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SUBJECT: Resolution – Appointing individuals to the Tacoma Creates Advisory Board –
January 6, 2026
DATE: December 12, 2025

SUMMARY:

Appointing the following individuals to the Tacoma Creates Advisory Board:

- Appointing Elena Chernock to the “District No. 5” position to fill an unexpired term, to expire August 31, 2028.
- Appointing Martina Ngo to the “Professional Position 1” position to fill an expired term, to expire August 31, 2026, followed by a three-year term to expire August 31, 2029.

COUNCIL SPONSORS:

Deputy Mayor Daniels and Council Members Bushnell, Diaz, and Scott.

STRATEGIC POLICY PRIORITY:

Appointing individuals to the Tacoma Creates Advisory Board (Board) best aligns with the strategic priority policy related to encouraging and promoting an open, effective, results-oriented organization because the Board advises the Office of Arts & Cultural Vitality on program outcomes and stewardship of funds. Its purpose is to guide program development and approve funding recommendations for the benefit of all residents of Tacoma. The primary responsibility of the Advisory Board is to ensure compliance to Tacoma Creates guidelines and accountability standards.

BACKGROUND:

At the December 9, 2025, Economic Development Committee meeting, the Committee conducted interviews and recommended the appointment of the other individuals listed above.

ISSUE:

Positions need to be filled on the Tacoma Creates Advisory Board.

ALTERNATIVES:

The Board would continue to operate without full membership.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Economic Development Committee recommends the appointment of the individuals listed above.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact.