



# City of Tacoma

## Human Services Commission

Wednesday, March 13, 2024  
6:00 p.m.

### Virtual and In-Person Meeting Minutes

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**Members Present:** Chair Naomi Wilson, Vice Chair Marvin Cooks, Secretary Andee Walton, Addison Atkatsh, Laura Badeaux, Noemi Cagatin-Porter, Kristi Coyne, Kimberly Ellefson, Connie Ladenburg, Carlos Lugo, and Nikki Singh.

**Members Absent:** None.

**Staff Present:** Vicky McLaurin (NCS)

**1. Call to Order/Opening Remarks at 6:04**

- Meeting chaired by Vice Chair Cooks.
- Roll call.

**2. Approval of the March Agenda at 6:06**

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

**3. Review/Approval of the February Minutes at 6:07**

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

**4. HSC Officers and Roles at 6:08**

- Presented by Vicky McLaurin.
  - i. Chair
  - ii. Vice Chair
  - iii. Secretary
- Discussion of possible Commissioners interested in Co-chairing HSC.
  - i. Chair Wilson highlights the importance of a singular person to provide clear, outward-facing representation of the HSC to the City and community.
- Commissioners who expressed interest in Officer roles: Coyne, Badeaux, Cagatin-Porter, and Walton.
  - i. Chair Wilson unable to remain Chair but able to mentor new Chair and assist with minute-keeping, on occasion.
  - ii. Vice Chair Cooks unable to renew his Commission at the end of this term.
- Vicky McLaurin reminds Commissioners that would like to remain on the HSC to re-apply with the City no later than March 24<sup>th</sup>.

**5. Commissioner Nominations at 6:32**

- i. Nominations re-scheduled for April meeting.

**6. Open Discussion on Meeting Topics at 6:33**

- Commissioner Ladenburg suggests Presentation on the performance metrics of past recipients of funding, information on the City's graffiti-removal efforts and community resources, juvenile justice system, and presentation on City's efforts to improve the living



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conditions of all community members, with the Company, “Blue Zones” as a model approach.

- Commissioner Lugo suggests presentations on the diversion programs through the municipal court system (i.e., mental health and addiction interventions).
- Commissioner Coyne would like additional presentations from Law Enforcement and their strategy on community engagement.
- Secretary Walton echoes interest in hearing from Law Enforcement and requests presentations on the Hilltop neighborhood.
- Commissioner Singh is interested in learning more about City’s strategies to keep parks safe for children, particularly in the summer months.

### **7. Public Comment at 6:50**

- No written public comments received.

### **8. Review/Excuse Absences at 6:50**

- All present.

### **9. Good of the Order at 6:51**

- Vicky McLaurin announces NCS’s presentation to CVS on April 25<sup>th</sup> regarding:
  - i. Mental health disorder assessment.
  - ii. Issued statement on NCS recommendations for the upcoming competitive process timeline.
    1. As of now, the competitive process is set to be brought before the HSC in May; the same time as new commissioners are selected.
    2. NCS plans to recommend an extension of current Commissioners’ obligations from May to September.

### **10. Closing Comments/Adjourn at 6:56**

- Vice Chair Cooks announces possible need to vacate position by July.