



# City of Tacoma Economic Development Committee Minutes

747 Market Street Tacoma, WA 98402

Conference Room 248

November 12, 2019

10:00 AM

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Chair Robert Thoms, Vice Chair Conor McCarthy, Lillian Hunter,  
Catherine Ushka, Chris Beale (alternate)

## Call To Order

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

**Present:** 3 - Hunter, Thoms and Ushka

**Absent:** 1 - McCarthy

## Approval of Minutes

1. [19-1261](#) Approval of the minutes of the October 22, 2019 meeting

**MOTION:** Council Member Hunter moved to approve the minutes of the October 22, 2019 meeting.

**SECONDED BY:** Council Member Ushka.

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

**Ayes:** 3 - Hunter, Thoms and Ushka

**Absent:** 1 - McCarthy

2. [19-1262](#) Approval of the minutes of the October 29, 2019 meeting

**MOTION: Council Member Hunter moved to approve the minutes of the October 29, 2019 meeting.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Ushka.**

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

**Ayes:** 3 - Hunter, Thoms and Ushka

**Absent:** 1 - McCarthy

## Briefing Items

3. [19-1263](#) Tacoma Arts Commission Interviews  
[Doris Sorum, City Clerk]

At approximately 10:05 a.m., Susan Haigh, Records Management Supervisor, City Clerk's Office, informed the Committee that there are five positions available on the Tacoma Arts Commission, consisting of three At-Large positions and two Professional positions. She further stated the Committee will be interviewing five applicants and reviewing two applicants' written responses.

The Committee interviewed Michael Kula, Olivia Allison, Benjamin Maestas, and Elizabeth Pew.

Ms. Haigh stated Andrew Wiseman was unable to attend the interviews.

Discussion ensued regarding applicants that could not attend and having them come back for interviews at a later date.

**MOTION: Council Member Hunter moved to recommend the reappointment of Michael Kula to the "Professional No. 1" position on the Tacoma Arts Commission to serve a three-year term, effective January 1, 2020, to expire December 31, 2022.**

**SECONDED BY: Chair Thoms.**

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

**MOTION: Chair Thoms moved to recommend the appointment of Olivia Allison to the “At-Large No. 2” position on the Tacoma Arts Commission to serve a three-year term, effective January 1, 2020, to expire December 31, 2022.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Hunter.**

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

**Ayes:** 3 - Hunter, Thoms and Ushka

**Absent:** 1 - McCarthy

**MOTION: Council Member Ushka moved to recommend the appointment of Benjamin Maestas III to the “Professional No. 2” position on the Tacoma Arts Commission to serve a three-year term, effective January 1, 2020, to expire December 31, 2022.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Hunter.**

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

**Ayes:** 3 - Hunter, Thoms and Ushka

**Absent:** 1 - McCarthy

**MOTION: Council Member Ushka moved to recommend the appointment of Elizabeth Pew to the “At-Large No. 3” position on the Tacoma Arts Commission to serve a three-year term, effective January 1, 2020, to expire December 31, 2022.**

**SECONDED BY: Council Member Hunter.**

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

**Ayes:** 3 - Hunter, Thoms and Ushka

**Absent:** 1 - McCarthy

## **Topics for Upcoming Meetings**

4. [19-1264](#) November 26, 2019 - Cancelled

Chair Thoms stated the November 26, 2019 meeting is cancelled.

## **Other Items of Interest**

Chair Thoms requested information regarding the process of bringing proposed legislation with fiscal impact forward to the City Council.

Discussion ensued regarding whether said legislation is required to go before a Committee prior to the full City Council; an idea to implement such a requirement when there is a specific amount of fiscal impact; how often items with fiscal impact are brought forward; and continuing this conversation in Government Performance and Finance Committee, City Council Retreat, or Committee of the Whole meeting.

## **Public Comment**

There was no Public Comment.

## **Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:01 a.m.

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Robert Thoms, Chair

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Mary Crabtree, City Clerk's Office