



**TO:** Mayor Woodards  
**FROM:** Doris Sorum, City Clerk  
Bill Fosbre, City Attorney  
**COPY:** Elizabeth Pauli, City Manager; and City Council  
**SUBJECT:** Resolution – Appointing Elly Claus-McGahan to the Tacoma Public Utility Board –  
September 27, 2022  
**DATE:** September 19, 2022

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**SUMMARY:**

Appointing Elly Claus-McGahan to the Tacoma Public Utility Board to fill an unexpired term, effective October 1, 2022, to expire June 30, 2023.

**COUNCIL SPONSORS:**

Council Members Bushnell, Hines, Rumbaugh, and Walker.

**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 September 6, 2022, Government Performance and Finance Committee meeting, the Committee discussed the qualifications of previous applicants that have recently been interviewed and recommended to the Mayor appointment of Elly Claus-McGahan. The Mayor has accepted the recommendation of the Committee and forwards the appointment of Elly Claus-McGahan to the City Council for confirmation.

**ISSUE:**

A vacancy will occur as of September 30, 2022.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

The Board would operate without full membership.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

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

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

There is no fiscal impact.