



TO: Mayor Ibsen
FROM: Nicole Emery, City Clerk
Chris Bacha, City Attorney
COPY: Hyun Kim, City Manager; and City Council
SUBJECT: Resolution – Reappointing Anita Gallagher to the Tacoma Public Utility Board –
June 9, 2026
DATE: May 26, 2026

SUMMARY:

Reappointing Anita Gallagher to the Tacoma Public Utility Board to serve a five-year term, effective July 1, 2026, to expire June 30, 2031.

COUNCIL SPONSORS:

Council Members Hines, Rumbaugh, and Sadalge.

STRATEGIC POLICY PRIORITY:

Appointing to the Tacoma Public Utility Board (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 May 19, 2026, Government Performance and Finance Committee meeting, the Committee reviewed applications, interviewed the candidates, and recommended to the Mayor the reappointment of Anita Gallagher. The Mayor has accepted the recommendation of the Committee and forwards the reappointment of Anita Gallagher to the City Council for confirmation.

ISSUE:

A position needs to be filled on the Tacoma Public Utility Board.

ALTERNATIVES:

The Board would operate without full membership.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Mayor accepts the recommendation of the Government Performance and Finance Committee to reappoint Anita Gallagher to the Tacoma Public Utility Board.

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.