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SUBJECT: Resolution – Reappointing individuals to the Tacoma Creates Advisory Board –
August 19, 2025
DATE: July 28, 2025

SUMMARY:

Reappointing the following individuals to the Tacoma Creates Advisory Board:

- Reappointing Faith Brown to the “Professional: Community Engagement” position to serve a three-year term, effective September 1, 2025, to expire August 31, 2028.
- Reappointing Katie Mattran to the “Professional: Culture” position to serve a three-year term, effective September 1, 2025, to expire August 31, 2028.
- Reappointing Rowen Higley to the “Youth Member” position to serve a one-year term, effective September 1, 2025, to expire August 31, 2026.

COUNCIL SPONSORS:

Deputy Mayor Daniels and Council Members Bushnell, Diaz, and Scott.

STRATEGIC POLICY PRIORITY:

Appointing individuals to the Tacoma Creates Advisory Board (Board) best aligns with the strategic priority policy related to encouraging and promoting an open, effective, results-oriented organization because the Board advises the Office of Arts & Cultural Vitality on program outcomes and stewardship of funds. Its purpose is to guide program development and approve funding recommendations for the benefit of all residents of Tacoma. The primary responsibility of the Advisory Board is to ensure compliance to Tacoma Creates guidelines and accountability standards.

BACKGROUND:

The Mayor’s Youth Commission of Tacoma selected Rowen Higley as their recommendation for the “Youth Member” position.

At the July 22, 2025, Economic Development Committee meeting, the Committee conducted reviews and recommended the reappointment of the other individuals listed above.

ISSUE:

Positions need to be filled on the Tacoma Creates Advisory Board.

ALTERNATIVES:

The Board would operate without full membership.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Economic Development Committee recommends the reappointment of the individuals listed above.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact.