



City of Tacoma

City Council Action Memorandum

TO: Elizabeth Pauli, City Manager
FROM: Kate Larsen, Library Director
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COPY: Mayor Woodards and City Council Members
SUBJECT: Resolution appointing Elizabeth Bowman to the Library Board of Trustees, effective January 16, 2024
DATE: December 20, 2023

SUMMARY AND PURPOSE:

A resolution appointing Elizabeth Bowman to the Tacoma Public Library Board of Trustees, with the term expiring January 16, 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 five 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:

Nine applicants applied for this Board appointment using the City of Tacoma's Boards and Commissions process; seven of those met with the Library Board's search committee, who then sent Mayor Woodards their recommendations. Mayor Woodards then selected Elizabeth Bowman, a retired community member who has experience as an academic library director.

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