

## City of Tacoma Human Services Commission

Wednesday, November 10, 2021 6:00 p.m. Virtual Meeting Minutes

**Members Present:** Laura Badeaux, Marvin Cooks, Naomi Wilson, Jason Grube, Noemi Cagatin-Porter, Valentine Smith, Nate Minor, Rebecca Stith, Amanda Scott-Thomas, Andee Walton,

**Members Absent:** Chair Rahn Clayton, Leslie Mintaraga, Elizabeth Pebley, Wilton Waverly, Luis Beltran

**Staff Present:** Allyson Griffith (NCS)

#### 1. Call to Order/Opening Remarks at 6:03 pm

- Roll call
- Commissioner Wilson volunteered to Chair the meeting in Chair Clayton's absence.

## 2. Approval of the November agenda at 6:05 pm

 Motion by Commissioner Cooks to approve, second by Commissioner Grube. Approved unanimously.

#### 3. Review/Approval of October minutes at 6:05 pm

 Commissioner Grube motioned to accept minutes and Commissioner Cagatin-Porter seconded. Approved unanimously.

## 4. Public Comment at 6:07 pm

No attendees for comment

#### 5. HSC Officer Nominations at 6:07 pm

- Discussion on the Chair's attendance and attempts to contact
- Commissioner Cooks volunteered to fill the Chair role for 90 days
- Discussion on meeting in December for the purpose of Officer elections
- Commissioner Grube motioned to nominate Commissioner Cooks to serve as Vice Chair, Commissioner Walton seconded. Approved unanimously.
- Commissioner Stith motioned to nominate Commissioner Walton to serve as Secretary, Commissioner Catagin-Porter seconded. Approved unanimously.

#### 6. **2022 Planning at 6:29 pm**

- Discussion of historic meeting topics
- Overview of Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder funds and uses
- Update on Coordinated Entry system
- Update on shelter services
  - o Focus on which shelter services serve which populations
- Review and update on the City's racial equity work and impact to the Commission



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- Equity index
- Discussion of attendance at Neighborhood Councils to discuss role of Commission and make connections with Councils
  - Talking points
  - Calendar that the Commission could access for community and/or Council meetings, etc.
  - o Guidance from Legal on role
- Annual Department update from the Director
- General City decision-making process and how the HSC, NCS, etc. interact

### 7. Review/Excuse Absences at 6:48 pm

 Motion from Commissioner Cooks to excuse Commissioner Mintaraga. Commissioner Stith seconded. Passes unanimously.

#### 8. Good of the Order at 6:49 pm

- Discussion of whether to host a December meeting; general consensus to host a December meeting.
- Request for End of Year update from the Director at the December meeting
- Discussion about how to address Commissioner absences request for clarification on commitment to attend Commission meetings.

## 9. Closing Comments/Adjourn at 7:06 pm

Commissioner Wilson adjourns meeting.