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SUBJECT: Consideration and recommendation of applicants to the Tacoma Arts Commission and Tacoma Creates Advisory Board
DATE: December 9, 2025

PRESENTATION TYPE:

Committees, Boards and Commissions Interviews

SUMMARY:

The Economic Development Committee will interview and may recommend up to seven applicants to the full City Council for appointment or reappointment to the Tacoma Arts Commission. The Committee may also recommend up to two applicants for appointment to the Tacoma Creates Advisory Board. Recruitment efforts for the open seats included distributing a news release and posting on the City's website, and notifying over fifteen local organizations. Below is a list of the applicants, in order of interview:

APPLICANTS	CBC	COUNCIL DISTRICT
Lindsey Dodge	Tacoma Arts Commission	2
Heather Momyer	Tacoma Arts Commission	3
Domonique Herrin	Tacoma Arts Commission	1
Elena Chernock	Tacoma Creates Advisory Board	5
Rolfe Bautista	Tacoma Arts Commission	1
Marlee Myers	Tacoma Arts Commission	3
Sierra Suafoa-McClain	Tacoma Arts Commission	2
Janessa Post	Tacoma Arts Commission	3
Yixuan Pan	Tacoma Arts Commission	5
Elizabeth Panameno	Tacoma Arts Commission & Tacoma Creates Advisory Board	4
Beverly White	Tacoma Arts Commission & Tacoma Creates Advisory Board	1
Benjamin Hawthorne	Tacoma Creates Advisory Board	3
Martina Ngo	Tacoma Creates Advisory Board	1
Christopher Diedrick	Tacoma Arts Commission	3
Ryan Ann Davis	Tacoma Arts Commission & Tacoma Creates Advisory Board	2
Sarah Jane Hoppe* (seeking reappointment)	Tacoma Arts Commission	2

*Provided written response



BACKGROUND:

The Tacoma Arts Commission's objective is to develop, support, coordinate, sponsor, present, and enhance the arts on a year-round basis for the benefit of the City and its residents. The Commission consists of 15 volunteer members who have demonstrated interest and familiarity with arts and culture, either through professional practice or volunteer work, and reside within the boundaries of Tacoma. Members serve three-year terms that begin on January 1 and end on December 31.

The primary duty of the Tacoma Arts Commission is to identify and actively encourage the development and sustainability of the arts in the City by serving as the City's primary resource in matters of art, culture, public art, and cultural tourism. The Commission's primary programs include the Municipal Art Plan, public art projects for all City departments, stewardship of the Municipal Art Collection, and the funding of artists and arts organizations to provide service for the residents of Tacoma.

Tacoma Creates Advisory Board advises to the Tacoma Creates Administration on funding programs to support public benefit in arts, culture, heritage, and science programs throughout Tacoma.

ISSUE:

Positions need to be filled.

ALTERNATIVES:

The Commission and the Board will continue to operate without full membership.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff requests that the Economic Development Committee recommend the appointment or reappointment of up to seven applicants to the Tacoma Arts Commission. Staff also requests that the Committee recommend the appointment of up to two applicants for appointment to the Tacoma Creates Advisory Board, all of which will be forwarded to the full City Council on December 16, 2025.