



TO: Elizabeth Pauli, City Manager
FROM: Amita Lonial, Library Director
COPY: Mayor Woodards and City Council Members
SUBJECT: Resolution appointing Joel Zylstra to the Library Board of Trustees, effective April 15, 2025
DATE: March 21, 2025

SUMMARY AND PURPOSE:

A resolution appointing Joel Zylstra to the Tacoma Public Library Board of Trustees, with the term beginning April 15, 2025, and expiring on December 15, 2029.

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 5 members who are nominated by the Mayor and appointed by a majority vote of the City Council. The membership term is five years.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT/ CUSTOMER RESEARCH:

Eleven applicants applied for this Board appointment using the City of Tacoma's Boards and Commissions process; 6 of those met with the Library Board's search committee, who then sent Mayor Woodards their recommendations. Mayor Woodards then selected Joel Zylstra, an education professional with Franklin Pierce Schools, who has extensive board and volunteer experience within the Tacoma community.

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

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