



**TO:** Hyun Kim, City Manager  
**FROM:** Nicole Emery, City Clerk  
**COPY:** Government Performance and Finance Committee Members; Andy Cherullo, Executive Liaison  
**PRESENTER:** Nicole Emery, City Clerk  
**SUBJECT:** Consideration and recommendation of an applicant to the Public Utility Board  
**DATE:** May 19, 2026

**PRESENTATION TYPE:**  
 Committees, Boards, and Commissions Interviews

**SUMMARY:**  
 The Government Performance and Finance Committee will interview and may recommend one applicant to the full City Council for appointment or reappointment to the Public Utility Board. Below is a list of the applicants:

APPLICANTS	COUNCIL DISTRICT
Michael Carlile	4
Raette Churchwell	5
Anita Gallagher (seeking reappointment)	3

**BACKGROUND:**  
 The Public Utility Board (Board) acts as the governing body for Tacoma Public Utilities and oversees the management and operation of Tacoma Power, Tacoma Water, and Tacoma Rail. The Board consists of five members who serve five-year terms.

**ISSUE:**  
 A position needs to be filled.

**ALTERNATIVES:**  
 The Board would operate without full membership.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**  
 Board members receive an annual stipend of \$19,152 per year, provided as a monthly stipend of \$1,596, per Substitute Ordinance No. 29078.

**RECOMMENDATION:**  
 Staff requests the Government Performance and Finance Committee recommend the appointment or reappointment of one applicant to the Public Utility Board, which will be forwarded to the full City Council on June 9, 2026.