

OFFICE OF MAYOR TED WHEELER CITY OF PORTLAND

September 6, 2017

As Mayor and Commissioner of Finance and Administration, I request Council confirmation of the following appointments and re-appointments to the Regional Arts and Culture Council Board of Directors:

Appointment	New Term Expires	
Leslie Hilbrunn	first term ending June 30, 2019	
Eduardo Puelma	first term ending June 30, 2019	
Eve Connell	first term ending June 30, 2018	

Re-appointment	New Term Expires	
Osvaldo Gonzalez	second term ending June 30, 2019	
Brenda L. Meltebeke	second term ending June 30, 2019	

Respectfully submitted,

Ted Wheeler Mayor

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# **RACC Board Appointments**



### **Eve Connell**

In a previous life, Eve received practical degrees in French literature, philosophy, and linguistics, taught undergrads / grads, launched an art gallery, and honed floral design skills. She now spends billable hours writing, editing, and training professionals in communication

skills, primarily business writing, public speaking, and leadership development. She's the managing editor of University of Hell Press and visiting professor for various MA / MFA / MBA programs in California and Oregon, including OCAC and PNCA.

Upon landing in Portland, Eve immediately immersed herself in the arts community – serving as president of the small but mighty Art on Alberta nonprofit organization, board chair of the CAN Action Fund, member of the Art Spark advisory council, blogger for PICA's TBA festival, emcee for the Community Music Center's Make Music PDX shows, and, most recently, as board member for the Independent Publishing Resource Center (IPRC).

Eve is also a chanteuse, dedicated patron of the arts, and fierce pingpong competitor. Her various creative works have been published, recorded, televised, and occasionally copied.



# **Eduardo Puelma**

Eduardo started his career 15 years ago in the marketing division of the largest food and beverage manufacturer in the world. He soon moved from the client side to the vendor side, in print manufacturing where he saw a sharp disconnect between the service that brand

clients demanded and the ability of emerging industry to oblige. For over a decade, the grand format industry has undergone commoditization, consolidation, and almost en masse shift from entrepreneurial to large corporate existence. In a general environment of "faster and cheaper" with diminishing loyalty, Eduardo focuses on building specialized client management teams that that create value around the concept, design and execution of national retail roll outs.

Eduardo's experience includes his current role as the lead account and program manager at Infinity Images. He is focused on business development and recruiting account teams to service Infinity Images' largest client. His efforts have helped ensure the rapid growth in revenue, staffing and physical footprint of Infinity Images. He has consulted on the physical infrastructure of an organization that maintains the leading edge of technology, quality and sustainability in the Portland market. He has participated in the conceptual design and physical execution of multifaceted brand initiatives that reach every major consumer market in North America. Throughout, he has achieved the goal of connecting brands with service providers by fostering valueadd relationships that deliver high impact executions at the consumer level.



### Leslie Heilbrunn

Leslie Heilbrunn is director of the Business Customer Group at Portland General Electric, Oregon's largest electric utility. In this position, she ensures PGE understands and meets the needs of its 48,000 business customers. Prior to joining PGE, Leslie was Governor John

Kitzhaber's speechwriter. She also spent more than a decade in the magazine industry, working for several national magazines, including "Seventeen," where she served as executive editor.

Leslie is a graduate of University of Michigan with a bachelor's degree in social sciences. She currently serves on the boards of Westside Economic Alliance and Regional Arts & Culture Council, as well as the fundraising committee of KairosPDX.

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#### Agenda No. APPOINTMENT REPORT Title

Appoint Leslie Hilbrunn, Eduardo Puelma, and Eve Connell and reappoint Ozzie Gonzalez and Brenda Meltebeke to the Board of Directors of the Regional Arts and Culture Council for terms to expire June 30, 2019. (Report)

INTRODUCED BY Commissioner/Auditor: Mayor Wheeler	CLERK USE: DATE FILED AUG 29 2017
Position 2/Works - Fish Position 3/Affairs - Saltzman	Mary Hull Caballero Auditor of the City of Portland By:

AGENDA	FOUR-FIFTHS AGENDA	COMMISSIONERS VOTED AS FOLLOWS:		
Start time: 9:45			YEAS	NAYS
Total amount of time needed: <u>15 min</u> (for presentation, testimony and discussion)	1. Fritz	1. Fritz	$\checkmark$	
	2. Fish	2. Fish	$\checkmark$	
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	Wheeler	Wheeler	$\checkmark$	