

TACOMA AREA COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES AGENDA

FRIDAY, MARCH 8, 2024 – 4:00-6:00 PM

Remote Online Meeting Via Zoom and Live at
Tacoma Municipal Building
747 Market Street, Conf. Room 248
Tacoma, WA 98402

WELCOME

Land Acknowledgement: ***“We gratefully acknowledge that we rest on the traditional lands of the Puyallup People where they make their home and speak the Lushootseed language.”***

Tacoma and TPU main campuses are both on these traditional lands. Even though none of us participated in taking indigenous land, those of us who are not native still benefit from the fact that it happened.

- 4:00 Call to Order /Roll Call
- 4:04 Ice Breaker/” What is a safe place, or who is a safe person that helps you to relax and breathe easier?”
- 4:15 Adoption of Agenda/Additions/New Business
- 4:18 Acceptance of the Minutes from February 2024
- 4:20 Public Comment

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4:25 **Final Nominations for Chair and Vice Chair for TACOD 2024 and Voting**

Current Nominations:

1. Chair: Amin Tony Hester
 2. Vice Chair: Hayley Edick
- Additional Nominations and Final Statements Before Vote

4:35 PM **TACID Services Presentation-Nalani Linder**

5:00 PM **Home in Tacoma Visit-ability Change in Future Code for Better Access to People with Disabilities Elliott Barnett**

5:20 **Chair Reports**

- Final Thoughts from Outgoing Vice Chair Sidhu
- Chair (TBD after Vote)
- Vice Chair (TBD after vote)

5:30 **Liaison Report – Office of Equity & Human Rights – Lucas Smiraldo**

1. Feasibility Study Update
2. Commissioner Orientation Curriculum Update
3. TACOD Retreat Minutes and Priorities

5:40 **Report from Active Subcommittees Public Works—Anthony Caldwell**

5:42 **Emergency Management—Todd Holloway**

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5:45 Ivan Tudela—Pierce County Human Services

5:50 Tony Hester—Report from PCAC

COMMITTEE REPORTS—CURRENTLY ACTIVE COMMITTEES

- **Accessible Taxi**—Lukas Barfield, Todd Holloway—(**Report Integrated Into Liaison Report Above**)
- **Public Works**—Advisory Meeting Report—Tony Caldwell, Tony Amin Hester

Proposed Project Management Grid

Name	Lead	Commissioners	Status	Upcoming Actions
Example: Transportation Committee	Hayley Edick	Hester, McRae, Coleman, Barfield?	Will meet to set goals in March	Will set goals soon

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City Led Project Liaisons	
Emergency Mgmt – Todd Holloway (Chair) with Ute Weber	City Events Commission/CEC – Open
Public Works – Caldwell,(Chair) Hester, Williams, Byram and Monteros, with staff Gail Himes	Transportation (formerly Accessible Taxi) – Hayley Edick (Chair), Cheri Coleman, Todd Holloway, Wanda McRae?
Tacoma/TACOD Police Advisory , Hester (Chair), Monteros, Sidhu, Williams	Closed Captioning in Public Establishments – Todd Holloway, Luke Byram, Krystal Monteros
IT/Website – Barfield, and Hester with Gail Himes	

- 5:53 Individual Commissioner Reports
- 5:57 Invitation for community input
- 5:58 New Business or Good of the Order
- 6:00 Meeting Adjourned

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Tacoma Area Commission on Disabilities Committee Minutes

Hybrid Meeting, hosted virtually via Zoom and in person at
Tacoma Municipal Building
Friday February 9, 2024

Call to Order	Chair Hester called the meeting to order at 4:00 PM Vice Chair Sidhu read the Land Acknowledgement
Commissioners Present	Commissioner Chair Hester Vice Chair Sidhu Barfield Holloway Coleman McRae Edick Caldwell Williams
Commissioners Absent	Perriman (excused) Waltier (excused),
City Staff Present	Lucas Smiraldo
Guests Present – Community	Julian Wheeler, Ivan Tudela
Ice Breaker	“What are your favorite moments of spring in the Pacific Northwest?”
Adoption of Agenda	Commissioner Holloway made a motion to adopt the February 9th agenda. Commissioner Williams seconded the motion. The ayes have it and the agenda is approved.
Acceptance of Minutes	Commissioner Coleman made a motion to adopt the January Minutes Commissioner Edick seconded the motion.

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	The ayes have it and minutes were adopted.
Public Comment	<p>Julian Wheeler encouraged people with disabilities to access and ask for access to Spring and Summer venues including Farmer’s Markets and Parks.</p> <p>Commissioners discussed the need for way finders at Farmer’s Markets after public comment.</p>
Nominations for officers for 2024 and March elections	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chair Hester nominated himself for Chair. The nomination was seconded by Sidhu and Coleman. Nomination was supported unanimously. • Commissioner Edick was nominated by Vice Chair Sidhu for the Vice Chair position and seconded by Coleman. Nomination was supported unanimously
Chair Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HB 2191 will go to state house. Would make transit riders eligible and named as potential board candidates on advisory boards statewide in transit benefit areas. • Wants Pierce Transit to set out rail signage in planning steps. Made adjustments to prototypes and will have a trail run at several Commerce Street stations with help from Deaf/Blind community • John Jean, blind and deaf man with service animal was victim of high speed hit and run at 45th and Pine and his legs were broken. Chair Hester wants to lead awareness and action campaign to address dangers of speeding. <p>After discussion on this talking point commissioners agreed to formally support a campaign via a letter and Vice Chair Sidhu will attempt to create one that could be reviewed and be supported by a quorum on Saturday, February 11th at the Strategic Planning retreat.</p> <p>Barfield would like to see TPD involved in speed enforcement to prevent the hit and run and other dangers to pedestrians.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chair Hester has applied for seat on Pierce Transit Advisory Commission in order to assure that someone with a disability will serve on the commission moving forward.

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<p>Liaison Report – Office of Equity & Human Rights – Lucas Smiraldo</p>	<p>Lucas shared an update</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Accessible Taxi Report – Rewrite underway to condense report and place data portions in appendix documents. Hope to present by second quarter 2. Light Rail Field Trip Audit <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Report is complete and will look to transportation subcommittee to help arrange sharing with Sound Transit followed by dialogue. • Edick and Coleman are ready to serve on transportation/transit subcommittee and Edick happy to act as chair. • Coleman would like TACOD and City to help anyone with disabilities help fill out survey. • 3. CBC Orientation and Open Government Training <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. All commissioners will be asked to participate in orientation in 2024 and visit and complete Open Government Training that training slated for second quarter of 2024 b. Will invite input around access at the Attorney General site. Commissioners will visit cite and offer input about access as they make effort to complete this training 4. TACID will provide a report on services in March followed by question-and-answer opportunity 5. TACOD Retreat—Plan is set for Saturday February 10th lead by Mariama Suwaneh, OEHR Assistant Director. The event will be catered and offered as a hybrid event. Voting on Jean Jean support initiative to address speeding will be created to take advantage of a quorum gathering as well.
<p>Action Items</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “Transportation Committee” will be the broadly named subcommittee formerly known as “Accessible Taxi.”

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sidhu will draft TACOD Support Letter to seek a response to deficiencies at 45th and Pine intersection and to address dangers of speeding across the city. • TACID to join March TACOD meeting and describe their current services.
Emergency Management —	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Independent Living Centers to have more of a role in creating access during emergencies and disasters for people with disabilities.
Ivan Tudela — Pierce County Human Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chrome Books ready for soft launch. Resource for Seniors 60 and older in particular. Eligible include those with low income and socially isolated. Will be diversely distributed including those from LGBTQia communities and those who speak other than English as primary language and other underserved. • Social workers will set out to reach those that have been excluded and live in more remote areas. • Receiving help from Senior organizations and AARP. • Working on creating a how to guide on how to use computer and specific helpful apps.
Report from PCAC	Included in Chair Report
Committee Reports	<p>Accessible Taxi (soon to be renamed “Transportation”—Hayley Edick, Lukas Barfield, Wanda Coleman, Todd Holloway—(<i>Report Integrated Into Liaison Report Above</i>)</p> <p>Public Works—Advisory Meeting Report—Tony Caldwell and other members including Tony Amin Hester, Krystal Monteros and Luke Byram. (Former commissioners may serve on subcommittees)</p>
Individual Commissioner Reports	Holloway: Census material is being quantified to improve accuracy around people with disabilities moving forward. Changes locally are important to improve count and to provide services.

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Invitation for Community Input	None
New Business or Good of the Order	None
Adjournment	Motion was made to adjourn by Coleman and was seconded by Holloway and passed Adjourned at 5:25 PM

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