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City of Seattle

Notice of Appointment

Name: <i>Saron McKee</i>		<input type="checkbox"/> Executive Appointment <input type="checkbox"/> Reappointment <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Legislative Appointment <input type="checkbox"/> Agency Appointment <input type="checkbox"/> PDA Council <input type="checkbox"/> PDA Constituency
Residential Neighborhood: <i>South Lake Union</i>	Zip Code: <i>98109</i>	Contact Phone No.: <i>206-615-3550</i>
Appointed to: <i>At-large member of the Seattle Commission for People with disabilities</i>		Date of Appointment: <i>July 11, 2011</i>
Authority (Ord., Res.): <i>S.M.C. 3.14.920</i>		Term of Office From: <i>Confirmation</i> To: <i>April 30, 2013</i>
Background: <i>Initial appointment</i> <p>Saron McKee serves as the ADA Coordinator for Seattle Housing Authority where she is responsible for ensuring accessibility, reasonable accommodations, staff training, and policy changes. Saron has a strong passion for all aspects of disability law, which has been a driving force of her education and career path. While completing access surveys across Idaho, Oregon, and Washington, she obtained her BA in Human Services and her MA in Rehabilitation Counseling, which enhanced her ability to understand and serve people with disabilities. Saron brings to the Committee her understanding of the structural and programmatic changes that have occurred over her lifetime, an extensive knowledge of applicable laws, and more than thirteen years providing services to people with disabilities.</p>		
Authorizing Signature: <i>Bruce O. Harrell</i>		Name and Title of Officer Making Appointments: Bruce Harrell, Council Member



Boards & Commissions
Request for appointment and reappointment

From Felicia Yearwood

Date July 11, 2011

Following are the bios for one candidate who seeks an initial appointment and two
Notes current Commission members who request consideration for reappointment.

Seattle Commission for People with disAbilities

Saron McKee (new appointment)

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Laura Gramer (reappointment)

Ms. Gramer serves on the board of Abused Deaf Women's Advocacy Services and works as an occupational therapist. While in Illinois, Ms. Gramer served on the Universal Access Commission, the Open Doors Organization, the Illinois Occupational Therapy Association, and the Progress Center for Independent Living. Ms. Gramer has engaged in substantial public speaking and lecturing on deafness, disability, and occupational therapy. Ms. Gramer has consistently worked to bridge the deaf and deaf-blind communities to the larger disability rights community. Until recently Ms. Gramer served as the Commission's Co-Chair.

Gary Stobbe (reappointment)

Dr. Gary Stobbe is a Clinical Assistant Professor at the University of Washington Neurology and Psychiatry Departments, and Director of Adolescent and Adult Services at Seattle Children's Hospital's Autism Center. Dr. Stobbe specializes in children and adults with autism, traumatic brain injury, and multiple sclerosis. Dr. Stobbe serves on the Professional Advisory Boards of the Brain Injury Association of Washington and the Washington Chapter of the Autism Society of America. Along with his wife, Dr. Stobbe founded the Autism Spectrum Treatment and Research Center, a non-profit organization that served over two thousand individuals with autism and their families across the lifespan. Dr. Stobbe serves on the Commission's Education and Training Committee.

Saron McKee

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Seattle, WA 98109
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Education:

Western Washington University M.A. June, 2007 Rehabilitation Counseling
Western Washington University B.A. December, 2004 Human Services
Seattle Central Community College A.A. December, 2002 Psychology

Professional Certification

Certified Rehabilitation Counselor (2007 - Present)

Highlights

- Expertise on all titles of the ADA, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act, Architectural Barriers Act, ADAAG, and the Fair Housing Act
- Areas of expertise also include but are not limited to service/assistance animals and reasonable accommodations
- Thoroughly enjoy being with people from diverse backgrounds

Professional Experience

ADA/504 Coordinator

Seattle Housing Authority (April 2008 – Present)

- Develop, implement, and update policy and procedures to ensure legal compliance
- Oversee structural changes to meet the Uniform Federal Accessibility Standards
- Coordinate and provide ongoing training for staff and residents
- Analyze and determine reasonable accommodation requests
- Develop and maintain systems and procedures for processing and tracking reasonable accommodation requests and waitlists

- Coordinate and conduct meetings with residents to engage in the interactive process
- Compile and analyze data in compliance with ADA/504 as it pertains to reasonable accommodation requests from residents and applicants of public housing, Senior Housing, HOPE VI, and Section 8.
- Collaborate with management, staff, medical providers, applicants, residents and advocates to analyze and determine reasonable accommodation requests
- Manage and coordinate appeals to the SHA ADA/504 Committee
- Oversee compliance of Section 504, UFAS, and Title II of the ADA
- Ensure timely distribution and receipt of a variety of records, reports and other materials
- Request or provide information as necessary to ensure completeness, accuracy and conformance with HUD regulations and the Voluntary Compliance Agreement
- Develop, prepare and maintain detailed logs, files and records; Maintain cross-reference systems; and maintain confidentiality of a variety of sensitive materials and information

Americans with Disability Act Training and Information Specialist

Western Washington University

DBTAC Northwest ADA Information Center (Oct 2006 – April 2008)

- Planned, developed, implemented, and evaluated training programs and technical assistance
- Collected evaluation information to modify trainings to a variety of formats
- Provided technical assistance about the Americans with Disabilities Act, Section 504 of the Rehab Act, Fair Housing Act, ADAAG, UFAS and other laws in response to requests from businesses, schools, people with disabilities, and members of the general public
- Conducted ADA accessibility surveys in Oregon, Idaho, and Washington State
- Created easy-to-understand fact sheets on topics such as reasonable accommodation, effective communication and service animals
- Assisted with selection, training, supervision and evaluation of consultants
- Served on hiring committees

Access Services

VSA arts of Washington (2004 – 2006)

- Conducted ADA accessibility surveys in Oregon and Washington State
- Provided detailed technical reports

- Trained and supervised individuals with disabilities to complete ADA accessibility surveys
- Assisted businesses in maintaining compliance with ADA guidelines

Professional Development Coordinator

VSA arts of Washington (1998 – 2003)

- Provided inclusive art opportunities for all ages and abilities
- Provided disability and service animal etiquette training
- Researched and implemented accessible art projects
- Facilitated small and large group projects for participants of all ages
- Designed and facilitated ongoing weekly group instruction for individuals with disabilities
- Provided professional development and portfolio management for adults with disabilities

Project Assistant

Washington State Alcohol and Drug Helpline (2002-2003)

- Completed intensive training which included crisis training, drug and alcohol education, and techniques for working with people with HIV/AIDS
- Provided statewide drug and alcohol resources to individuals on the helpline
- Developed two-hour diversity training session

Professional Connections

VSA arts of Washington and Creative Activities – Joint Board (2009 – January 2011)

Board of Directors

Position Held: Director

References are available on request.

Seattle Commission for People with disabilities

June 27, 2011

15 Commission members: Per S.M.C. 3.14.920, confirmed by City Council, 2-years terms*

- 7 Appointed by Mayor
- 7 Appointed by City Council
- 1 Appointed by the Commission, confirmed by City Council

1 Commission member: Per S.M.C. 3.14.920 Part C, confirmed by City Council, a single 1-year term

- 1 through the Get Engaged youth leadership, Appointed by Mayor

D	G	Name	Appointed	Term Ends	Term #	Appointed By
6	F	Cory, Rebecca	5-10-2010	4-30-2012	1 st	City Council
1	F	Foster, Vickie	5-10-2010	4-30-2012	1 st	City Council
1	F	Lum, Mary Beth	5-10-2010	4-30-2012	1 st	City Council
6	F	Witmer, Deborah	5-10-2010	4-30-2012	1 st	City Council
6	F	Gramer, Laura	5-10-2010	4-30-2013	2 nd	City Council
6	M	Stobbe, Gary	5-10-2010	4-30-2013	2 nd	City Council
-	-	<i>Vacant (Denoyer)</i>	-	4-30-2013	1 st	<i>City Council</i>
6	M	Adreon, Mark	5-10-2010	4-30-2012	1 st	Mayor
6	F	Curtiss, Charlene	5-10-2010	4-30-2012	1 st	Mayor
2	F	Drummond, Hope	5-10-2010	4-30-2012	1 st	Mayor
6	F	Woody, Sara	5-10-2010	4-30-2012	1 st	Mayor
6	M	Caple, Joshua	5-10-2010	4-30-2013	2 nd	Mayor
6	F	Copeland, Patricia	5-10-2010	4-30-2013	2 nd	Mayor
6	F	Sekins, Erica	5-10-2010	4-30-2013	2 nd	Mayor
5	F	McKee, Saron	6-27-2011	4-30-2013	1 st	Commission
5	F	Mauck, Sheelarani	1-10-2011	9-15-2011	1 st	Get Engaged

(sorted by appointing authority, term end date, and name)

Diversity

	Men	Women	Vacant	Minority	(1) Asian-American	(2) African-American	(3) Hispanic Latino/a	(4) Native-American	(5) Other	(6) Caucasian
Mayor	2	5	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	6
Council	1	5	1	2	2	0	0	0	0	4
Commission	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1*	0
GE Program	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1**	0
Total	3	12	1	5	2	1	0	0	2	10

*Mixed race

**Middle Eastern