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Governor Christine Gregoire appointed Nina Carter to the Western Washington Growth Management Hearings Board in March 2009. Ms. Carter's background includes more than two decades in public and non-profit sector management, public policy and environmental conservation in Washington State. During the 1980s and 1990s, she held various positions as a policy analyst and manager at the Department of Ecology, Washington State Parks Commission, the Office of Marine Safety, and the Department of Fish and Wildlife. From 1990 to 1994, she elected to the Olympia City Council when the city was in the midst of adopting their first land use plans under the Growth Management Act. Ms. Carter taught for 5 years as an adjunct professor in Environmental Studies at The Evergreen State College; her specialty areas of teaching were principles of environmental public policy, organizational management and budgeting. She also taught students how to apply these principles to the daily work of the state legislature, county and city governments and non-profit organizations. From 2001 to 2009, Ms. Carter worked for the National Audubon Society, first as the Washington State lobbyist and policy director, then as the Executive Director for 20,000 Audubon members in Washington State. She received a Bachelor of Arts in economics and labor studies (1981) and a Master's degree in public administration from The Evergreen State College (1984). Ms. Carter's family originally settled a Donation Land Claim on Whidbey Island, Washington in 1852. She was born in the Philippine Islands, grew up in Europe, North Africa and Southern California. She has travelled extensively with her husband, Dr. Thomas B. Rainey, in Europe, Russia, Siberia and Japan. She and husband currently live in Olympia, Washington.