



City of Tacoma

Government Performance and Finance Committee Minutes

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March 16, 2021

10:00 AM

Chair Lillian Hunter, Vice Chair John Hines, Robert Thoms,
Kristina Walker, Keith Blocker (alternate), Bryan Flint (ex officio)

JOINT MEETING WITH THE AUDIT ADVISORY BOARD

Call To Order

Chair Hunter called the joint meeting to order at 10:01 a.m.

Roll Call

Present: 4 - Hines, Hunter, Thoms and Walker

Audit Advisory Board Members:

Present: 3 - Ball, Cooley, and Patterson

All Council Members and Audit Advisory Board Members participated virtually.

Briefing Items

1. [21-0261](#) State Auditor's Office 2019 Exit Conference and 2020 Entrance Conference [Linda Mastin, Assistant Audit Manager; Saundra Groshong, Audit Manager, Washington State Auditor's Office]

At approximately 10:03 a.m., Saundra Groshong, Audit Manager, Washington State Auditor's Office (SAO), introduced Linda Mastin, Audit Manager; Leah Hafterson, Assistant Audit Manager; and Tom Bernard, Assistant Audit Manager, SAO. Ms. Groshong outlined the accountability audit results and audit areas for 2019. Ms. Mastin presented the 2019 financial audit results, noting an unmodified opinion, internal control and compliance over financial reporting, required communications, work of other auditors, and a certificate of achievement for excellence in financial reporting; the 2019 federal grant compliance audit results, noting an unmodified opinion, internal control and compliance over major programs, major programs selected for audit, and the status of prior findings and

management letter items; other exit recommendations; report publication; the scope of the 2020 audit; information regarding the 2020 energy audit on energy conservation and renewable energy; and expected communications.

Discussion ensued throughout regarding uncorrected misstatements, unresolved prior findings, verbal recommendations on the Public Works Street Fund, and the scope of the audit related to Tacoma Rail.

Topics for Upcoming Meetings

2. [21-0262](#) April 6, 2021 - Tacoma Public Utilities' Advanced Metering

Ted Richardson, Committee Liaison, stated the next meeting will be on April 6, 2021, and will include a presentation on Tacoma Public Utilities' advanced metering.

Other Items of Interest

Chair Hunter requested that staff add a discussion regarding reconsideration of the Committee Chair to the next meeting's agenda.

Public Comment

There was no Public Comment.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the joint meeting adjourned at 10:32 a.m.



Lillian Hunter, Chair



Mary Crabtree, City Clerk's Office