



City of Tacoma

Human Services Commission

Wednesday, February 8, 2023
6:00 p.m.

Virtual and In-Person Meeting Minutes

Members Present: Chair Naomi Wilson, Secretary Andee Walton, Laura Badeaux, Doris Brown, Kristi Coyne, Connie Ladenburg, Leslie Mintaraga, Nikki Singh, Valentine Smith, and Balynda Warden

Members Absent: Vice Chair Marvin Cooks, Noemi Cagatin-Porter, Carlos Lugo-Gonzalez, Doris Tinsley, and Wilton Waverly

Staff Present: Vicky McLaurin, Interim Assistant Director (NCS)

1. Call to Order/Opening Remarks at 6:02

- Meeting chaired by Chair Wilson.
- Roll call.

2. Approval of the January agenda at 6:05

- Motioned by Commissioner Ladenburg to approve, seconded by Commissioner Coyne. Approved unanimously.

3. Review/Approval of November minutes at 6:07

- Motioned by Secretary Walton to approve minutes and Commissioner Ladenburg seconded. Approved unanimously.

4. Public Comment at 6:08

- No written public comments received.

5. Recruitment at 6:08

- Discussion led by Vicky McLaurin, Interim Assistant Director
 - i. Request for input from HSC on questions to ask potential commissioners. The City would like to ask one specific question unique to each Commission's application and have those questions decided by the 17th.
 - ii. Discussion on how to recruit youth commissioners.

6. Planning at 6:35

- Discussion led by Vicky McLaurin, Interim Assistant Director
 - i. What services and programs would commissioners like to hear this year?
 1. Can start presenting NCS quarterly report to HSC.
 2. Commissioner Smith requests feedback on the success of organizations that have received funding in the past.
 3. Commissioner Coyner requests to hear from Law Enforcement's perspective on needs of community and crime rate.
 4. Chair Wilson requests to know about activities of the other commissions.

7. Review/Excuse Absences at 6:45

- Motioned to excuse Vice Chair Cooks, Commissioner Tinsley, Commissioner Lugo-Gonzalez, and Commissioner Cagatin-Porter by Commissioner Mintaraga to approve. Seconded by Commissioner Ladenburg. Approved unanimously.



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8. Good of the Order at 6:47

- Chair Wilson expresses interest in commission meeting in-person, a couple times per year.

9. Closing Comments at 6:51

- Chair Wilson adjourns at 6:52