



# City of Tacoma Community Vitality and Safety Committee Minutes

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**August 12, 2021**

**4:30 PM**

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Chair Catherine Ushka, Vice Chair Keith Blocker,  
Chris Beale, John Hines, Lillian Hunter (alternate)

## Call To Order

Chair Ushka called the meeting to order at 4:39 p.m.

## Roll Call

**Present:** 3 - Hines, Ushka and Hunter

**Absent:** 2 - Beale and Blocker

All Council Members participated virtually.

## Briefing Items

1. [21-0780](#) Interviews for the Human Services Commission  
[Doris Sorum, City Clerk]

At approximately 4:39 p.m., Doris Sorum, City Clerk, informed the Committee they would be interviewing one applicant for the Human Services Commission (HSC) to fill the unexpired youth position. Kristin Ely, HSC Liaison, gave background information on work the Commission has completed over the last year.

The Committee interviewed Nate Minor.

[21-0780](#) Interviews for the Human Services Commission  
[Doris Sorum, City Clerk]

**MOTION: Council Member Hunter moved to recommend the appointment of Nate Minor to the “Youth” position on the Human Services Commission, to fill an unexpired term, to expire May 31, 2022.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Hines.**

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

**Ayes:** 3 - Hines, Ushka and Hunter

**Absent:** 2 - Beale and Blocker

2. [21-0781](#) Interviews for the Tacoma Area Commission on Disabilities  
[Doris Sorum, City Clerk]

At approximately 4:55 p.m., Lucas Smiraldo, Tacoma Area Commission on Disabilities (TACOD) Liaison, gave background information on work the Commission has completed over the last year. Ms. Sorum, informed the Committee they would be interviewing seven applicants for the TACOD, including four applicants that are seeking reappointment, and five positions are available. Ms. Sorum concluded by stating that two applicants, Luke Byram and Todd Holloway, have already served on the Commission for seven and a half years, and if reappointed could only serve partial terms.

The Committee interviewed Lukas Barfield, Luke Byram, James Williams, Hayley Edick, Todd Holloway, Kennysa Johnson, and Corvi Urling.

Discussion ensued regarding the qualifications of applicants, creating a pool of alternates, and full or partial terms.

**MOTION: Council Member Hines moved to recommend the reappointment of Lukas Barfield to the Tacoma Area Commission on Disabilities, to serve a three-year term, effective September 1, 2021, to expire August 31, 2024.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Hunter.**

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

**Ayes:** 3 - Hines, Ushka and Hunter

**Absent:** 2 - Beale and Blocker

**MOTION: Council Member Hines moved to recommend the reappointment of Luke Byram to the Tacoma Area Commission on Disabilities, to serve a three-year term, effective September 1, 2021, to expire August 31, 2024.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Hunter.**

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

**Ayes:** 3 - Hines, Ushka and Hunter

**Absent:** 2 - Beale and Blocker

**MOTION: Council Member Hines moved to recommend the reappointment of Todd Holloway to the Tacoma Area Commission on Disabilities, to serve a three-year term, effective September 1, 2021, to expire August 31, 2024.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Hunter.**

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

**Ayes:** 3 - Hines, Ushka and Hunter

**Absent:** 2 - Beale and Blocker

**MOTION: Council Member Hines moved to recommend the reappointment of James Williams to the Tacoma Area Commission on Disabilities, to serve a three-year term, effective September 1, 2021, to expire August 31, 2024.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Hunter.**

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

**Ayes:** 3 - Hines, Ushka and Hunter

**Absent:** 2 - Beale and Blocker

**MOTION: Council Member Hunter moved to recommend Hayley Edick, Kennysa Johnson, and Corvi Urling to a short list, in this order, for the Tacoma Area Commission on Disabilities.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Hines.**

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

**Ayes:** 3 - Hines, Ushka and Hunter

**Absent:** 2 - Beale and Blocker

## Other Items of Interest

- 2a. Human Rights Commission Appointment  
[Doris Sorum, City Clerk]

At approximately 6:15 p.m., Ms. Sorum, stated at the March 25, 2021, meeting, the Committee interviewed applicants for the Human Rights Commission and made recommendations to the full City Council, and at that meeting the Committee requested for the applicants that were not forwarded for recommendation to be informed of any future vacancies on the Commission. Ms. Sorum informed the Committee that shortly after the interviews, a current member resigned, creating a vacancy, and as requested staff contacted applicants and Kim Washington Watson was the only applicant who responded seeking appointment.

Discussion ensued regarding the original difficulties in choosing who to appoint to the Commission.

**MOTION: Council Member Hines moved to recommend the appointment of Kim Washington Watson to the Human Rights Commission, to fill an unexpired term, to expire February 28, 2022.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Hunter.**

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

**Ayes:** 3 - Hines, Ushka and Hunter

**Absent:** 2 - Beale and Blocker

## Briefing Items

3. [21-0782](#) Just Cause Evictions  
[ChiQuata Elder, Lead Program Development Specialist, Office of Equity and Human Rights; Jacques Colon, 2025 Strategic Manager, Media and Communications Office; Steven Sawada, Senior Continuous Improvement Analyst, Human Resources]

At approximately 6:19 p.m., ChiQuata Elder, Lead Program Development Specialist, Office of Equity and Human Rights; Jacques Colon, 2025 Strategic Manager, Media and Communications Office; and Steven Sawada, Senior Continuous Improvement Analyst, Human Resources, presented on just cause evictions, including a summary; background information; an explanation for the code update description table provided as Appendix A of the memorandum; and proposed code updates and changes, noting changes to Tacoma Municipal Code (TMC) sections 1.95.030, 1.95.040, 1.95.070, and 1.95.090.

Discussion ensued regarding just cause evictions appearing before the full City Council expediently, roommates who are not listed on leases, what happens to landlords who violate the TMC, what action is needed from the Committee, recognition for the work of staff, and next steps.

**MOTION: Council Member Hunter moved to forward the just cause eviction recommendations to the full City Council for consideration.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Hines.**

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

**Ayes:** 3 - Hines, Ushka and Hunter

**Absent:** 2 - Beale and Blocker

## Topics for Upcoming Meetings

4. [21-0784](#) August 26, 2021 - Language Access;  
Community's Police Advisory Committee Update  
September 9, 2021 - House Bill 1590

Ted Richardson, Committee Liaison, stated the next meeting will be on August 26, 2021, and will include a presentation on language access, and an update on the Community's Police Advisory Committee. He concluded by stating that the September 9, 2021, meeting will include an update on

House Bill 1590.

## **Public Comment**

There was no Public Comment.

## **Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:52 p.m.

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Catherine Ushka, Chair

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Jered Lobban, City Clerk's Office