



City of Tacoma

Government Performance and Finance Committee Minutes

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May 17, 2022

10:00 AM

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

Call To Order

Chair Hines called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

Roll Call

Present: 3 - Bushnell, Hines and Rumbaugh

Absent: 1 - Walker

Vice Chair Walker arrived at 10:07 a.m.

All Council Members participated virtually.

Briefing Items

1. [22-0578](#)

Public Utility Board Interviews

[Doris Sorum, City Clerk]

At approximately 10:06 a.m., Doris Sorum, City Clerk informed the Committee they would be interviewing five applicants for the Public Utility Board to fill one position for a five-year term, and that one additional applicant had been invited to interview but withdrew.

Vice Chair Walker arrived here, at 10:07 a.m.

The Committee interviewed Joseph Bradley, William Bridges, Luke Kneeshaw, Joseph Morton, and Jordan Rash.

The Government Performance and Finance Committee recessed at 11:12 a.m.

The Government Performance and Finance Committee reconvened at 11:15 a.m.

Discussion ensued regarding candidate qualifications.

MOTION: Council Member Bushnell moved to recommend the appointment of William Bridges to the Public Utility Board to serve a five-year term, effective July 1, 2022, to expire June 30, 2022.

SECONDED BY: Vice Chair Walker.

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

Ayes: 4 - Bushnell, Hines, Rumbaugh and Walker

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Discussion ensued regarding postponing the digital equity briefings to a future meeting.

MOTION: Vice Chair Walker moved to continue Item Nos. 2 and 3 to a date to be determined.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Bushnell.

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

Ayes: 4 - Bushnell, Hines, Rumbaugh and Walker

2. [22-0579](#) Digital Equity Program Briefing
[Daniel Key, Director, Information Technology Department]

This item was continued to a date to be determined.

3. [22-0580](#) Tacoma Public Library and Digital Equity
[Kate Larsen, Director, Tacoma Public Library]

This item was continued to a date to be determined.

Topics for Upcoming Meetings

4. [22-0581](#) June 7, 2022 - Public Utility Board Interviews; Monthly Budget Update;
TPU Financial Policies and Strategic Directives;
Review of Council Member Part-Time Status

Ted Richardson, Committee Liaison, stated that the next meeting will be held on June 7, 2022, and will include updates on the monthly budget, Tacoma Public Utilities (TPU) financial policies and strategic directives, and Council Member part-time status. He further stated that the June 21, 2022, meeting will include the Audit Advisory Board quarterly meeting and an update on the TPU variable rate design, and that the July 5, 2022, meeting is cancelled.

Other Items of Interest

Chair Hines stated that the Open Public Meeting Act changes going into effect June 9, 2022, will require City Council Rules of Procedure to be revised prior to that, including accepting written comment no later than 24 hours in advance of the meeting and the number and frequency of Council Members allowed to join meetings virtually.

Discussion ensued regarding the rules of procedure for the City Council and Committees, Boards, and Commissions; the resolution to modify the emergency rule requiring remote meetings; and conducting in-person meetings.

Public Comment

There was no Public Comment.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:42 a.m.

John Hines, Chair

Katie Foster, City Clerk's Office