



**TO:** Mayor Woodards  
**FROM:** Doris Sorum, City Clerk  
Bill Fosbre, City Attorney  
**COPY:** Elizabeth Pauli, City Manager; and City Council  
**SUBJECT:** Resolution – Reappointing Elly Claus-McGahan to the Tacoma Public Utility Board –  
June 6, 2023  
**DATE:** May 19, 2023

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**SUMMARY:**

Reappointing Elly Claus-McGahan to the Tacoma Public Utility Board to serve a five-year term, effective July 1, 2023, to expire June 30, 2028.

**COUNCIL SPONSORS:**

Deputy Mayor Walker and Council Members Bushnell, Hines, and Rumbaugh.

**STRATEGIC POLICY PRIORITY:**

Appointing to the Board best aligns with the strategic priority policy related to encouraging and promoting an open, effective, results-oriented organization because the Tacoma Public Utility Board acts as the governing body for Tacoma Public Utilities.

**BACKGROUND:**

Pursuant to Tacoma City Charter sections 4.8 and 2.4, the Mayor appoints the members of the Tacoma Public Utility Board, which must be confirmed by a majority of the City Council. At the May 16, 2023, Government Performance and Finance Committee meeting, the Committee reviewed applications, interviewed the candidates, and recommended to the Mayor reappointment of Elly Claus-McGahan. The Mayor has accepted the recommendation of the Committee and forwards the reappointment of Elly Claus-McGahan to the City Council for confirmation.

**ISSUE:**

A position needs to be filled on the Tacoma Public Utility Board.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

The Board would operate without full membership.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

The Mayor accepts the recommendation of the Government Performance and Finance Committee to reappoint Elly Claus-McGahan to the Tacoma Public Utility Board.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

There is no fiscal impact.