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SUBJECT: Consideration and recommendation of applicants to the Tacoma Creates Advisory Board
DATE: August 11, 2026

PRESENTATION TYPE:

Committees, Boards and Commissions Interviews

SUMMARY:

The Economic Development Committee will interview and may recommend up to six applicants to the full City Council for appointment or reappointment to the Tacoma Creates Advisory Board. Recruitment efforts for the open seats included distributing a news release and posting on the City's website, and notifying over fifteen organizations. Below is a list of the applicants:

APPLICANTS	COUNCIL DISTRICT
Len Adams	1
Rosie Alfaro-Toledo	4
Daniel Diedrick	3
Michelle Farber	2
Kenita Gaines	4
Holly Oizumi	4
Tiara Simmons	1
Mandy Zylstra (seeking reappointment)	2

BACKGROUND:

The Tacoma Creates Advisory Board (Board) advises to the Tacoma Creates Administration on funding programs to support public benefit in arts, culture, heritage, and science programs throughout Tacoma.

ISSUE:

Positions need to be filled on the Board.

ALTERNATIVES:

The Board would continue to operate without full membership.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff requests that the Economic Development Committee recommend the appointment or reappointment of up to six applicants to the Tacoma Creates Advisory Board, which will be forwarded to the full City Council on August 25, 2026.