects, ensuring successful execution.
- Draft and edit various communication materials for internal and external stakeholders, including press releases, talking points, speeches, briefing packets, and media advisories.

Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) – Intergovernmental Affairs Specialist

2022 – 2023

- Facilitated in-person and virtual briefings for elected officials, staff, and FEMA senior leadership.
- Developed and coordinated strategic communications products, including External Affairs Guidance and embargoed documents.
- Established and maintained effective working relationships with leadership, advising on outreach and engagement efforts.
- Determined effective communication approaches to reach target audiences, tracking and evaluating outcomes for continuous improvement.

The Just One Project – Director of Outreach

2021 – 2022

- Managed 16 monthly pop-up food delivery events, serving an average of 12,000 people.
- Created and implemented permanent community markets in high schools and grocery stores in food desert areas.
- Worked with legislators to secure funding and expand service areas.
- Partnered with local businesses to increase volunteer participation and strengthen relationships.
- Led innovative initiatives to expand the organization's reach and impact.

Nevada Homeless Alliance – Consultant

2021

- Developed policy infographics to brief state legislators.
- Provided consultation on policy construction and implementation.
- Assisted in coordinating vaccine distribution events for individuals experiencing homelessness.

Clark County Commissioner Justin Jones – District Director

2020 – 2021

- Conducted policy research, drafted legislation, speeches, and talking points, including leading the effort to ban source of income discrimination in housing.
- Managed constituent services, preventing 50+ evictions by coordinating social service grants.
- Led multiple policies and events, including affordable housing initiatives and community outreach.
- Organized the county's first vaccine clinic for the homeless population and facilitated federal grant applications, securing a \$12 million grant for Red Rock National Park.

Congresswoman Jacky Rosen – Intern/District Representative

2018

- Provided policy guidance to leadership, developed legislative policies, and assisted in resolving key constituent issues related to USPS, Veterans Affairs, and USCIS.

Hakkasan Group – Security Specialist Manager

2013 – 2020

- Managed a team of 15+ employees, coordinating VIP entry, attendance, and security at casinos and nightclubs for high-profile guests.

EDUCATION

University of Nevada, Las Vegas

Master of Arts, Public Policy & Urban Leadership (2018 – 2020)

- Mapped Nevada food deserts and developed public-private partnerships to deploy sustainable solutions.

Bachelor of Arts, Political Science (Graduated with Honors, 2016 – 2018)

University of London

Candidate for Master of Arts, Refugee Protection & Forced Migration Studies (2023 – Current)

AWARDS & FELLOWSHIPS

- Advisory Board, UNLV Graduate Professional Development
- Winner, UNLV Student Learning and Leadership Impact Award
- Fellow, Ronald Reagan Foundation, Washington, D.C.
- Fellow, The Fund for American Studies, Washington, D.C.
- Recipient, UNLV Political Science Department Scholarship
- Finalist, Harry S. Truman Scholarship, Phoenix, AZ
- FEMA Core Value Award

COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP & IMPACT

- My Brother's Keeper Education and Equity Task Force
- 46th District Democrats Board Member
- Public Policy and Leadership Board, UNLV Graduate & Professional Student Association
- Mentor, UNLV Graduate & Professional Student Association
- Mentor, CSN Promise Scholarship
- Program Assistant, HOPE Scholars
- Homelessness and Hunger Coordinator, UNLV Volunteers
- Outreach Coordinator, UNLV Young Democrats
- President, Student Sustainability Council & Rebel Green Team

SEATTLE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION

21 Members: Pursuant to 3.14.920, 21 members subject to City Council confirmation, with 2-year terms.

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

Roster as of June 10, 2026

Position Number	Position Title	Appointee Name	Term Begin Date	Term End Date	*Term Number	Appointed By
1	Member	Bryennah Quander	7/23/25	7/22/27	2	City Council
2	Member	Trevor Duston	7/23/25	7/22/27	1	Mayor
3	Member	Amy Bailey	7/23/25	7/22/27	1	City Council
4	Member	Gwen McCullough	7/23/25	7/22/27	1	Mayor
5	Member	J. Queen Adams	7/23/25	7/22/27	1	City Council
6	Member	Kyle Tibbs	7/23/26	7/22/28	1	Mayor
7	Member	VACANT	7/23/26	7/22/28	1	City Council
8	Member	VACANT	7/23/25	7/22/27	1	Commission
9	Member	Beverly Smith	7/23/26	7/22/28	2	Mayor
10	Member	VACANT	7/23/26	7/22/28	1	City Council
11	Member	Brandon Monson	7/23/26	7/22/28	1	Mayor
12	Member	Terry Lin	7/23/26	7/22/28	1	City Council
13	Member	Zoe Bailey Stylianides	7/23/25	7/22/27	1	Mayor
14	Member	David J. Isaak	7/23/25	7/22/27	1	City Council
15	Member	Kim Kkwafkwao	7/23/25	7/22/27	1	Mayor
16	Get Engaged	VACANT	9/1/25	8/31/26	1	Mayor
17	Member	Phillip Lewis	7/23/26	7/22/28	2	City Council
18	Member	Katie Sophie Gonser	7/23/26	7/22/28	1	Mayor
19	Member	VACANT	7/23/25	7/22/27	1	Commission
20	Member	Nicholas Leydon	7/23/26	7/22/28	1	Commission
21	Member	Miranda Catsambas	7/23/24	7/22/26	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	5					2		4					2
Council	3	3				1	1		1				1	3
Other	1	1		1					1					1
Total	7	9		1			3		6				1	4

City Council districts represented

Council District	District 1	District 2	District 3	District 4	District 5	District 6	District 7	N/A
Total	2	2	1	3	2	1	5	0

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