

Role and Work of Seattle Arts Commission



Role of all Seattle Board and Commission Members

What's your role?

1. Provide Public Input and Advice
2. Ensure Transparency and Accountability
3. Represent Diverse Community Interests
4. Serve as a Link Between Government and Residents
5. Support Specialized Expertise
6. Assist in Policy Development and Implementation
7. Encourage Civic Engagement and Advocate

Mission

The Seattle Arts Commission supports the City by advocating for arts policy, creating access for equitable participation in the arts, and fostering enriching arts engagement for all residents.

Your areas of work:

1. Arts Policy & Advocacy

Commissioners guide city-wide arts policies—especially around equitable funding, cultural space, and public art programs. Every year, you submit recommendations and official budget responses to the Mayor and City Council.

2. Equity & Access

Your influence centers communities of color in arts funding and programming decisions, ensuring inclusive access across neighborhoods and identity groups.

3. Public Art and Cultural Spaces

Through the **Public Art Advisory Committee**, the Commission helps set priorities for the Municipal Art program, advises on design and selection of public art, and maintains the city's Municipal Art Plan. The Facilities and Equitable Development Committee advises the work of the Office of Arts & Culture (ARTS) around issues of cultural space and its impact on equitable development.

4. Grantmaking & Investments

The **Cultural Investments Committee** provides input on ARTS grant programs, ensuring investments are equitable, accessible, and aligned with community needs.