APPROVED

Tacoma School District

Minutes

Board Business Meeting

Date and Time
Thursday October 9, 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:

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Directors Present
C. McElroy, E. Bonbright, E. Leon, K. Strozier, L. Keating

Directors Absent
None

Guests Present
C. Wells, Student Representative, J. Barber, Student Representative, 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 Oct 9, 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

E. Bonbright made a motion to approve the agenda as presented.
L. Keating seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

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.

Observances for October were Disability History Month, Filipino American History Month, Child Health Day, Washington State Children's Day, and National School Lunch Week.

III. Superintendent's Report

A. SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATES

Superintendent Garcia shared brief updates including:

- K-12-Support Department hosted the state-sponsored 9th grade success collaborative, which brought 18 different school districts together to share best practices.
- This month is Principal Appreciation Month.
- He shared updates about the WIAA Student Athlete of the Week
- WA-GAP emails are going out to seniors, which is a guaranteed admissions programs to 7 partner universities. Be sure to check for College-Bound scholarships.
- Reminded that Pierce County Transit that youth ride for free.
- Enrollment nights in middle schools and high schools will be held soon.
- Congratulations to Mt. Tahoma/Lincoln football teams and their show of sportsmanship!

B. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES REPORT TO THE BOARD

Student Representative Wells shared that Tacoma School of the Arts hosted an SAT prep course, and also that SOTA's October showcase had great performances!

Student Representative Barber (iDEA) shared that in asking for student input, he received concern around budget priorities, the need to keep younger teachers. Teachers from

iDEA would love the Board to come visit the school. -♦- In later comments, he shared that he has been advocating with our congressional representatives about issues important to students such as changing the probationary time for teen driver laws.

IV. Members of the Public Wishing to Address the Board

A. Public Comment Guidelines

There were no verbal or written comments.

B. OPTION 1: VERBAL COMMENT

There were no verbal comments.

C. OPTION 2: WRITTEN COMMENT

V. Consent Agenda

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

C. McElroy moved that the Board of Directors approve the Consent Agenda, including meeting minutes, as presented.
E. Bonbright seconded the motion.
The Board VOTED unanimously to approve the motion.
C. McElroy made a motion to approve the minutes from Board Business Meeting on 09-25-25.
E. Bonbright seconded the motion.
The Minutes were approved as part of the Consent Agenda.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

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

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THIS IS THE VOTE FOR THE CONSENT AGENDA

C. McElroy made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.
E. Bonbright seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

VI. Curriculum and Instruction

A. APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT #4 TO CONTRACT NO. TSD-20-017 BETWEEN GRADUATION ALLIANCE AND TACOMA SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 10

C. McElroy made a motion to approve Amendment #4 to Contract TSD-20-017 with Graduation Alliance at an estimated total value of $321,084.00 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-25-232 BETWEEN BELLEVUE COLLEGE AND TACOMA SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 10 FOR COLLEGE IN THE HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAM FOR THE 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR

L. Keating made a motion to approve Interlocal Agreement No. TSD-25-232 between Bellevue College and Tacoma School District No. 10 for College in the High Schools Program for the 2025-2026 school year.
E. Bonbright seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

C. APPROVAL TO INCREASE PURCHASE ORDER 27461 WITH GRADUATION ALLIANCE TO CLOSE OUT THE 2024- 2025 SCHOOL YEAR

E. Bonbright made a motion to approve the increase of purchase order 27461 to $296,228.82 to pay Graduation Alliance and effectively close the 2024-2025 school year.
L. Keating seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

D. APPROVAL OF CONTRACT NO. TSD-23-085, AMENDMENT #5, BETWEEN LILAC CITY BEHAVIORAL SERVICES AND TACOMA SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 10 FROM SEPTEMBER 1, 2025 - JULY 31, 2028

C. McElroy made a motion to approve Contract No. TSD-23-085, Amendment #5, between Lilac City Behavioral Services and Tacoma School District No. 10 in the amount of $600,000.00 to support district students receiving support services from September 1, 2025 - July 31, 2028.
L. Keating seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

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APPROVAL OF CONTRACT NO. TSD-24-074 BETWEEN PROCARE THERAPY AND TACOMA SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 10. FROM JANUARY 1 - AUGUST 31, 2025

E. Bonbright made a motion to approve Contract No. TSD-24-074 between Procare Therapy and Tacoma School District No. 10 for District students receiving therapy services as prescribed in their respective Individualized Education Plans in the amount of $8,748.48 for a total of $203,748.48 from January 1 - August 31, 2025.
L. Keating seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

F. APPROVAL OF INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT NO. TSD-25-252 BETWEEN UNIVERSITY PLACE SCHOOL DISTRICT AND TACOMA SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 10 FOR THE 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR

L. Keating made a motion to approve Interlocal Agreement No. TSD-25-252 between University Place School District and Tacoma School District No. 10 in the amount of $260,000.00 to enable the District to provide certain special education and related services for University Place School District student through the 2025-2026 school year.
E. Bonbright seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

G. APPROVAL OF INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT NO. TSD-25-265 BETWEEN PUGET SOUND EDUCATIONAL SERVICE DISTRICT (PSESD) AND TACOMA SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 10 FOR THE 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR

C. McElroy made a motion to approve Interlocal Agreement No. TSD-25-265 between Puget Sound Educational Service District (PSESD) and Tacoma School District No. 10 in the amount of $131,436.00 to enable PSESD's ReLife to provide special education services for one (1) District student during the 2025-2026 school year.
E. Bonbright seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

VII. Business Matters

A. APPROVAL OF CONTRACT TSD-25-245 BETWEEN URBAN GRACE CHURCH AND TACOMA PUBLIC SCHOOLS FROM AUGUST 26, 2025 - JUNE 30, 2026

C. McElroy made a motion to approve Contract TSD-25-245 between Urban Grace Church and Tacoma Public Schools in the amount of $22,725.00 from August 26, 2025 through June 30, 2026.
E. Bonbright seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

B. APPROVAL TO PURCHASE TRAINING EQUIPMENT FROM DAKTIC AND NORTHPARK FOR TACOMA SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 10 FOR THE MARITIME SKILLS CENTER

L. Keating made a motion to approve the purchase of training equipment from Daktic and NorthPark for Tacoma School District No. 10 for the Maritime Skills Center Project in the amount of $825,941.
E. Bonbright seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

C. APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT TO CONTRACT NO. TSD-24-036 BETWEEN TACOMA SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 10 AND NORTHWEST FIRE SYSTEMS: MARCH 1, 2024 - AUGUST 8, 2026

E. Bonbright made a motion to approve the amendment to Contract TSD-24-036 between Northwest Fire Systems and Tacoma School District No. 10 for the amount of $600,000.
L. Keating seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

D. APPROVAL OF CONTRACT NO.TSD-25-005 GUARANTEED MAXIMUM PRICE (GMP) AMENDMENT #2 BETWEEN TACOMA SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 10 AND BNBUILDERS INC. FROM JANUARY 14, 2025 - DECEMBER 27, 2027

C. McElroy made a motion to approve Contract No. TSD-25-005 GMP Amendment #2 for the Maritime Skills Center Project between BNBuilders and Tacoma School District No. 10 in the amount of $38,948,616, excluding sales tax.
L. Keating seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

E. APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT #2 TO CONTRACT NO. TSD-24-147 BETWEEN FIRST STUDENT AND TACOMA SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 10

L. Keating made a motion to approve Amendment #2 to Contract No. TSD-24-147 with First Student for alternative vehicle transportation services for the 2025-2026 school year, in the amount of $600,000, increasing the total contract value to $1,628,885.85.
C. McElroy seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

F. APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT #2 TO CONTRACT NO. TSD-23-102 BETWEEN MEDOSWEET FARMS AND TACOMA SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 10

E. Bonbright made a motion to approve Amendment #2 to Contract No. TSD-23-102 with Medosweet Farms for the providing of dairy and juice products for District students for the 2025- 2026 school year, in the amount of $901,212.92, increasing the total contract value to $5,447,574.16.
L. Keating seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

G. APPROVAL OF UNCOLLECTIBLE DEBT WRITE-OFF

C. McElroy made a motion to write off $18,149.28 in outstanding uncollectible debt after all attempts to collect these resources have been exhausted.
L. Keating seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

VIII. Other Business

A. FIRST READING OF RESOLUTION NO. 2168, AUTHORIZING THE BALLOT PROPOSITION NO. 1, REPLACEMENT OF EXPIRING LEVY FOR K-12 EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS AND OPERATIONS

As this was a first reading, no action was taken.

B. FIRST READING OF RESOLUTION NO. 2169, AUTHORIZING THE BALLOT PROPOSITION NO. 2, REPLACEMENT OF EXPIRING LEVY FOR K-12 TECHNOLOGY IMPROVEMENT AND UPGRADES

As this was a first reading, no action was taken.

C. ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NO. 2170, AUTHORIZING ACQUISITION OF WAREHOUSE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 4401 AND 4409 SOUTH ORCHARD STREET

As this was a first reading, no action was taken.
E. Bonbright made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2170 and approve the acquisition of warehouse property located at 4401 and 4409 South Orchard Street.
L. Keating seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

Roll Call

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

IX. Closing Items

A. BOARD COMMENTS/REPORTS

Committee Reports:

- Director Keating shared that she and members of the Superintendent's leadership team continue to meet with Cascade Government Affairs and other partners on legislative priorities for the next legislative session. -♦- She and Superintendent Garcia will be meeting with Speaker Jenkins in the coming week. -♦-

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Community Events:

- Director Keating attended the Hilltop Artists Better Futures Luncheon
- Director Keating also attended a Community Group Town Hall event with Attorney General Nick Brown to address issues specific to LGBTQ+ students. She shared

Updates/Comments:

- Director Keating and President Strozier recently met with Senators Wellman and Nobles who chose Tacoma Public Schools as part of their annual tour of different School Districts around the state. They were able to share about the great work we are doing, as well as challenges faced by our district and others due to government funding cuts.

B. ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT REGULAR BOARD MEETINGS

- October 16, 2025: 6:00PM - Study Session
- October 23, 2025: 6:00PM - Business Meeting

C. Adjourn Meeting

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 6:56 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
T. Jones