

City of Tacoma Human Services Commission

Wednesday, September 12, 2022 6:00 p.m. Virtual Meeting Minutes

Members Present: Chair Naomi Wilson, Vice Chair Marvin Cooks, Secretary Andee Walton, Valentine Smith, Leslie Mintaraga, Laura Badeaux, Noemi Cagatin-Porter, Carlos Lugo-Gonzalez, Balynda Warden, Connie Ladenburg, Kristi Coyne, Doris Brown, Nikki Singh

Members Absent: Wilton Waverly

Staff Present: Vicky McLaurin (NCS)

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

- Meeting chaired by Chair Wilson.
- Roll call.

2. Approval of the September agenda at 6:05

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

3. Review/Approval of August minutes at 6:06

 Motioned by Secretary Walton to approve minutes and Secretary Mintaraga seconded. Approved unanimously.

4. Public Comment at 6:07

No written public comments received.

5. Welcome New Board Members at 6:08

• Commissioner Singh official welcome.

6. Homeless Engagement Alternative Liaison (HEAL) Presentation at 6:09

- Presented by Javon Carlisle, Program Manager.
 - i. Outline of government-funded encampment removal and abatement plans.
 - 1. Discussion on upcoming and current removal projects around City.

7. Mental Health Final Funding Recommendations at 6:43

 Presented by Vicky McLaurin, Interim Asst. Director, and Jason McKenzie, Resource Manager, NCS.

8. General Fund Application at 6:48

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i. Chair Wilson requests discussion for next meeting on feedback from commission on ways to improve process in future.

9. Review/Excuse Absences at 7:10

 Motioned by Secretary Walton to approve. Seconded by Commissioner Lugo-Gonzalez. Approved unanimously.

10. Good of the Order at 7:10

- Update on meetings and locations: hybrid of in-person and virtual meetings beginning October.
 - i. Location: 747 Market St, Room 148.
 - ii. Children are welcome but no childcare provided.

11. Closing Comments at 7:19

- Vicky McLaurin advises Commission of training for return to in-person meetings.
- Next meeting: October 12, 2022.