



# City of Tacoma

## Economic Development

### Committee Minutes

747 Market Street, Tacoma, WA 98402, Conference Room 248

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**December 12, 2023**

**10:00 AM**

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

### Call To Order

Vice Chair Daniels called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m.

### Roll Call

**Present:** 3 - Bushnell, Daniels and Diaz

**Absent:** 1 - Blocker

Chair Blocker arrived at 10:06 a.m.

Council Member Diaz participated virtually.

### Public Comment

There was no public comment.

### Briefing Items

1. [23-1197](#) Equity in Contracting Advisory Committee Interviews  
[Nicole Emery, City Clerk]

At approximately 10:05 a.m., Nicole Emery, City Clerk, provided information regarding the Equity in Contracting Advisory Committee interviews, including that there are currently nine vacancies and the Committee will be interviewing four applicants to fill those positions.

Chair Blocker arrived, here at 10:06 a.m.

The Committee interviewed Paul Franetovich, Rahsaan Freeman, Larry Hutchinson, and Scott Lundt.

Discussion ensued throughout regarding applicants' qualifications.

**MOTION: Vice Chair Daniels moved to recommend the appointment of Rahsaan Freeman to the “Certified Business No. 3” position on the Equity in Contracting Advisory Committee to fill an unexpired term, to expire August 31, 2024, followed by a three-year term to expire August 31, 2027.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Bushnell.**

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

**Ayes: 4 - Blocker, Bushnell, Daniels and Diaz**

**MOTION: Vice Chair Daniels moved to recommend the appointment of Scott Lundt to the “Certified Business No. 4” position on the Equity in Contracting Advisory Committee to fill an unexpired term, to expire August 31, 2025, followed by a three-year term to expire August 31, 2028.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Bushnell.**

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

**Ayes: 4 - Blocker, Bushnell, Daniels and Diaz**

**MOTION: Vice Chair Daniels moved to recommend the appointment of Paul Franetovich to the “District No. 1” position on the Equity in Contracting Advisory Committee to fill an unexpired term, to expire August 31, 2026.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Bushnell.**

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

**Ayes: 4 - Blocker, Bushnell, Daniels and Diaz**

**MOTION: Vice Chair Daniels moved to recommend the appointment of Larry Hutchinson to the “TPU Service Area No. 1” position on the Equity in Contracting Advisory Committee to fill an unexpired term, to expire August 31, 2026.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Bushnell.**

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

**Ayes: 4 - Blocker, Bushnell, Daniels and Diaz**

## Topics for Upcoming Meetings

2. [23-1198](#) December 26, 2023 - Cancelled  
January 9, 2024 - To Be Determined

Cathy Satava, Committee Liaison, informed the Committee the December 26, 2023, and the January 9, 2024, meetings are cancelled; and the January 23, 2024, meeting will include the election of Committee Chair and Vice Chair.

## Other Items of Interest

Appreciation was given to Chair Blocker for the time that he has served on the Committee and the City from Jeff Robinson, Council Member Bushnell, and Vice Chair Daniels.

Robinson requested the Committee hold a discussion during the January 9, 2024, meeting to review upcoming agendas, topics, and speakers.

## Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:51 a.m.

 For

Keith Blocker, Chair

  
Hollyann Piotrowski, City Clerk's Office