



# City of Tacoma

## Government Performance and Finance Committee Minutes

747 Market Street, Tacoma, WA 98402, Conference Room 248  
Dial: 253-215-8782 Meeting ID: 844 1669 0206  
Webinar Link: [www.zoom.us/j/84416690206](http://www.zoom.us/j/84416690206) Passcode: 614650  
**May 21, 2024**  
**10:00 AM**

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Chair John Hines, Vice Chair Joe Bushnell, Kiara Daniels,  
Sarah Rumbaugh, Kristina Walker (alternate),  
Carlos Watson (ex officio)

### JOINT MEETING WITH THE AUDIT ADVISORY BOARD

#### Call To Order

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

#### Roll Call

**Present:** 3 - Bushnell, Rumbaugh and Hines  
**Absent:** 1 - Daniels

Audit Advisory Board Members:

Present: 1 - O'Loughlin  
Absent: 2 - Ball and Claus-McGahan

Council Member Daniels arrived at 10:04 a.m.

Audit Advisory Board Member Claus-McGahan arrived at 10:32 a.m., and participated virtually.

#### Public Comment

There was no public comment.

#### Briefing Items

1. [24-0559](#) Public Utility Board Interviews  
[Nicole Emery, City Clerk]

At approximately 10:03 a.m., Nicole Emery, City Clerk, informed the Committee they would be interviewing three applicants for the Public Utility Board to fill one position to serve a five-year term, to expire June 30, 2029, and that Brian Beale has withdrawn from consideration.

Council Member Daniels arrived here, at 10:04 a.m.

The Committee interviewed Rick Shanaman, Carlos Watson, and Mark Martinez.

Audit Advisory Board Member Claus-McGahan arrived here, at 10:32 a.m.

Discussion ensued regarding the qualifications of the applicants.

**MOTION: Vice Chair Bushnell moved to recommend the reappointment of Carlos Watson to the Public Utility Board to serve a five-year term, effective July 1, 2024, to expire June 30, 2029.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Rumbaugh.**

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

**Ayes:** 4 - Bushnell, Daniels, Rumbaugh and Hines

2. [24-0561](#)

State Auditor's Office - 2022 Exit Accountability Audit  
[Saundra Groshong, Audit Manager; Suzie Moon, Assistant Audit Manager, State Auditor's Office]

At approximately 10:40 a.m., Saundra Groshong, Audit Manager, and Jason Starr, Audit Lead, Washington State Auditor's Office (SAO), presented the SAO 2022 exit accountability audit, including staff introductions; accountability audit results, noting departments and accounts included in the audit; Tacoma Police Department use of restricted funds, noting the management letter; Tacoma Public Utilities (TPU) payroll, noting the management letter; closing remarks; and audit report publication.

Discussion ensued regarding general use of restricted funds, funds used for narcotics and street racing investigation, use of funds along with sex trafficking investigations, narcotic seizures from other jurisdictions, supporting documentation of funds, preventing inconsistencies from reoccurring, rectifying TPU timekeeping and payroll inconsistencies, and policy on badge scans.

3. [24-0562](#)

State Auditor's Office - 2023 Entrance Conference for Financial and Federal Audit  
[Saundra Groshong, Audit Manager; Suzie Moon, Assistant Audit Manager, State Auditor's Office]

At approximately 11:16 a.m., Groshong and Starr, presented the SAO 2023

entrance conference for the financial and federal audit, including staff introductions; audit accountability, noting the financial and federal audit; financial statement and federal grant compliance audit from January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023, noting identifying instances of material non-compliance; major programs selected for audit, noting COVID-19 funding; and important information, noting confidential information, audit costs, audit dispute process, and loss reporting.

Discussion ensued regarding previous findings of discrepancies on the disbursement of COVID-19 funds.

## Topics for Upcoming Meetings

4. [24-0563](#) June 4, 2024 - Joint Audit Advisory Board Meeting;  
Moss Adams 2023 Audit Exit Conference;  
Tacoma Power - Rate Stabilization Fund Reserves & Policy;  
Informational Briefing on the Public Records Office
- June 18, 2024 - Monthly Budget Update;  
Proposed Revisions to the Municipal Code  
Related to Claims Settlement; Long Range Financial  
Plans for Water and Power
- July 2, 2024 - Cancelled

D'Angelo Baker, Committee Liaison, stated the next meeting will be on June 4, 2024, and will be a joint Audit Advisory Board meeting, and will include the Moss Adams 2023 audit exit conference, Tacoma Power rate stabilization fund reserves and policy, and an informational briefing on the Public Records Office; the June 18, 2024, meeting will include a monthly budget update, proposed revisions to the Tacoma Municipal Code related to claims settlement, and long range plans for water and power; and the July 2, 2024, meeting is cancelled.

## Other Items of Interest

There were no other items of interest.

## **Adjournment**

There being no further business, the joint meeting adjourned at 11:25 a.m.

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John Hines, Chair

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Kimberly Kerby, City Clerk's Office