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The Black Parent Initiative board of directors announced Wednesday it has terminated the employment of CEO Charles McGee.

BPI Board Terminates McGee's Employment

Announcement comes after harassment complaint, announcement of criminal investigation

The Skanner News Staff

Wednesday afternoon the Black Parent Initiative board of directors announced it has terminated former CEO Charles McGee's employment, effective immediately.

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Men's halfpipe gold medalist Shaun White at the 2018 Winter Olympics in Pyeongchang, South Korea, Wednesday, Feb. 14, 2018.

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SOMALI CHILDREN'S ALPHABET BOOK LAUNCH



PHOTO BY SUSAN FRIED

The New Holly Gathering Hall was filled to capacity Feb. 9 for the official book launch of "Baro-Af Soomaali", a joint effort of local Somali families, Seattle Public Schools and the Seattle Public Library. The project came about because organizations working with the Somali community realized that many families were concerned about the lack of educational materials that reflected Somali culture. Four Somali families worked with local artist Mohammed Shidane to design the book. The profits from the sale of the book will go to Seattle Public Library Foundation and the Somali Family Safety Taskforce to fund similar projects in the future.

Kafoury Names Kimberly Melton as Chief of Staff

County chair promotes chief policy advisor, whose work has focused on children, public health and equity issues

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Multnomah County Chair Deborah Kafoury announced Tuesday night that Kimberly Melton would take over Feb. 16 as her chief of staff.

Melton has worked as a senior policy advisor in Kafoury's office since 2015,

focusing on youth and family issues, public health, immigration and partnership with underserved communities.

"Each of us brings our own lens and unique experience to our work. I'm excited about the fact that the chair and I share those values and those perspectives and be part of system

change," Melton told *The Skanner*. "I'm pretty excited that the chair welcomes the lens and the perspective that I bring and that I get to be a part of where we're going next."

"Kim is the rarest combination of analytical thinker and policy wonk with a strong dose of heart," Kafoury said in a state-

ment issued by the county Tuesday. "At a time when county residents are facing so many issues, she brings a powerful intellect and perspective to my leadership team."

Originally from St. Louis, Melton holds a bachelor's degree in African

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Black Film Festival Serves Up Old Classics, New Works

Running until Feb. 25, the festival welcomes actor Joe Morton as honorary guest

By Melanie Sevcenko
For The Skanner News

It's not too late to check out selections from this month's Portland Black Film Festival, held annually at the Hollywood Theatre in recognition of February's Black History Month.

The festival screens both classics and new works on the Black experience, while celebrating the cinematic

excellence of African American filmmakers.

Running until Feb. 25, the festival welcomes actor Joe Morton as its honorary guest, who will present a special screening of Johns Sayles' 1984 sci-fi comedy "The Brother from Another Planet" on Feb. 24 at 7 p.m., followed by a Q&A.



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Film still of "Charles Bradley: Soul of America."

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