

**MINUTES**  
**Seattle Music Commission Meeting**  
*Wednesday, June 16<sup>th</sup>, 2022, 12:00 – 1:30 p.m.*  
HYBRID ZOOM MEETING – BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS ROOM

**Commissioners Present:** Kitty Wu (presiding), Daniel Pak, Shannon Welles, Nick Vaerewyck, Jason Clackley, Paula Madrigal, Nate Omdal, Denise Burnside, Sue Ennis, Keola Kama, Jessica Toon, Joleen Hughes, Andrew Joslyn

**Commissioners Absent:** Adra Boo, Jovino Santos Neto, Casey McKay, Anne O’Dowd, Terry Morgan, Bunnie Moore, Eric Lilavois

**SMC Staff Present:** Scott Plusquellec

**Guests:** N/A

**Call to Order:** The ORDINAL meeting of the SMC was called to order at 12:10 p.m. by Chair Wu, with a Land Acknowledgement.

**Public Comment:**

- No Public Comment

**Round Robin Ice breaker – One good thing that happened this week:**

Commissioners took turns sharing positive things that happened in their lives recently

**Regular Commission Business:**

*Approval of Minutes:* Sue motions, Nate seconded, Unanimous approval of May 18th, 2022 Minutes, no abstentions.

**Discussion on nominations for new Commissioners:**

Openings on Commission and Committees

- Pak transitioning off in August
- This means two empty seats to fill (Pak’s and current vacancy)
- Pak is co-chair of Commission so need to find replacement
- Currently no co-chair for Advocacy and Econ D.

Executive Committee has decided to hold full commission meetings every other month after Pak leaves, meeting 6 times a year

Round Robin discussion on list of nominees

Discussion on Andrea Friedman – DIY scene, KEXP

- younger perspective,
- community engaged –
- doesn't bring a 20 years in Seattle perspective
- fosters spaces that aren't necessarily commerce focused

Nate – Andrea has expressed interest and that says a lot

Discussion on Tomo - would be good, been chasing for the Recording Academy Board,

- thoughtful about community and the music business,
- great connector and people person,
- help with Commission getting more ingrained in community,
- hard worker

Discussion on Sol – musician,

- touring a lot
- not sure if he'd have time or interest
- potentially viable but others might fill other priorities

Question - How do we rank these candidates?

Discussion on Eva Walker – concern that she has a lot on her plate. With all our needs we need someone with time for work

Discussion on Cedric Walker - is incredible

- strong bias for education and youth and community
- works at Amazon, Kitty – Amazon gives employees time to work in community

CM Nelson suggestion –

- concern that CM is making suggestion
- worry about precedent of this
- need to be as impartial as possible
- seems like a slippery slope, need to be careful

Discussion on Ahamefule Oluo– great person,

- concern that he has quite a few obligations in LA

Keola – what are the right criteria for choosing these people?

- Pak - In all these considerations, need to think about workplan and vision
- this should be guiding core values
- who is going to jump in and do the work

Discussion on Shaina Shepard - has been asked to do a lot, has a lot on plate

Discussion on STG rep –

- Pak - need a PR Comms person so thought about inquiring about their comms person
- Beth Fleenor just made Marketing Associate

- Nick - STG's marketing person just left
- Jessica – this makes me think of Victoria Wimer Contreras co-chair of education committee, very fired up and active, strong communicator

Discussion on Susan Silver – legacy person

- been in city for decades
- institutional knowledge
- still managing Alice in Chains
- travels quite a bit
- owner of Crocodile
- Joleen will reach out and ask interest

Discussion on Stephanie Ann Johnson - if Eva is too busy then Stephanie is too busy, lives in Tacoma could be a barrier

Discussion on Earnie Ashwood –

- Shannon – know him well, don't know if he would commit
- Nate - we can retract, suggested him when Shannon might be leaving

Discussion on Miguel del Aguila –

- great composer
- travels around the world
- works with youth
- classical music
- probably has time
- BIPOC composer

Discussion on Mira Craft

- Consider from a Comms perspective
- works with a lot of artists
- works with youth at Totem Star - connections with younger artists
- was part of the Mixer at KEXP gathering space
- Fills some needs on comms and being connected

Discussion on Ethan Anderson –

- been showing up
- is interested and has expressed being on Commission
- working on Guaranteed Income work

Areas of need –

- SMC have been working on diversity,
- have a lot more balance, more women and BIPOC folks.
- Comms experience is a glaring area that we need help with.

Paula- maybe pick one youth representative and one experienced person.

Shannon – Nate’s point about legislative experience is important, not having understanding of policy is limiting

Jessica – not a lot of education-based folks on the current matrix list of commissioners, only Pak self describes as educator.

Jessica has long history of work in comms and marketing can deploy there if that is best place for her

Nate – do we need a third subcommittee for Comms?

- Probably a good idea since these are working groups,
- Jessica/Nick interested in joining
- Visioning Committee could evolve into the comms role.

Re Tomo – do we want to pursue? Denise could ask

Agreed to Andrea, Susan, Tomo and Cedric as slate if Tomo and Cedric are interested.

**Youth and Community Update:**

No update, meeting was cancelled.

**Advocacy Committee Update:**

Settling in on Adult Education courses,

- pushed out to September 15th, looking for venue
- going to do a full day seminar so everyone can participate in each class
- looking to find a way to do Stipends

**Meeting Adjourned 1:30pm**