



TO: Mayor Woodards
FROM: Nicole Emery, City Clerk
Chris Bacha, City Attorney
COPY: Elizabeth Pauli, City Manager; and City Council
SUBJECT: Resolution – Reappointing John O’Loughlin to the Tacoma Public Utility Board –
June 17, 2025
DATE: May 27, 2025

SUMMARY:

Reappointing John O’Loughlin to the Tacoma Public Utility Board to serve a five-year term, effective July 1, 2025, to expire June 30, 2030.

COUNCIL SPONSORS:

Deputy Mayor Daniels and Council Members Bushnell, Hines, and Walker.

STRATEGIC POLICY PRIORITY:

Appointing to the Tacoma Public Utility Board (Board) best aligns with the strategic priority policy related to encouraging and promoting an open, effective, results-oriented organization because the Tacoma Public Utility Board acts as the governing body for Tacoma Public Utilities.

BACKGROUND:

Pursuant to Tacoma City Charter sections 4.8 and 2.4, the Mayor appoints the members of the Tacoma Public Utility Board, which must be confirmed by a majority of the City Council. At the May 20, 2025, Government Performance and Finance Committee meeting, the Committee reviewed applications, interviewed the candidates, and recommended to the Mayor the reappointment of John O’Loughlin. The Mayor has accepted the recommendation of the Committee and forwards the reappointment of John O’Loughlin to the City Council for confirmation.

ISSUE:

A position needs to be filled on the Tacoma Public Utility Board.

ALTERNATIVES:

The Board would operate without full membership.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Mayor accepts the recommendation of the Government Performance and Finance Committee to reappoint John O’Loughlin to the Tacoma Public Utility Board.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact.