



City of Tacoma Human Services Commission

Wednesday, May 11, 2022
6:00 p.m.
Virtual Meeting Minutes

Members Present: Chair- Naomi Wilson, Vice-Chair-Marvin Cooks, , Rebecca Stith, Jason Grube, Amanda Scott-Thomas, Valentine Smith, Wilton Waverly, Leslie Mintaraga, Laura Badeaux, Noemi Cagatin-Porter, Nate Minor,

Members Absent: Rahn Clayton, Secretary-Andee Walton

Staff Present: Allyson Griffith, Vicky McLaurin, Jason McKenzie (NCS)

1. **Call to Order/Opening Remarks at 6:07 PM**
 - Roll call
 - Note: Amended Absence for Commissioner Rebecca Stith as excused Amended unanimously
 - Motioned by Chair Naomi Wilson
2. **Approval of the May agenda at 6:09 PM**
 - Motion by Commissioner Waverly to approve, second by Commissioner Stith. Approved unanimously.
3. **Review/Approval of April minutes at 6:10 PM**
 - Approved as amended (reference Call to order note) 1809 PM. Quorum Approved
4. **Public Comment at 6:12 PM**
 - No attendees for comment
5. **Overview: 2023 -2024 funding process updates at 6:13**

Speaker: Jason McKenzie, NCS Vicky McLaurin

Q: Chair Wilson asked if there is a requirement for Quorum

A: Any vote would require a quorum, but not necessary to attend or view. (Allyson Griffith)

Q: Chair Wilson may the session be recorded?

A: yes (Jason McKenzie)

Comments

Comment: Commissioner Scott-Thomas stated her avocation for the opportunity and the ability to demonstrate the diversity and effectiveness of their program

Comment: Commissioner Mintaraga Newness to the process will prove rewarding.



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Comment: Commissioner Smith: use Zoom to record the process of selection and all calls so that other commissioners may have the ability to view and do so as paired functional teams versus individuals.

No one commissioner will sit through 60 presentations; presentations are broken down by groups and pairs of commissioners.

Comment: Chair Wilson. It will take individuals 2 hours (Week of July 18-29 tentative) or more to accomplish the task; anticipate 2 nights. Is there an opportunity to start earlier 3-6 PM versus 6-9 PM, for example, life work and time balance are critical to all participants?

Put to the commissioners:

Who cannot commit in the time frame mentioned?

Vicky McLaurin: If we are solid in our process options are open.

Allyson Griffith: Negligible concern currently

Those who Committed to July

- Valentine Smith
- Marvin Cooks
- Leslie Mintaraga
- Laura Badeaux
- Will Waverly
- Naomi Wilson

**6. Overview: McKinney-Vento Act (Providing housing for youth) at 6:50 PM
Speaker: Allyson Griffith**

- Need to select a date for a briefing to the commissioners

Q: Chair Wilson, do they offer Mental health Services?

A: Commissioner Stith, wrap-around services are available (detailed explanation upon request).

7. Recognition of Board Members with Expiring Terms of Service. 7:06 PM Start time

- **Commissioner Clayton.** (Absent) Communication last month was the last contact with Allyson. Commissioner Stith: As a new member, Commissioner Clayton made her feel welcome. Chair



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Wilson: His knowledge, energy, and guidance are sorely missed, he is missed and will continue to be missed.

- **Commissioner Stith:** Commissioner Stith said her goodbyes from the east coast while caring for family members and attended the meeting to show her appreciation of all the commissioners which she served. Additionally, she thanked the staff for all the light they have given her, extraordinary people.

Commissioner Valentine Smith. Thank you, commissioner, for offering and bringing your knowledge to our community.

Chair Wilson. Thank you for your service.

Commissioner Grube. Commissioner, this is great work and important work and I feel that Chair Wilson will guide us to success.

Valentine Smith. We started out together on the same day...day one. Hmmm you became an Attorney... lol/

Commissioner Stith. Hey, I am an Attorney. Commissioner Grube, you brought a sense of ease to the commission.

- **Commissioner Scott-Thomas.**

Chair Wilson, you have brought us so far with your knowledge of the various programs available to our communities, you will be missed.

- **Commissioner Minor**

Chair Wilson. Nate, we are sad to see that you are leaving but I believe it is amazing that at such a young age that you are so committed to the community.

Commissioner Scott. Youth Voice is INVALUABLE!! Thank you so much for your service

8. Review/Excuse Absences at 7:23 PM

- Motion to excuse absences where staff were notified prior to meeting. Approved unanimously.

9. Good of the Order

Chair Requested:

- Review of the Tacoma Housing Disparity Report 2021
- Update of the City of Tacoma Mental Health and Substance abuse Sales Tax
- Domestic Violence Update
- Recommend that all events are scheduled after Funding.
- June will be the onboarding of more commissioners
- July is a busy month for review, viewing, and Q&A.
- Consider no meeting for the month of July

Allyson Griffith

- HSC vacancies board is tomorrow 12 May 2022. The only slot open is the youth Services
- Allyson Griffith has asked Vicky McLaurin to serve as the HSC Coordinator for future meetings (June forward)
- The question posed: How many commissioners prefer to return to in-person: survey coming?



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Chair: Consider that in-person requires City Staff to be there in person; consider Hybrid or virtual options as well. Public attendance options may play a role as well in the complete decision-making process.

- 10. Closing Comments/Adjourn at 7:35 PM**
Chair Wilson adjourns meeting at 7:35 PM