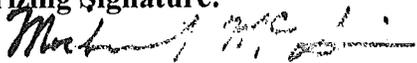


**City of Seattle
Notice of Appointment**

Name: Erica Sekins		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Executive Appointment <input type="checkbox"/> Legislative Appointment <input type="checkbox"/> Agency Appointment <input type="checkbox"/> PDA Council <input type="checkbox"/> PDA Constituency
Residential Neighborhood: Northeast	Zip Code: 98105	Contact Phone No.: (425) 890-6603
Appointed to: Seattle Commission for People with Disabilities		Date of Appointment: May 5, 2010
Authority (Ord., Res.): 118392		Term of Office: From: Confirmation To: April 30, 2011
Comments:		
Authorizing Signature: 		Name and Title of Officer Making Appointments: Mike McGinn Mayor

Confirmed by the Following Vote at City Council

In Favor:	Against:	Date:
Attested by:		Title:

Erica Gwynne Sekins

[REDACTED], Seattle, WA 98105

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- o Winter 2008: Resident Hall Student Association (RHSA)
- "Queerness and Disability"
 - o Winter 2006: Women 453: Lesbian Lives and Culture
 - o Fall 2006, Fall 2007, Winter 2008: Gen St 197: Queer 101
 - o Fall 2007: Social Work 504: Social Work for Social Justice
- "Beyond Pity and Medicalization:"
 - o Fall 2006: Presented to Alpha Epsilon Delta (pre-med honors society).

Fundraising and Grant Successes

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- Two-time recipient of the Mary Gates Endowment for Students Leadership Scholarship (Winter 2006- Summer 2006). (Winter 2007-Summer 2007): Totaling \$9,000
 - o Project goals completed January 2008 with the removal of transgender exclusions from the student health insurance
- Transgender Awareness Week (TAW)
 - o TAW 2008 (Multiple Sources, Awarded 4/08): ~\$4,270
 - o TAW 2007 (Multiple Sources, Awarded 4/07): ~\$4,600
 - o TAW 2006 (Multiple Sources, Awarded 4/06): ~\$5,300
- "Body Fair: Exploring Issues of Body, Mind, and Disability" (Awarded 5/23/07): \$839
- Eli Clare, Keynote Address, Lavender Graduation 2008 (Multiple Sources, Awarded 5/08-6/08): ~\$4,500

Memberships and Affiliations

- Co-Facilitator of Queer Women and Transgender Individuals Interest Group (QTIIG) (Fall 2005-Spring 2008)
 - o Organized the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd annual Transgender Awareness Week
- President of Disability Advocacy Student Alliance (D.A.S.A) (Starting 2007-2008) (Participant since Spring 2005)
 - o Participant in the Development of the Disability Awareness Program (D.A.P.), a training program aimed at educating the public and UW community about issues surrounding disability.
- Member of the AdHoc Committee to Review Disability Resources for Students (DRS) under the offices of Vice Provost and Vice President for Student Life, and Vice provost and Vice President for Diversity Efforts.
- Peer Educator, Committee Organizing Rape Education (C.O.R.E.) (Spring 2004-Winter 2006)
- Served on the Mary Gates Endowment for Students Leadership Scholarship Selection committee (Fall 2007-Spring 2008)
- Participant in Washington State Public Affairs Network "Comcast Conversations" with University of Washington President Mark Emmert (May 2007)
- Appointed as ASUW representative to the Student health insurance review committee (Fall 2007-Spring 2008)
- Appointed as ASUW representative to UW's Mental Health & Student Insurance Work Group (Fall 2007-Spring 2008)
- Member of the Office of Minority Affairs and Diversity, Student Advisory Board (OMA/D SAB)

Awards

- Life Long AIDS Alliance: 2006 Youthopolis Award
 - o "Bridging the Gap: Transgender Awareness"
- Science Fair Project: San Diego, CA (Fall 2000-Spring 2001)
 - o 3rd Place award California State Science Fair
 - o 1st Place award Greater San Diego Science and Engineering Fair

Travel and Sport Experience

- Completed Black Diamond Olympic Triathlon (September 2009)
- Completed Danskin Triathlon (August 2009).
- Varsity Softball (Bellevue Senior High School)
 - o Team Captain Senior Year
- J.V. Softball (Torrey Pines High School)
- J.V. Basketball (Torrey Pines High School)

- Traveled to: Vietnam, Cambodia, Thailand, Bahrain, Greece, England (Summer 2007)
- Traveled to: Ireland and England (Spring 2000)
- Multiple trips to Mexico and Canada

SEATTLE COMMISSION FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

15 MEMBERS 7 Appointed by the Mayor
 7 Appointed by City Council
 1 Appointed by the Commission
 2-year terms, staggered

1 MEMBER Get Engaged Program - Appointed by Mayor
 1-year term

All appointments confirmed by City Council.

	<u>Commissioner</u>	<u>Appointed</u>	<u>Term Ends</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Appointed By</u>
6	Rebecca Cory	4-21-2010	4-30-2012	1 st	City Council
6	John Denooyer	4-21-2010	4-30-2011	1 st	City Council
1	Vickie Foster	4-21-2010	4-30-2012	1 st	City Council
6	Laura Gramer	4-21-2010	4-30-2011	1 st	City Council
1	Mary Beth Lum	4-21-2010	4-30-2012	1 st	City Council
6	Gary Stobbe	4-21-2010	4-30-2011	1 st	City Council
6	Deborah Wittmer	4-21-2010	4-30-2012	1 st	City Council
6	Mark Adreon	5-6-2010	4-30-2012	1 st	Mayor
6	Joshua Caple	5-6-2010	4-30-2011	1 st	Mayor
6	Charlene Curtiss	5-6-2010	4-30-2012	1 st	Mayor
6	Patricia Copeland	5-6-2010	4-30-2011	1 st	Mayor
2	Hope Drummond	5-6-2010	4-30-2012	1 st	Mayor
6	Erica Sekins	5-6-2010	4-30-2011	1 st	Mayor
6	Sara Woody	5-6-2010	4-30-2012	1 st	Mayor
	Vacant		4-30-2011	1 st	Commission
	Vacant		9-10-2011	1 st	Get Engaged

	Men	Women	Vacant	Minority	(1) Asian- American	(2) African- American	(3) Hispanic Latino/a	(4) Native- American	(5) Middle East	(6) Caucasian
Mayor	2	5	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	6
Council	2	5	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	5
Comm.	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
GE program	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	4	10	2	3	2	1	0	0	0	11

4/26/10



Michael McGinn
Mayor, City of Seattle

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CITY CLERK

MEMORANDUM

DATE: April 26, 2010

TO: The Honorable Richard Conlin
President, Seattle City Council

FROM: Mayor Michael McGinn *MM*

SUBJECT: Mayoral Appointments to Seattle Commission for People with Disabilities

City Council created the Seattle Commission for People with Disabilities to promote the full participation of people with disabilities into all areas of economic, political, and community life in the City of Seattle. The duties of the Commission include:

- Inform the Mayor, City Council, and City departments about issues of importance to people with disabilities;
- Assure access to City services and facilities;
- Recommend policies, practices, and legislation to the City in matters affecting the concerns of people with disabilities; and
- Encourage understanding among people with various disabilities as well as between people with disabilities and the larger Seattle community.

During the first quarter of 2010, staff of the Seattle Office for Civil Rights ("SOCR") worked with City departments and with community stakeholders to recruit Commissioners with a diversity of experience, skills, and interests. SOCR staff circulated information about the Commission to a range of audiences, including academia, advocacy organizations that focus on specific disabilities, organizations that serve people of color, parents of children with disabilities, and disabled veterans. We distributed information about the new Commission and the application process in print, via the internet, and by word-of-mouth. All print and internet advertising stated that accommodations were available upon request.

Nearly forty individuals submitted applications to serve on the Commission. Applications and resumes were reviewed by the Human Rights Commission Disability Task Force and Office for Civil Rights staff. Staff conducted interviews of twenty-five candidates.

The Commission will have sixteen members: seven appointed by the Mayor, seven appointed by the City Council, one appointed by the Commission itself, and one individual age 18-29

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appointed in September through the YMCA's Get Engaged Program. All appointments are subject to City Council confirmation. Commissioners will serve staggered one- or two-year terms. Attached to this memorandum is the membership roster of the Commission listing all the new appointees.

I am pleased to forward to the City Council seven outstanding candidates for appointment to the Commission:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Term Ends</u>	<u>Position</u>
Mark Adreon	4-30-2012	Commissioner
Joshua Caple	4-30-2011	Commissioner
Charlene Curtiss	4-30-2012	Commissioner
Patricia Copeland	4-30-2011	Commissioner
Hope Drummond	4-30-2012	Commissioner
Erica Sekins	4-30-2011	Commissioner
Sara Woody	4-30-2012	Commissioner

The appointment bios for appointees are as follows:

Mark Adreon

Mark Adreon has been employed with the Washington State Department of Services for the Blind for nine years and has served in a number of advocacy roles with the department and communities throughout the state. He has served on the Puget Sound Diversity Employment Network board for ten years Mark has served on the METRO Accessible Services Advisory Committee for seven years and has chaired the King County 504 ADA Committee. He recently developed a forum on accessible technology, working with Microsoft, employers, consumers, and developers. Mark will bring a wealth of experience working at the board level and a vision for the work of the Commission.

Joshua Caple

Joshua Caple is a case manager with ElderHealth Northwest, where he provides services to adults with physical and mental disabilities and traumatic brain injuries, as well as the elderly, and regularly interacts with caregivers, guardians, family members, and state case managers. He has worked for several years at assisted living facilities, providing services to profoundly disabled individuals. Joshua previously worked with youth who have physical, mental, and learning disabilities. Joshua brings to the Commission the perspective of a direct service provider.

Charlene Curtiss

Founder and Artistic Director of Light Motion Dance Company, Charlene Curtiss integrates the artistic expressions of disabled and nondisabled artists. Ms. Curtiss has performed, choreographed, and taught disabled artists nationally and internationally. Ms. Curtiss worked with the Women Wheelers organization to negotiate a settlement with the Seattle Center regarding the removal of 13 disabled parking stalls on the Seattle Center grounds. Previously, Ms. Curtiss chaired the Arts and Accessibility Committee on the Arts Commission and served on the Consumer Advisory Board for the Northwest Regional Spinal Cord Injury System. She has taught wheelchair control skills at Harborview and University of Washington Medical Center Rehabilitation Programs. Formerly, Ms. Curtiss practiced law as a public defender.

Patricia Copeland

Patt Copeland is a Visually Impaired Clinical Social Worker who has long established roots in the blind community. She is presently employed as the Community Support Services Manager at the Seattle Lighthouse for the Blind and has established Vision Loss Connections, a new nonprofit that organizes recreational activities. Ms. Copeland is Activity Chair for United Blind of Seattle. She also created the Accessible Counseling and Treatment Program at Seattle Mental Health and worked as a Mental Health counselor at the Pike Market Medical Clinic where she helped individuals and families cope with the challenges of living with AIDS and other chronic health conditions.

Hope Drummond

Hope Drummond is a longtime advocate for people with disabilities on a range of fronts. As an individual of short stature with multiple other disabilities, Ms. Drummond has first-hand experience with navigating through institutions that are not designed to include her as an active participant. In her professional life, Ms. Drummond has assisted clients with disabilities transition into the workforce, sort out benefits and insurance issues, and become more independent. Ms. Drummond is a powerful advocate, who has engaged extensively in the public arena on behalf of individuals with disabilities and to increase awareness of disability issues.

Erica Sekins

Through her educational background in Disability Studies, Erica Sekins has developed an in depth knowledge of the Americans with Disabilities Act, the Rehabilitation Act, and related state and federal laws. She currently teaches an Introduction to Disability Studies course and serves as President of the Disability Advocacy Student Alliance at the University of Washington. Ms. Sekins formerly directed the UW Student Disability Commission where she was successful in establishing a seat for the Commission in the Student Senate. Ms. Sekins currently works at the Headache and Multiple Sclerosis clinic at the UW. Ms. Sekins has been a successful advocate for LGBT communities and is eager to facilitate intercommunity dialogues.