Office of Boards & Commissions

2021 Year End Report

This report serves as the formal year-end report for all boards & commissions in the city of San Diego. This report will cover every appointment made by Mayor Gloria and highlight accomplishments under the Office of Boards and Commissions.
2021 Appointment Highlights

Ismahan Abdullahi, first Black Somali/Refugee appointed to the County Water Authority

Valentine Macedo Jr, youngest ever appointed to County Water Authority (Age 24 or so)

Kenneth Malbrough, the first person to be appointed to the Planning Commission from Council District 4 in almost 20 years (19 years)

Two Black Women appointed to SDCERS, the City’s employee retirement system Board of Administrators. (Lisa Marie Harris/Michelle Bush).

Fourteen individuals from the LGBTQIA+ community were appointed to twelve boards and commissions

Equitable Representation in appointments. As of December 2021, over 70% of the appointments made are people of color. Over 50% of new appointees are women.

Appointments to leadership positions. As of December 2021, five individuals were appointed to leadership positions on City advisory boards. Three of the five appointed were women while four out of the five are people of color.

The following individuals were appointed to leadership positions by Mayor Gloria:

- Gil Cabrera (Airport Authority Chair)
- Judith Munoz (Mission Bay Park Committee Chair)
- Molly Chase (Balboa Park Committee Chair)
- Anusha Kadiyala (Youth Commission Chair)
- Devin Green (Youth Commission Vice-Chair)
2021 Appointments to Boards & Commissions

**Councilmembers Appointment to Boards & Commissions**
- Councilmember Marni Von Wilpert to Airport Authority (Jan 2021 & Dec 2021)
- Councilmembers Montgomery Steppe & Joe LaCava to the SD Community Power Board of Directors
- Councilmember Marni Von Wilpert to North County Transit District
- Council President Sean Elo-Rivera & Councilmember Stephen Whitburn to Air Pollution Control District

**San Diego County Water Authority**
- Ismahan Abdullahi
- Fern Steiner
- Valentine Macedo Jr
- Nick Serrano

**Human Relations Commission**
- Rickie Brown
- Tyler Duncan
- Julia Legaspi

**Mission Bay Park Committee**
- Marshall Anderson
- Judith Munoz (Chair)
- James Hauser
- Josh Coyne
Planning Commission

- Vickie Granowitz
- Dennis Otsuji
- Ken Malbrough

San Diego Convention Center Corporation Board

- Carlos Cota
- Carol Kim
- Will Rodriguez-Kennedy
- Jaymie Bradford

Gang Prevention & Intervention Commission

- Armand King
- Elizabeth Bustos
- D’Andre Brooks
- Jamie Wilson
- Maria Ezquerro

Small Business Advisory Board

- Natasha Salgado
- Jason Paguio
- Donna Deberry
- Sarah Mattinson
- Sam Nejabat

Arts & Culture Commission

- Fritz Friedman
- Imani Robinson
Retirement System, City Employees Board of Administration (SDCERS)
- Lisa Marie Harris
- Michelle Bush
- Louie Nguyen
- Natasha Collura

Park & Rec Advisory Board
- Evelyn Smith
- Molly Chase

Airport Authority
- Gil Cabrera

International Affairs Board
- Victoria Phillips
- Brian D’Amico 21
- William Geibel
- Richard Bainter
- Nathan Williams
- Karen Higareda
- Gustavo De La Fuente
- Dennis Michael-Brussard
- Mary Abad
- Mark Leo
- Andre Kwan
- Melissa Floca
- Hilda Mwangi
- Kenia Zamparripa
- Chandler Martin
Balboa Park Committee

- Sarah Dawe
- Victoria Curran
- Katherine Johnston
- Makeda Cheatom
- Allison Soares
- Chris Eddy
- Brer Marsh
- Molly Chase (Chair)
- Howard Blackson

San Diego Housing Commission

- Stephanie Benvenuto
- Eugene Mitchell
- Ryan Clumpner

Community Reinvestment Review Advisory Committee

- Karina Velazquez
- Stephen Russell
- Carlton Walters

Youth Commission

- Perla Pulido
- Devin Green
- Elisa Monache
- Charlie Nieto
- Avery Wulf
- Beret Dernbach
- Daxton Gutekunst
- Chantel Perry
- Diego Lopez
- Anusha Kadiyal
- Kenan Pala
- Maria Freaner
- Andrew Levikow
- Jesus Martin Gallegos-Munoz
- Oscar Rendon
- Fartun Adan
- Evelyn Gomez
- Colin Duong
- Yvania Rubio

**Ethics Commission**

- Jimmie Slack
- Paul Cooper
- Thomas Herbrank

**Citizens Advisory Board**

- David Burton
- Ellis Clay
- Adrianna Flores

**Civil Service Commission**

- Nico Portillaz
- Sunday Gover

**Accessibility Advisory Board**

- Mary Mckenzie
- Elaine Colluris
Mary Wolford

**Mobility Advisory Board**

– Michelle Krug
– Stephanie Hernandez

**Library Commission**

– Shawna Hook-Held
– Ben Moraga

**Demographics Breakdown**

- **55** Appointed Members were Women
- **51** Appointed Members were Men
- **0** Appointed Members were non-Binary

**106** individuals appointed in total in 2021
Special Projects with Councilmembers

- **Revival of Commission on the Status of Women** with Councilmember on Wilpert & Moreno. Effort compliments the Convention on the Elimination of all forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW) which is a comprehensive international women’s rights treaty, a “bill of rights,” which provides a framework for addressing barriers & advancing equality for women & girls. *(On pace to be completed by March 2022)*
- **Revival of Community Reinvest Review Advisory Committee** with Councilmember Montgomery Steppe to complement the City/County Reinvestment Taskforce providing oversight regarding the City’s Responsible Banking Ordinance. *(Three appointees were appointed in 2021 – on pace to be completed by January 2021)*

- **Consolidation of Environmental Boards with** Councilmember Dr. Jen Campbell, an unsuccessful effort, however OBC will work with the council on identifying individuals to serve on each of the three advisory boards (Wetlands/Sustainability/Forestry). *(On pace to be completed by February 2022)*

- **Revival of Youth Commission with** Council President Sean Elo-Rivera, Councilmember Chris Cate, & Councilmember Raul Campillo. This effort complements the creation of the new Office of Child and Youth Success and builds on the momentum of the youth programming rolled out in the summer of 2021. *(Completed)*

**Covid-19 Self Report Status Update**

- Released update on reporting of vaccine status being mandatory for city volunteers on November 29, 2021. Compliance deadline is January 3, 2022.
- **165** volunteers reported to be fully vaccinated out of **284** so far, **1** official resignation. (58% of advisory-board volunteers reporting to date)

**Department Highlights and Accomplishments**

- Implementation of new clerk-based system in OnBoard
- Development of Social Media outreach plan w/ City’s Communications Department
- Development of live Public Service Announcement/Commercial to further spark public interest
- Established Bi-Monthly Meetings with 40+ City Staff Liaisons
- Established Bi-Monthly Meetings with 40+ Chairs of Boards/Commissions
- Implementation of new clerk-based system in OnBoard
- Outlined official appointment process under Mayor Gloria made available to the public
- Release of updated Key Performance Indicators for the department made available to the public
- Release of 2020 Standardized Reports regarding boards & commissions made available to the public. 126-page report can be found the boards and commissions website (25 boards/commissions reported)

2021 Meetings/Event Participation

Attended 15 boards & commission meetings in 2021 in addition to providing presentations to the following groups:

- Rules Committee (April 2021, September 2021)
- Executive Budget Review Committee (May 2021)
- Audit Committee (September 2021)
- “Engage San Diego” program with LEAD San Diego & the San Diego Chamber of Commerce (May 2021)
- City’s Human Resources Dept. Volunteer Program (Nov 2021)
- Press Conference with Mayor Gloria (July 2021)

Look Ahead to 2022

- Return of Human Relations Commission Awards (January 2022)
- OBC Reorganization Plan to repeal of Boards & commissions. Plan is available upon request. (January 2022)
- Development of “Frequently Asked Questions“ and code of conduct for boards & commissions. (January 2022)
- Updated Social Media Outreach Plan. Plan is available upon request. (February 2022)
- Development of an official training (virtual & in-person) for newly confirmed appointees in collaboration with Human Resources department and City Attorney’s Office (March 2022)
- Quarterly Workshops on Boards & Commissions for public to further spark interest (April 2022)

**2021 Snapshots**

Press conference event w/ Mayor Gloria and various members of City advisory boards to formally announce the launch of the new clerk-based system “OnBoard” (July 2021)

Executive Director Jesus Sandoval of the Commission on Gang Prevention and Intervention joined Council President Pro Tem Monica Montgomery Steppe and community leaders to discuss the City’s “No Shots Fired Program” (March 2021)

First Youth Commission meeting since 2015 with Council President Sean Elo-Rivera (December 2021)
Citizen’s Advisory Board on Police/Community Relations board meeting w/ Mayor Gloria (June 2021)

Human Relations Commission meeting with Chief of the Office of Race and Equity Kim Desmond and Councilmember Raul Campillo (September 2021)