



# City of Tacoma

## Public Safety, Human Services, and Education Committee Minutes

747 Market Street Tacoma, WA 98402

Conference Room 248

May 28, 2015

4:30 PM

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Chair Victoria Woodards, Vice Chair Marty Campbell,  
Mayor Marilyn Strickland, Joe Lonergan, Ryan Mello (alternate)

### Call To Order

Chair Woodards called the meeting to order at 4:38 p.m.

**Present:** 3 - Campbell, Lonergan and Woodards

**Absent:** 1 - Strickland

### Briefing Items

1. [15-0547](#)

Green DOT Public Schools  
[Bree Dusseault, Green DOT Washington]

At approximately 4:40 p.m., Bree Dusseault provided an overview of Destiny Charter Middle School including opening dates, definition of a charter school, mission, history, college acceptance rates, students served, performance percentages, student experience, the Green Dot difference, professional growth for teachers, staff and staff diversity, community partnerships, school site restoration, and their 3-year growth plan.

Discussion ensued regarding increased accountability, Washington State performance framework, access to athletic play, and removal of the old play structure. Council Member Campbell requested scheduling a tour of the grounds. Discussion continued regarding preparation for college, trade school, college acceptance rates, exposure to trades, expeditions, internships, size of graduating class, and utilizing the Pierce County Skills Center.

2. [15-0548](#)

SOAR Academy Public Charter School  
[Kristina Bellamy, SOAR Academy Public Charter School]

At approximately 5:04 p.m., Kristina Bellamy, SOAR Academy, provided an overview of SOAR Academy K-8, including their mission, core values,

teaching model, personalized learning, arts integration, community, and public education.

Discussion ensued regarding class size and staff/student ratio, option to move on to Tacoma School of the Arts (SOTA), demographics, number of student seats vs. number of applicants, and outgrowing the current space.

3. [15-0549](#) Summit Public School  
[Laura Rodriguez, Summit Public School]

At approximately 5:24 p.m., Gina Wickstead and Laura Rodriguez, Summit Public School, provided an overview of Summit Olympus, including their mission, focus on learning, the Summit environment, Personalized Learning Time (PLT), expeditions and sports, college acceptance rates, and examples of colleges that have accepted Summit students.

Discussion ensued regarding class size, demographics of students, number of staff and where they are from, accessibility of sports, and access to team sports through public schools.

### Topics for Upcoming Meetings

4. [15-0550](#) June 11, 2015 - TMC 8.52.020 Smoking On Transit Property; Burglary Reduction Initiative

Genesis Gavino, City Manager's Office, stated the June 11, 2015 meeting will include a presentation regarding Tacoma Municipal Code 8.52.020 Smoking on Transit Property, and a discussion on the Burglary Reduction Initiative as part of the Tacoma 2025 strategic plan.

### Other Items of Interest

There were no other items of interest.

### Public Comment

There was no public comment.

### Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:44 p.m.

  
Victoria Woodards, Chair

  
Amanda Punsalan, City Clerk's Office