



TO: Elizabeth Pauli, City Manager
FROM: Amita Lonial, Library Director
COPY: Mayor Woodards and City Council Members
SUBJECT: Resolution appointing Priya Saxena to the Library Board of Trustees, effective January 14, 2025
DATE: December 23, 2024

SUMMARY AND PURPOSE:

A resolution appointing Priya Saxena to the Tacoma Public Library Board of Trustees, to serve a five-year term, effective January 14, 2025, to expire January 14, 2030.

COUNCIL SPONSORS:

Mayor Victoria Woodards

BACKGROUND:

The Library Board of Trustees was established per the Revised Code of Washington RCW 27.12.190. The Board consists of five members who are nominated by the Mayor and appointed by a majority vote of the City Council. The membership term is five years. Trustee Theresa Pan Hosley's term ended in December 2024.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT/ CUSTOMER RESEARCH:

Eleven applicants applied for this Board appointment using the City of Tacoma's Boards and Commissions process; six of those met with the Library Board's search committee, who then sent Mayor Woodards their recommendations. Mayor Woodards then selected Priya Saxena, a DEIB Strategic Advisor at the Tacoma Housing Authority who is a lifelong user of library services and has ample experience contributing to their community through board service and advocacy.

2025 STRATEGIC PRIORITIES:

Equity and Accessibility: *(Mandatory)*

This action ensures the Board of Trustees of the Tacoma Public Library will have a full membership and can continue to oversee the management and operation of the Tacoma Public Library.

FISCAL IMPACT:

N/A

Are there financial costs or other impacts of not implementing the legislation?

No

Will the legislation have an ongoing/recurring fiscal impact?

No

Will the legislation change the City's FTE/personnel counts?

No