

Mayor of Providence

Brett P. Smiley

January 14, 2025

Honorable Members
Providence City Council
City Hall

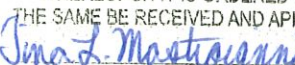
Dear Honorable Members:

Pursuant to Sections 302(b) and 701 of the Providence Home Rule Charter of 1980, as amended and Public Law, Chapter 45-50, Sections 1 through 31 passed in 1987, I am this day appointing Anjel Newmann of 86 Metropolitan Road, Providence, RI 02908, as the Region 2 member of the Providence School Board for a term to expire on January 1, 2028, and respectfully submit the same for your approval.

Sincerely,


Brett P. Smiley
Mayor

IN CITY COUNCIL
FEB 06 2025

READ
WHEREUPON IT IS ORDERED THAT
THE SAME BE RECEIVED AND APPROVED
 CLERK

ANJEL NEWMANN

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Anjel Newmann (she/her) is a Black American artist, social designer and educator from Rhode Island. Leveraging values of Hip Hop and Black culture as a whole, at its root, Anjel's work is about co-creating spaces that center those most impacted by systems of oppression, to reimagine a future that is as magical as it is just. Anjel specializes in using principles of design to support organizations to deepen their commitment to antiracism. Currently, Anjel serves as Co-Executive at AS220, a local community arts organization, with a serious commitment to designing systems that support the growth of Black and Brown youth into and throughout the organization. Anjel received her bachelor's degree in Organizational Leadership and Change and her Masters in Urban Education. She now serves as an adjunct professor at Providence College and core faculty with College Unbound, both schools from which she graduated. In 2024, Mayor Smiley appointed Anjel to the PPSD School Board. In this role, she plans to use her experience as a creative educator, mother, and community organizer to purposefully advocate for the needs of Providence students, while also working to center a spirit of creativity in the policies, processes and programs within the district.

EDUCATION-----

Providence College

1 Cunningham Square
Providence, RI 02918

Date of Graduation: May 21, 2021

Degree: Masters in Urban Education

College Unbound

325 Public Street Providence, RI 02903
Education and Africana Studies

Date of Graduation: June 01, 2019

Degree: Bachelor of Organizational Leadership and Change

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE-----

AS220 Co-Executive Director

May 2021 - Present

- Ensure that the organization has a long range programmatic strategy focused on its mission, anti-racist vision, culture of artistic expression and creativity, and areas of community need
- Lead AS220's Racial Justice Initiative + further support a culture of learning, curiosity and transformation
- Improve and strengthen access to artistic opportunities for front line communities
- Support AS220's People Operations + Culture Department; mediation, interpersonal conflict + resolution
- Facilitate cross-program conversation, decision making and initiatives

AS220 Director of Programs

01/2019-May 2021

- Support AS220's major artistic programs
- Support AS220 program directors
- Cultivate and maintain partnerships with local and national partners
- Seek and develop social justice trainings for staff members

AS220 Youth Director

8/2014-October 2020

- Collaborate with staff and youth to create a collective vision for AS220 Youth
- Design year round programming that integrates both arts and social justice (As220 Youth Futureworlds)
- Build and maintain relationships with AS220 Youth partners
- Hire/schedule/train AS220 Youth staff

Hip Hop Educator

9/2013-present

- Write, record and perform original music
- Provide guest lectures at universities about Hip Hop education and youth work
- Participate on panels about the intersection of race, futurism, hip hop and womanhood
- Teach workshops songwriting/poetry workshop for youth around New England

Freelance Dance teacher/choreographer

Trinity Academy For The Performing Arts (TAPA)

3/2013-6/2013

- Temporarily run and manage TAPA's dance program
- Choreograph and teach hip hop routines to 8th and 9th grade students
- Coordinate and host TAPA's first annual dance gala
- Grade students at the end of the semester

AS220 Performing Arts Coordinator

3/2010-8/2014

- Develop year round curriculum for Performing Arts Program
- Hire, supervise and support performing arts program staff
- Design and teach weekly workshops including MC Writing, Hip Hop Dance, Studio Engineering and Creative Writing
- Manage AS220 Youth's hip hop performance troupe, the ZuKrewe
- Develop, record and mix youth musical projects (mixtapes, albums etc..)
- Coordinate, promote and host Zuology Hip Hop Showcase
- Oversee caseload of advisees; support them in the creation of online artist portfolios

AmeriCorps Vista @ AS220

7/2009-03/2010

- Manage relationship between AS220 Youth and UCAP Middle School
- Collect and record weekly attendance from instructors
- Recruit students, collect data and enter it into *Youth Services*; AS220 Youth's database
- Teach weekly dance + music classes

AS220 Performing Arts Program Intern

7/2006-7/2009

AS220 Youth 115 Empire Street

Providence, RI 02903

- Book performances for the Rhode Show
- Book, coordinate and promote monthly hip hop showcases
- Teach songwriting and hip hop dance classes

VOLUNTEER WORK-----

West End Intruders Football team

8/2016-present

Providence, RI

- Team Coordinator

Edgewood Eagles Cheerleading Team

8/2010-11/2011

Cranston, RI

- Dance choreographer

RI Hip Hop Union

2013-2016

Providence, RI

- Organizer

Local School and Community Boards

- Trinity High School for the Performing Arts
2017-2019
- Nowell Leadership Academy
2018-2020
- PPSD School Board

2024-present

PPSD Turnaround Design Team
2018-2019