



# City of Tacoma Economic Development Committee Minutes

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**March 22, 2022**

**10:00 AM**

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Chair Keith Blocker, Vice Chair Kiara Daniels, Joe Bushnell,  
Sarah Rumbaugh (alternate)

## Call To Order

Chair Blocker called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.

## Roll Call

**Present:** 3 - Blocker, Bushnell and McCarthy

**Absent:** 1 - Daniels

Vice Chair Daniels arrived at 10:04 a.m.

All Council Members participated virtually.

## Approval of Minutes

1. [22-0347](#) Approval of the minutes of the February 22, 2022, meeting
2. [22-0348](#) Approval of the minutes of the March 8, 2022, meeting

**MOTION: Council Member Bushnell moved to approve the minutes of the February 22 and March 8, 2022, meetings.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member McCarthy.**

**ACTION: Voice vote was taken and carried. The motion was declared adopted.**

**Ayes:** 3 - Blocker, Bushnell and McCarthy

**Absent:** 1 - Daniels

## Briefing Items

3. [22-0349](#) Equity in Contracting Status Update  
[Carol Wolfe, Division Manager; Kacee Woods, Program Manager, Community and Economic Development]

At approximately 10:03 a.m., Carol Wolfe, Division Manager, Community and Economic Development (CED), provided opening remarks and introduced Kacee Woods, Program Manager, CED.

Vice Chair Daniels arrived here, at 10:04 a.m.

Ms. Woods presented an update on the Equity in Contracting (EIC) program, including an agenda; activities in 2019; the team in 2022; 2021 outcomes, noting contracts awarded, utilization, and demographics and value of the awards granted; 2022 priorities; establishing an EIC Advisory Committee; and next steps.

Discussion ensued regarding the Economic Development Committee's role, the Advisory Committee's goals, the disparity study, and possible timelines for studies.

## Topics for Upcoming Meetings

4. [22-0350](#) March 29, 2022 - Port and Manufacturing Industrial Council  
Perspectives on the Tideflats Subarea Plan  
April 12, 2022 - Downtown Tacoma Partnership Retail Advocate Update

Discussion ensued regarding postponing the topic of the Port of Tacoma and Manufacturing Industrial Council perspectives on the Tideflats Subarea Plan, cancelling the March 29, 2022, meeting, and bringing an update to the Committee on the green economy work being done.

Joe Franco, Committee Liaison, stated that the next meeting will be on April 12, 2022, and will include an update from the Downtown Tacoma Partnership Retail Advocate.

## Other Items of Interest

There were no other items of interest.

## Public Comment

There was no Public Comment.

## Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:24 a.m.



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Keith Blocker, Chair



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Katie Foster, City Clerk's Office