



# City of Tacoma Economic Development Committee Minutes

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**September 28, 2021**

**10:00 AM**

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Chair Robert Thoms, Vice Chair Conor McCarthy, Keith Blocker,  
Catherine Ushka, Victoria Woodards (alternate)

## Call To Order

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

## Roll Call

**Present:** 4 - Blocker, McCarthy, Thoms and Ushka

All Council Members participated virtually.

## Briefing Items

1. [21-0928](#) Tacoma Creates Advisory Board Interviews  
[Doris Sorum, City Clerk]

At approximately 10:05 a.m., Doris Sorum, City Clerk, informed the Committee that they would be interviewing five applicants for the Tacoma Creates Advisory Board, two of which are seeking reappointment; and that there are currently three positions available, including the Arts, Heritage, and Council District No. 3 positions. Ms. Sorum further stated a prior discussion was held regarding the reappointment of Putter Bert and Roxane Hreha, and that Maeve Glackin-Coley was selected for the Youth position by the leadership team of the Mayor's Youth Commission.

The Committee interviewed Allison Campbell, Naomi O'Connor, Brian Robinson, and Jacob Tice. Rosie Delcid Castillo did not attend.

Discussion ensued throughout regarding the number of available positions, which applicants could fill which positions, and applicant qualifications.

**MOTION:** Vice Chair McCarthy moved to recommend the reappointment of Putter Bert to the “Council District No. 2” position on the Tacoma Creates Advisory Board to serve a three-year term to expire August 31, 2024.

**SECONDED BY:** Deputy Mayor Blocker.

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

**Ayes:** 4 - Blocker, McCarthy, Thoms and Ushka

**MOTION:** Vice Chair McCarthy moved to recommend the reappointment of Roxane Hreha to the “Public Education” position on the Tacoma Creates Advisory Board to serve a three-year term to expire August 31, 2024.

**SECONDED BY:** Deputy Mayor Blocker.

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

**Ayes:** 4 - Blocker, McCarthy, Thoms and Ushka

**MOTION:** Vice Chair McCarthy moved to recommend the appointment of Naomi O’Connor to the “Council District No. 3” position on the Tacoma Creates Advisory Board to serve a three-year term to expire August 31, 2024.

**SECONDED BY:** Deputy Mayor Blocker.

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

**Ayes:** 4 - Blocker, McCarthy, Thoms and Ushka

**MOTION: Vice Chair McCarthy moved to recommend the appointment of Brian Robinson to the “Arts” position on the Tacoma Creates Advisory Board to fill an unexpired term to expire August 31, 2023.**

**SECONDED BY: Deputy Mayor Blocker.**

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

**Ayes: 4 - Blocker, McCarthy, Thoms and Ushka**

**MOTION: Vice Chair McCarthy moved to recommend the appointment of Allison Campbell to the “Heritage” position on the Tacoma Creates Advisory Board to fill an unexpired term to expire August 31, 2023.**

**SECONDED BY: Deputy Mayor Blocker.**

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

**Ayes: 4 - Blocker, McCarthy, Thoms and Ushka**

**MOTION: Vice Chair McCarthy moved to recommend the appointment of Maeve Glackin-Coley to the “Youth” position on the Tacoma Creates Advisory Board to serve a one-year term to expire August 31, 2022.**

**SECONDED BY: Deputy Mayor Blocker.**

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

**Ayes: 4 - Blocker, McCarthy, Thoms and Ushka**

## Topics for Upcoming Meetings

2. [21-0929](#) October 12, 2021 - To be determined

Discussion ensued regarding the surplus City funds topic, mid-biennium budget modifications, future City Council budget presentations, and a desire for a future energy or climate project to be handled by the Committee.

Lynda Foster, Committee Liaison, stated the next meeting will be on October 12, 2021, and the topics have yet to be determined and that the meeting may be cancelled; the Tacoma Public Utilities economic development presentation has been rescheduled to the October 26, 2021, meeting; an update to the outdoor dining program is scheduled for the November 9, 2021, meeting; and the Tacoma Arts Commission interviews are scheduled for the November 30, 2021, meeting.

Discussion ensued regarding small business grants, and a request to move the outdoor dining program update to an earlier date.

## Other Items of Interest

There were no other items of interest.

## Public Comment

There was no Public Comment.

## Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:58 a.m.

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Robert Thoms, Chair

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Jered Lobban, City Clerk's Office