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# Tacoma School District

# Minutes

## Board Business Meeting

**Date and Time**
Thursday August 28, 2025 at 6:00 PM

The Tacoma Public Schools Board of Directors will meet for a Business Meeting on the date and time above in the 4th Floor Auditorium at the Central Administration Building. All regular Board Business Meetings, Committee of the Whole, and Study Session meetings are open public meetings and everyone is encouraged to attend. Executive sessions are closed to the public. Public parking and the main entrance are located on the west side of the building at South G Street.

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The following employees have been designated to handle questions and complaints of alleged discrimination:

**Civil Rights Coordinator, Gender-Inclusive Schools Coordinator, and Title IX Coordinator:**

**Tiffany Davis-Brantley**
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**Section 504 Coordinator:**
**Laura Tuman**
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**Directors Present**
C. McElroy, E. Bonbright, E. Leon, K. Strozier, L. Keating

**Directors Absent**
*None*

**Guests Present**
T. Jones

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## I. Opening Items

### A. Call the Meeting to Order

K. Strozier called a meeting of the board of directors of Tacoma School District to order on Thursday Aug 28, 2025 at 6:00 PM.

### B. Flag Salute

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

### C. Land Acknowledgment

Board President Strozier read a statement to honor and acknowledge that we are on the traditional ancestral and historical lands of the Puyallup Tribe of Indians.

### D.

**Roll Call**

### E. Adoption of the Agenda

The agenda was adopted as presented.

## II. Recognition of Staff, Students, and Community

### A. STATE HOLIDAYS AND CIVIC OBSERVANCES

Each month the Board recognizes State and Federal civic observances that are both legislatively recognized and which align with the District's strategic Plan.

There were no recognitions for August.

### B. RECOGNITION OF FIRST CREEK MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENT EVANZ SULA

The Board of Directors recognized First Creek Middle School student Evanz Sula for his quick thinking and actions in support of his peer in a potentially life-threatening event.

## III. Superintendent's Report

### A. Start of School Updates

Superintendent Garcia shared several updates, including first day of school bell times for the different grades and programs, start date for Wednesday late starts; information on how to purchase District Calendars; reminders to parents about updating their contact information in Parent Vue; where to find students' school supply list; and information on TPS-provided breakfasts and lunches.

## IV. Members of the Public Wishing to Address the Board

### A. Public Comment Guidelines

### B. OPTION 1: VERBAL COMMENT

There were no spoken public comments.

### C. OPTION 2: WRITTEN COMMENT

- Jarrett Austin wrote the Board regarding cell phone and device usage.

## V. Consent Agenda

### A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

### B. APPROVAL OF WARRANTS

### C.

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (UNAUDITED FINANCIAL REPORT)**

**D. INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL REQUESTS**

**E. FIELD TRIP REQUESTS**

**F. APPROVAL OF THE PERSONNEL RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE SUPERINTENDENT**

**G. OTHER**

**H. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA**

C. McElroy made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented.
L. Keating seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

## VI. Curriculum and Instruction

**A. APPROVAL OF INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT NO. TSD-25-161 BETWEEN CENTRAL WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY AND TACOMA SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 10 FOR COLLEGE IN THE HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAM FOR THE 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR**

C. McElroy made a motion to approve Interlocal Agreement No. TSD-25-161 between Central Washington University and Tacoma School District No. 10 for College in the High Schools Program for the 2025-2026 school year.
L. Keating seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

**B. APPROVAL OF INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT NO. TSD-25-172 BETWEEN UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON AND TACOMA SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 10 FOR UW IN THE HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAM FOR THE 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR**

L. Keating made a motion to approve Interlocal Agreement No. TSD-25-172 between University of Washington and Tacoma School District No. 10 for UW in the High School Program for the 2025-2026 school year.
E. Bonbright seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

**C. APPROVAL OF INTERDISTRICT AGREEMENT TSD-25-208 BETWEEN FRANKLIN PIERCE SCHOOL DISTRICT AND TACOMA SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 10 FOR THE 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR**

E. Bonbright made a motion to approve Interdistrict Agreement TSD-25-208 between Franklin Pierce School District and Tacoma School District No. 10 to enable a cooperative swim program for the 2025-2026 school year.
C. McElroy seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

### D. APPROVAL OF INTERDISTRICT AGREEMENTS NO. TSD-25-179 THROUGH TSD-25-203 BETWEEN 25 PARTNERING SCHOOL DISTRICTS AND TACOMA SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 10 FROM SEPTEMBER 1, 2025 - AUGUST 31, 2026

L. Keating made a motion to approve Interdistrict Agreements No. TSD-25-179 through TSD-25-203 between 25 partnering school districts and Tacoma School District No. 10 from September 1, 2025 - August 31, 2026.
C. McElroy seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

## VII. Business Matters

### A. APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT #2 TO CONTRACT TSD-24-167 BETWEEN NORTHWEST SPORTS OFFICIALS LLC AND TACOMA SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 10

E. Bonbright made a motion to approve Amendment #2 to Contract TSD-24-167 with Northwest Sports Officials LLC for stadium event support services in the amount of $122,000.00, increasing the total contract value to $241,000.00 and extending the term through August 31, 2026.
L. Keating seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

### B. APPROVAL OF CONTRACT NO. TSD-25-143 BETWEEN OVERLAKE MEDICAL CENTER AND TACOMA SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 10 FOR THE 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR

L. Keating made a motion to approve the Contract No. TSD-25-038 between Overlake Medical Center and Tacoma School District No. 10 for Special Education services for the 2025-2026 school year.
E. Bonbright seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

### C. APPROVAL OF GROUND LEASE AMENDMENT FOR THE EASTSIDE COMMUNITY CENTER SITE IMPROVEMENTS

E. Bonbright made a motion to approves the Ground Lease Amendment for the Eastside Community Center site improvements.
E. Leon seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

### D. APPROVAL OF CONTRACT NO. TSD-25-062 BETWEEN CORNERSTONE GENERAL CONTRACTORS AND TACOMA SCHOOL DISTRICT #10 FROM APRIL 15, 2025 - DECEMBER 31, 2028

L. Keating made a motion to approve Contract No. TSD-25-062 between Cornerstone General Contractors and Tacoma School District No. 10 for the Whittier Elementary School Replacement Project in the amount of $3,151,159, excluding sales tax.
C. McElroy seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

### E. APPROVAL OF THE GUARANTEED MAXIMUM PRICE (GMP) AMENDMENT #1 BETWEEN KORSMO CONSTRUCTION AND TACOMA SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 10, AUGUST 5, 2025 - DECEMBER 31, 2029

L. Keating made a motion to approve the Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) Amendment #1 between Korsmo Construction and Tacoma School District No. 10 for the Synthetic Fields, Track, and Tennis Court Upgrades Bundle 2 project in the amount of $4,358,052, excluding sales tax.
E. Bonbright seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

## VIII. Other Business

### A. ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NO. 2162: BUDGET EXTENSION

E. Bonbright made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2162 providing for the adoption of the 2024-25 General Fund Budget Extension.
L. Keating seconded the motion.
A roll call vote was called.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

**Roll Call**

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| K. Strozier | Aye |
| L. Keating | Aye |
| C. McElroy | Aye |
| E. Bonbright | Aye |
| E. Leon | Aye |

### B. ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NO. 2163: OUTSTANDING WARRANTS FOR UNCLAIMED PROPERTY

C. McElroy made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2163 cancelling outstanding warrants that have remained unclaimed for over one year. Unclaimed or abandoned property will be remitted to the state and may be claimed at the Department of Revenue website at: www.ClaimYourCash.org.
L. Keating seconded the motion.
A roll call vote was called.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

**Roll Call**

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| E. Bonbright | Aye |
| L. Keating | Aye |

**Roll Call**

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| E. Leon | Aye |
| K. Strozier | Aye |
| C. McElroy | Aye |

## C. ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NO. 2164 AND ACCEPTANCE OF CONTRACT BETWEEN J.A. MORRIS CONSTRUCTION AND TACOMA SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 10

E. Bonbright made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2164 for the acceptance of project completion and approve the Acceptance of Contract with J.A. Morris Construction for the Lincoln High School SeaMar MultiCare Clinic Upgrades Project.
L. Keating seconded the motion.
A roll call vote was called.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

**Roll Call**

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| L. Keating | Aye |
| C. McElroy | Aye |
| K. Strozier | Aye |
| E. Bonbright | Aye |
| E. Leon | Aye |

## D. ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NO. 2165 AND ACCEPTANCE OF THE CONTRACT BETWEEN MACDONALD-MILLER FACILITY SOLUTIONS AND TACOMA SCHOOL DISTRICT #10

C. McElroy made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2165 for the acceptance of project completion and approve the Acceptance of Contract with MacDonald-Miller Facility Solutions for the Central Administration Building Boiler Replacement Project.
E. Bonbright seconded the motion.
A roll call vote was called.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

**Roll Call**

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| E. Bonbright | Aye |
| E. Leon | Aye |
| C. McElroy | Aye |
| L. Keating | Aye |
| K. Strozier | Aye |

## E. ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NO. 2166 TO REMOVE THE 1115 EAST DIVISION LANE PROPERTY FROM SURPLUS

C. McElroy made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2166 to effectively remove the subject property from the District's surplus listing to rebuild the former Gault Middle School property for IDEA High School.
L. Keating seconded the motion.

A roll call vote was called.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

**Roll Call**

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| K. Strozier | Aye |
| C. McElroy | Aye |
| L. Keating | Aye |
| E. Leon | Aye |
| E. Bonbright | Aye |

### F. ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NO. 2167: CAPITAL PROJECTS TRANSFER INCREASE

E. Bonbright made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2167 providing for the adoption of the 2024-25 Capital Projects Interfund Transfer increase.
L. Keating seconded the motion.
A roll call vote was called.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

**Roll Call**

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| E. Bonbright | Aye |
| K. Strozier | Aye |
| C. McElroy | Aye |
| L. Keating | Aye |
| E. Leon | Aye |

## IX. Closing Items

### A. BOARD COMMENTS/REPORTS

Committee Reports:

- Director Keating shared updates on the Federal Relations team meetings that are continuing as they do interim work in preparation for the next legislative session and the continued issues we face regarding public education funding.
- Director Bonbright gave updates from the most recent Joint Municipal Action Committee (JMAC) meeting, mentioning that all agencies are being hit hard by the federal and state spending cuts. The uplifting thing is that they all have each other's backs and work to leverage the work they all do.

Community Events:

- The Asian Pacific Cultural Center will be hosting a grand opening for their new building on August 29.
- Director Bonbright shared that the Teen Summer Late Nights program just ended, now that school is starting. There is continued growth in this program each year,

and she thanked all the funding partners for their help to keep kids safe during summers.

Updates/Comments:

- Directors Strozier, McElroy, Keating, and Bonbright attended and participated in the annual Admin. Institute held in early August for district administrator. They all gave mini-TED talks about what community means to us and what it means to be united as "One City."
- Director Keating attended a Maritime Skills Academy site visit with one of Senator Murray's Washington D.C. staffers, as well as one of Congresswoman Randall's staffers. It's exciting to see the progress happening.
- Directors Strozier and Keating met with two of our new student representatives who will be starting at the next Board meeting and shared how much the Board appreciates hearing from our student representatives.
- Director Bonbright and Strozier shared that the Board held their fall retreat meeting at the newly renovated Oakland/TOL, which is a great space and a great value-add for that community.
- Directors Keating and Bonbright attended the Tacoma Education Dream (TED) Fund luncheon with other TED Fund board members and community leaders. TED Fund is a foundation dedicated to supporting students, staff, and families in Tacoma Public Schools.
- Director Leon reminded families whose students haven't gotten their sports physicals, that Mt. Tahoma and Lincoln has spots available.
- Director McElroy shared the purpose of Board comments. She tries to speak in generalities for community needs and elevate voices that are not present in the room for those members of the public who may feel that sharing at a board meeting is inaccessible or unsafe. As an elected, she strives to speak for ALL children. She also reminded people that TPS is not the only place to have your voice heard: the City Council, Library, Tacoma Parks, Neighborhood Councils, etc.

Superintendent Comments:

- Superintendent Garcia shared that we are introducing a ticketless athletic and activities event system called GoFan. It was part of the North Puget Sound League last year. It's a cashless ticket to athletic events, which will be district-wide, both for home and away events. There are several reasons for this, including safety and security, cost-saving measures. Be sure to plan ahead! There are Apple and Android apps for GoFan.

## B. ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT REGULAR BOARD MEETINGS

September 11, 2025, 6:00PM: Business Meeting

September 18, 2025: CANCELLED

September 25, 2025, 6:00PM: Business Meeting

## C. Adjourn Meeting

Board President Strozier adjourned the meeting at 6:58PM
There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 6:58 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
T. Jones