

City of Tacoma Equity in Contracting Advisory Committee

Date: Wednesday, May 20, 2026

Time: 7:30am – 9:30am

Location: Tacoma Municipal Building, Room 243, 747 Market Street, Tacoma Washington 98402

Virtual Option:

Dial: 253-215-8782

Meeting Link: <https://zoom.us/j/93921755135?pwd=UHB1Ym00dGJWZmtLeUE3cHBNWDFKdz09>

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Passcode: 959442

I. (7:35am) Call Meeting to Order – Chair Catina Patton

II. (7:36am) Statement of Purpose – Malika Godo

We convene this meeting to advance the City of Tacoma’s mission to *“create and sustain a competitive and fair business environment for contracting, procurement and consulting opportunities that include small businesses owned by minority, women, and socially and economically disadvantaged people.”*

III. (7:38am) Land Acknowledgment – Linda Cerna

The Equity in Contracting Advisory Committee acknowledges that we are on the traditional homelands of the Puyallup Tribe. The Puyallup people have lived on and stewarded these lands since the beginning of time and continue to do so today. We recognize that this land acknowledgement is one small step toward true allyship and we commit to uplifting the voices, experiences, and histories of the Indigenous people of this land and beyond.

IV. (7:40am) Record of Attendance and Excusal of Absences – Malika Godo

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Certified Business 1: Catina Patton    | <input type="checkbox"/> Council District 2: Tom Ebenhoh       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Certified Business 2: Angela Michaelis | <input type="checkbox"/> Council District 3: Kate Ginn         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Certified Business 3: Rahsaan Freeman  | <input type="checkbox"/> Council District 4: VACANT            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Certified Business 4: Scott Lundt      | <input type="checkbox"/> Council District 5: Christopher Brown |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Large Prime: Clint Myers               | <input type="checkbox"/> TPU Service Area 1: Sushil Nihal      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Open Shop Firm: VACANT                 | <input type="checkbox"/> TPU Service Area 2: Michael Jordan    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Union Signatory Firm: Justin Baker     | <input type="checkbox"/> TPU Service Area 3: Khadi Berete      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Council District 1: VACANT             |  |

V. (7:45am) Consent Agenda – Chair Catina Patton

- a. Approval of February 18, 2026 Meeting Minutes
- b. Approval of May 20, 2026 Meeting Agenda

VI. (7:50am) City Staff Updates – City Staff

- a. Community Workforce Agreements – Deborah Trevorrow
- b. 2026 EIC Outreach Updates – Linda Cerna
- c. EIC Advisory Committee Recruitment 2026 – Malika Godo
  - Vacant Positions to be recruited for: Council District 1 & 4, Open Shop Firm
  - Council District Map: [Meet Tacoma City Council | City of Tacoma](#)

- d. Committees, Boards and Commissions (CBC) Orientation 6/29  
Join us for a 1.5 hour in-person 5-6:30pm (with refreshments) or in Zoom, for an on-boarding presentation for appointed CBC members.  
[Committees, Boards and Commissions \(CBC\) Orientation 6/29](#)
- e. Committee Member Required Training – Malika Godo  
<https://www.atg.wa.gov/open-government-training>

**VII. (8:10am) Committee Discussion – Chair, committee members and City Staff**

- a. Subcommittee Reports:
  - Internal Processes subcommittee Report: Chris Brown
    - Onsite Reviews (Business Engagements Site Support Tour: BESST)
    - LGBTQ and Veteran Supplier Data
  - Workforce Subcommittee Report: Chair Catina Patton
  - Outreach subcommittee Report: Scott Lundt
- b. Subcommittees Structure – Chair Catina Patton
- c. Work Plan updates – Chair Catina Patton

**VIII. (9:00am) Future Meetings**

- a. 2026 Regular Meetings
  - August 19, 2026
  - November 18, 2026

**IX. (9:05am) Public Comment**

- a. Please address the Chair, and restrict comments to 3 minutes each
  - Zoom link for virtual attendees:  
<https://zoom.us/j/93921755135?pwd=UHB1Ym00dGJWZmtLeUE3cHBNWDFKdz09>
  - Call in by phone: 253-215-8782
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**X. (9:25am) Items to Consider for Next Meeting**

**XI. (9:30am) Adjourn**

- a. **Meeting Reminder:**
  - Regular Meeting Frequency: Third Wednesday of every quarter 7:30am – 9:30am
  - August, November

**Why do we recognize the land?**

To recognize the land is an expression of gratitude and appreciation to those whose territory you reside on, and a way of honoring the Indigenous people who have been living and working on the land from time immemorial. It is important to understand the long-standing history that has brought you to reside on the land, and to seek to understand your place within that history. Land acknowledgements do not exist in a past tense, or historical context: colonialism is a current ongoing process, and we need to build our mindfulness of our present participation. It is also worth noting that acknowledging the land is Indigenous protocol. - <http://www.lspirg.org/knowtheland>

### Public Comment

The public may give oral comments related to agenda items at the end of the meeting. Speakers will have anywhere from 90 seconds to three minutes to provide comment, depending on the available time on the agenda.

Or, the public may submit general comments in writing by 5:00 pm one day prior to the meeting.

Written comments should be emailed to [kwoods@tacoma.gov](mailto:kwoods@tacoma.gov) and include "EIC Advisory Committee Meeting 5/20/26" in the subject line.



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