



# City of Tacoma

## Economic Development

### Committee Minutes

747 Market Street, Tacoma, WA 98402, Conference Room 248

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**August 08, 2023**

**10:00 AM**

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Chair **Keith Blocker**, Vice Chair **Kiara Daniels**, **Joe Bushnell**,  
**Olgly Diaz**, **Sarah Rumbaugh** (alternate)

### Call To Order

Chair Blocker called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m.

### Roll Call

**Present:** 3 - Blocker, Bushnell and Diaz

**Absent:** 1 - Daniels

### Public Comment

There was no public comment.

### Briefing Items

1. [23-0791](#) Tacoma Creates Advisory Board Review of Applications  
[Susan Haigh, Interim City Clerk]

At approximately 10:05 a.m., Susan Haigh, Interim City Clerk, provided background regarding the Tacoma Creates Advisory Board review of applicants and informed the Committee they will be reviewing four applications for reappointment and staff recommends the reappointment for the following applicants Allison Campbell, Professional Heritage; Sheree Cooks, District No. 4; Amanda Figueroa, Professional Science; and Brian Robinson, Professional Arts. She concluded by stating that youth member Ava Sims was selected by the Mayors Youth Commission of Tacoma leadership, to serve a one-year term.

Discussion ensued regarding qualifications of applicants and background on each applicant for the positions they are applying for.

**MOTION: Council Member Bushnell moved to recommend the reappointment of Sheree Cooks to the District No. 4 position on the Tacoma Creates Advisory Board to serve a three-year term, to expire August 31, 2026.**

**SECONDED BY: Chair Blocker.**

**ACTION: Voice vote was taken and carried. The motion was declared adopted.**

**Ayes:** 3 - Blocker, Bushnell and Diaz

**Absent:** 1 - Daniels

**MOTION: Council Member Bushnell moved to recommend the reappointment of Brian Robinson to the Arts position on the Tacoma Creates Advisory Board to serve a three-year term, to expire August 31, 2026.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Diaz.**

**ACTION: Voice vote was taken and carried. The motion was declared adopted.**

**Ayes:** 3 - Blocker, Bushnell and Diaz

**Absent:** 1 - Daniels

**MOTION: Council Member Bushnell moved to recommend the reappointment of Allison Campbell to the Heritage position on the Tacoma Creates Advisory Board to serve a three-year term, to expire August 31, 2026.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Diaz.**

**ACTION: Voice vote was taken and carried. The motion was declared adopted.**

**Ayes:** 3 - Blocker, Bushnell and Diaz

**Absent:** 1 - Daniels

**MOTION: Council Member Bushnell moved to recommend the reappointment of Amanda Figueroa to the Science position on the Tacoma Creates Advisory Board to serve a three-year term, to expire August 31, 2026.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Diaz.**

**ACTION: Voice vote was taken and carried. The motion was declared adopted.**

**Ayes:** 3 - Blocker, Bushnell and Diaz

**Absent:** 1 - Daniels

2. [23-0792](#) Tacoma Green Job Creation Tax Credit  
[Pat Beard, Business Development Manager; Danielle Larson, Tax and License Manager, Finance]

At approximately 10:10 a.m., Pat Beard, Business Development Manager, Community and Economic Development (CED), and Danielle Larson, Tax and License Manager, Finance, presented the Tacoma Green Job Creation Tax Credit, including an overview; proposed revision outcomes, noting they will eliminate redundancy in the current code by deleting repetitive and overly broad definitions, increase credit to \$1,000 a year for five years, target the incentive towards industry sectors identified in the Green Economic Development Strategy; and next steps.

Discussion ensued regarding job tax credit, business credit availability, incentives, estimates on credit totals, marketing, and business licenses and filing guidelines.

## Topics for Upcoming Meetings

3. [23-0793](#) August 22, 2023 - Equity In Contracting Code Update  
August 29, 2023 - Equity In Contracting Advisory Committee Interviews  
September 12, 2023 - Minority Business Development Agency Update

Cathy Satava, Committee Liaison, stated the August 22, 2023, meeting will include Equity in Contracting Code updates; the August 29, 2023, meeting will include Equity in Contracting Advisory Committee interviews; the September 12, 2023, meeting will include updates on the Minority Business Development Agency; and the September 26, 2023, meeting will include updates on the Neighborhood Business District and business licenses.

## **Other Items of Interest**

Council Member Bushnell requested further information on the shutdown of the WestRock Company paper mill facility.

## **Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:33 a.m.

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Keith Blocker, Chair

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Hollyann Piotrowski, City Clerk's Office