



City of Tacoma

Economic Development

Committee Minutes

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

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November 14, 2023

10:00 AM

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

Call To Order

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

Roll Call

Present: 4 - Blocker, Bushnell, Daniels and Diaz

Council Member Diaz participated virtually.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Briefing Items

1. [23-1083](#) Tacoma Arts Commission Interviews
[Nicole Emery, City Clerk]

At approximately 10:06 a.m., Susan Haigh, Deputy City Clerk and RIM Administrator, informed the Committee they would be interviewing seven applicants for the Tacoma Arts Commission and reviewing three written responses and there are currently six positions available on the Commission.

The Committee interviewed Daniel Arias-Gomez, Connie Behe, Katie Dean, Hannah-Clarke Gilmore, Marena Shear, Jes Takla, and Wind Dell Woods. The Committee further reviewed written responses from Jasmine Brown and Jeannette Sanchez, who were seeking reappointment, and Amy Van Mechelen, who was unable to attend the interviews.

Discussion ensued throughout regarding the applicants' qualifications.

MOTION: Council Member Bushnell moved to recommend the reappointment of Jasmine Brown to the At-Large No. 4 position on the Tacoma Arts Commission, to serve a three-year term, effective January 1, 2024, to expire December 31, 2026.

SECONDED BY: Vice Chair Daniels.

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

Ayes: 4 - Blocker, Bushnell, Daniels and Diaz

MOTION: Council Member Bushnell moved to recommend the reappointment Jeanette Sanchez to the At-Large No. 5 position on the Tacoma Arts Commission, to serve a three-year term, effective January 1, 2024, to expire December 31, 2026.

SECONDED BY: Vice Chair Daniels.

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 Jes Takla to the At-Large No. 1 position on the Tacoma Arts Commission, to fill an unexpired term to expire December 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: Council Member Bushnell moved to recommend the appointment of Hannah-Clarke Gilmore to the At-Large No. 6 position on the Tacoma Arts Commission, to serve a three-year term, effective January 1, 2024, to expire December 31, 2026.

SECONDED BY: Vice Chair Daniels.

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

Ayes: 4 - Blocker, Bushnell, Daniels and Diaz

MOTION: Council Member Bushnell moved to recommend the appointment of Connie Behe to the At-Large No. 7 position on the Tacoma Arts Commission, to fill an unexpired term, effective January 1, 2024, to expire December 31, 2025.

SECONDED BY: Vice Chair Daniels.

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 Katie Dean to the At-Large No. 9 position on the Tacoma Arts Commission, to serve a three-year term, effective January 1, 2024, to expire December 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 move to recommend the appointment of Wind Dell Woods to the “District No. 1” position on the Tacoma Creates Advisory Board 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 move to recommend the appointment of Daniel Arias-Gomez to the “District No. 3” position on the Tacoma Creates Advisory Board 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

Topics for Upcoming Meetings

2. [23-1084](#) November 28, 2023 - Tacoma Creates Update
December 12, 2023 - Equity in Contracting Advisory Committee Interviews
December 26, 2023 - Cancelled

Cathy Satava, Committee Liaison, stated the next meeting is on November 28, 2023, which will include the Tacoma Creates update; the December 12, 2023, meeting will include the Equity in Contracting Advisory Committee interviews; and the December 26, 2023, meeting has been cancelled.

Other Items of Interest

Chair Blocker noted that his term is ending at the end of 2023, and requested verification of reappointments of the Committee to be done at the beginning of January 2024.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:31 a.m.


_____ For
Keith Blocker, Chair


_____ Hollyann Piotrowski, City Clerk's Office