



City of Tacoma Economic Development Committee Minutes

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November 10, 2020

10:00 AM

Chair Robert Thoms, Vice Chair Conor McCarthy, Keith Blocker,
Catherine Ushka, Chris Beale (alternate)

Call To Order

Chair Thoms called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m.

Roll Call

Present: 4 - Blocker, McCarthy, Thoms and Ushka

All Council Members participated virtually.

Approval of Minutes

1. [20-0823](#) Approval of the minutes of the September 29, 2020, meeting
2. [20-0824](#) Approval of the minutes of the October 13, 2020, meeting

MOTION: Council Member McCarthy moved to approve the minutes of the September 29, 2020, meeting and the October 13, 2020, meeting.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Ushka.

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

Ayes: 4 - Blocker, McCarthy, Thoms and Ushka

Briefing Items

3. [20-0816](#) Tacoma Arts Commission Interviews
[Doris Sorum, City Clerk]

At approximately 10:04 a.m., Doris Sorum, City Clerk, informed the Committee they will be interviewing nine applicants for the

Tacoma Arts Commission and reviewing two written responses from the individuals seeking reappointment. She further stated there are five At-Large positions and one Tacoma Public Education Rep. position that will need to be filled on the Commission.

The Committee interviewed Rick Bisol, Gabriel Brittain Brown, Jasmine Brown, Kathryn Pascal, Ellen Peters, Jamika Scott, Jeanette Sanchez, Dina Scheel, and Alejandra Villeda.

Discussion ensued regarding applicants seeking reappointment and applicants' qualifications.

MOTION: Chair Thoms moved to recommend the reappointment of Heather Conklin to the Tacoma Public Education Rep. position, to serve a three-year term, effective January 1, 2021, to expire December 31, 2023.

SECONDED BY: Council Member McCarthy.

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

Ayes: 4 - Blocker, McCarthy, Thoms and Ushka

MOTION: Chair Thoms moved to recommend the reappointment of Rosie Ayala to the At-Large No. 1 position, to serve a three-year term, effective January 1, 2021, to expire December 31, 2023.

SECONDED BY: Council Member McCarthy.

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

Ayes: 4 - Blocker, McCarthy, Thoms and Ushka

MOTION: Chair Thoms moved to recommend the appointment of Jasmine Brown to the At-Large No. 4 position, to serve a three-year term, effective January 1, 2021, to expire December 31, 2023.

SECONDED BY: Council Member McCarthy.

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

Ayes: 4 - Blocker, McCarthy, Thoms and Ushka

MOTION: Chair Thoms moved to recommend the appointment of Jeanette Sanchez to the At-Large No. 5 position, to serve a three-year term, effective January 1, 2021, to expire December 31, 2023.

SECONDED BY: Council Member McCarthy.

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

Ayes: 4 - Blocker, McCarthy, Thoms and Ushka

MOTION: Chair Thoms moved to recommend the appointment of Jamika Scott to the At-Large No. 6 position, to serve a three-year term, effective January 1, 2021, to expire December 31, 2023.

SECONDED BY: Council Member McCarthy.

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

Ayes: 4 - Blocker, McCarthy, Thoms and Ushka

MOTION: Chair Thoms moved to recommend the appointment of Alejandra Villeda to the At-Large No. 9 position, to serve a three-year term, effective January 1, 2021, to expire December 31, 2023.

SECONDED BY: Council Member McCarthy.

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

Ayes: 4 - Blocker, McCarthy, Thoms and Ushka

Topics for Upcoming Meetings

4. [20-0817](#) November 24, 2020 - Safe and Clean Initiative Update

Chair Thoms stated the next meeting will be on November 24, 2020, and will include an update on the Safe and Clean Initiative.

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 11:22 a.m.

Robert Thoms, Chair

Mary Crabtree, City Clerk's Office