

City of Seattle Notice of Appointment

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Residential Neighborhood: Downtown Seattle	Zip Code: 98104	Contact Phone No.: (206) 477-5367
Appointed to: Position #1, Economist on the City Light Review Panel		Date of Appointment: October 15 th 2014
Authority (Ord., Res.): Ordinance # 123256		Term of Office: 3 years From: Confirmation To: 04/11/2017
Comments: Re-Appointment of Mr. Tom Lienesch for Position #1, an Economist, on the City Light Review Panel. For a term of confirmation to 04/11/2017.		
Authorizing Signature: 		Name and Title of Officer Making Appointments: Mayor Edward B. Murray

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C. Thomas Lienesch



Profile:

An economist with extensive experience in utility rate setting, capital finance, modeling, economic forecasting, economic analysis, research and teaching.

Professional Experience:

King County Wastewater Treatment Division, Seattle, WA 1997- Present

Senior Economist

I maintain and promote the financial welfare of King County's Wastewater Treatment Division (WTD), a user-fee based utility with a six-year capital program of over \$1.5 billion, an annual operating budget in excess of \$125 million and a debt portfolio in excess of \$3 billion. Efficiently manage the talents of my staff to achieve this goal through effective rate setting, capital budgeting, the provision of sound advice on capital financing and the promotion of analytically-based decision making. These efforts can be divided in to two broad categories:

- 1) Developing and managing the components of the WTD financial plan, including managing the rate setting processes; developing the WTD capital budget; securing capital financing through the issuance of bonds, grants, loans and identification of alternative financing opportunities. This requires active participation in strategic decision making in order to balance the sometimes conflicting nature of capital program goals, financing structures, financial policies and sewer rate impacts, in addition to ensuring and monitoring compliance with all bond covenants and restrictions, financial policies and sound financial practices.
- 2) Providing expert technical, financial and economic advice and analysis to support sound financial decision-making, policy development and comprehensive plan development regarding: cost recovery and rate setting strategies; major capital program development and long-term planning as well as project-level development and financing; capital budgeting; and analysis and development of rate structures for the utility that provide accurate information to customers and promote efficient use of resources.

King County Budget Office, Seattle, WA

1994-1997

Economist

I developed an analysis capability to address issues regarding the County's role as a regional service provider including local public finance issues revolving around annexation and incorporation activity and planning under the Growth Management Act. The first stage of this effort concentrated on creating a database and reporting system. I participated and staffed committees devoted to regional governance policy development. Developed and implemented information systems used throughout the County government for information sharing, reporting and budget development.

U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of Economic Analysis 1986-1994

Regional Economic Analysis Division, Washington DC

Chief, Economic Analysis Branch (1990-1994)

As Chief of the Analysis Branch, I was responsible for the overall direction of up to nine economists engaged in applied economic research and analysis. Areas addressed by the Branch included economic and fiscal impact estimation, forecasting and analysis of growth and income differentials across U.S. regions. Additionally, I was responsible for the maintenance and development of the Branch's regional and inter-regional econometric and input-output modeling efforts. The Branch's customers included the White House, the Council of Economic Advisors, other federal agencies, state governments, universities and private research institutions. I had overall responsibility for the preparation and publication of the Branch's research and analysis including articles and written reports.

Bureau of Economic Analysis, continued

Project Director (1986-1990)

As project director, I led a team of five economists and statisticians in the conduct of research in estimating the spatial distribution of economic and fiscal impacts of governmental policy changes on states and the nation using large scale econometric models. Conducted analyses on diverse topics such as U.S. immigration policy, the state and local fiscal effects of closing and opening military bases, and state-level impacts of changes in the U.S. defense budget and other parameters of fiscal policy.

The Johns Hopkins Center for Policy Studies, Baltimore, MD 1985-1986

Research Assistant and Computer Specialist

Designed and conducted analyses for research projects on urban economic, public finance and health care provision topics. Provided consultation services on economic analysis techniques, applications and interpretation of results.

Towson State University, Towson, MD 1984-1985

Lecturer, Department of Economics

Developed and conducted four undergraduate courses in economics per semester including Microeconomic Principles, Intermediate Macroeconomic Theory and Money and Banking

The Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, MD 1981-1984

Teaching Assistant, Department of Political Economy

Tutored graduate students in advanced microeconomic theory in addition to presenting weekly supplementary lectures in graduate-level microeconomic theory, econometrics and macroeconomic principles. Provided general assistance to Professor.

U.S. Department of Energy, Washington, D.C. 1982

Statistician, Coal Division

Participated in the development and specification of a short-run econometric forecasting model of U.S. and international coal demand. Researched specifications, designed model structures, collected data and analyzed model performance. Coordinated with other modelers in constructing a proto-type comprehensive energy demand model of the U.S. (4-month study).

State of Washington, Olympia, Washington 1977-1981

Research Analyst, Office of Financial Management

Participated in the preparation and publication of quarterly economic forecasts for Washington State which provided the basis for the official Washington State revenue forecast. Responsible for maintaining and developing the Washington Economic Forecasting Model and the model database. Conducted analyses and forecasts on a variety of State-related topics including inflation forecasts by component, revenue forecasts by source and long-range economic and employment forecasts.

Battelle Memorial Institute, Seattle, Washington 1976-1977

Research Assistant.

Analyzed and collected data for a study of the national nursing-home industry. Prepared cost analyses to provide for interstate comparisons of the interactions among cost structure, state-specific regulations and financial performance of nursing homes.

Education:

1976	University of Washington	B.A. in Economics
1984	Johns Hopkins University	M.A. in Economics
	Fields: Regional Economics, Public Finance and Econometrics	

CITY LIGHT REVIEW PANEL

(SEPT. 2014)

Nine members: Per Ordinance # 123256, all subject to City Council confirmation, 3-year terms.

- 5 Appointed by Mayor
- 4 Appointed by City Council

D*	G	Position No.	Name	Appointed	Term Ends	Term #	Position	Appointed By
(6)	M	# 1	Tom Lienesch *	10/15/14	04/11/2017	3 rd	Economist	Mayor
(6)	F	# 2	Julia M. Ryan	04/12/2010	04/11/2017	3 rd	Financial Analyst	Council
(6)		# 3	Vacant position	vacant	vacant		Non-Profit Energy Efficiency Advocate	Mayor
(6)	M	# 4	Eric Thomas	12/03/2012	04/11/2015	1 st	Residential Customer	Council
(6)	M	# 5	David Allen	04/12/2010	04/11/2015	2 nd	Commercial Customer	Mayor
(6)	M	# 6	Chris Roe	08/01/2012	04/11/2015	1 st	Industrial Customer	Council
(6)	F	# 7	Sue Selman	04/12/2010	04/11/2016	2 nd	Low-Income Customer Representative	Mayor
(6)	M	# 8	Eugene Wasserman	04/12/2010	04/11/2016	2 nd	At Large Customer	Council
		# 9	Vacant position	vacant	vacant		Suburban Franchise	Mayor

*Diversity

		(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)			
	Men	Women	Vacant	Minority	Asian-American	African-American	Hispanic Latin@	Native-American	Other**	Caucasian
Mayor	2	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	5
Council	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
Other Bodies	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	5	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	9

**Other includes diversity in any of the following: race, gender and/or ability