



## Business Meeting Notice

Central Administration Building  
 601 South 8th Street – Tacoma, WA 98405  
 4th Floor Auditorium

Thursday, January 25, 2024 06:00 PM

### NOTICE

The Tacoma Public Schools Board of Directors will meet for a Business Meeting on the date and time below 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.

-- NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC --

The elevator in the Central Administrative Building is currently out of service. If you require an accommodation to attend or participate in the board meeting, please contact the Board Secretary, Tracy Jones, at [tjones4@tacoma.k12.wa.us](mailto:tjones4@tacoma.k12.wa.us) or (253) 571-1443 as soon as possible.

| Live Streaming Open Meeting   | In-Person Open Meeting  |
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| Rainier Connect Channel 25, Comcast Channel 26 or<br>Live Link: <a href="https://bit.ly/goktpstv">bit.ly/goktpstv</a><br><br>Broadcast and Recorded at<br><a href="https://www.youtube.com">www.youtube.com</a> | Central Administration Building<br>601 South 8th Street<br>Tacoma, WA 98405<br>4th Floor Auditorium |

### MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WISHING TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

School board members welcome public comment. Board members will not respond to public comments during the meeting. The Superintendent or designee will follow up with you after the meeting if action is needed. Instead of providing public comment at a meeting, you may also email the Board at [board@tacoma.k12.wa.us](mailto:board@tacoma.k12.wa.us). Please contact the Board Office in advance of the meeting for accommodations.

Under **Board Policy 1430 - Public Comment**, the Board President may terminate an individual's comments when the allotted time has passed and may interrupt a speaker to require the same standard of civility that the Board imposes on itself. Examples of uncivil comments include comments that:

- o Are libelous or slanderous under a legal standard;

- o Are an unwarranted invasion of privacy;
- o Are obscene or indecent pursuant to the Federal Communications Act or any rule or regulation of the Federal Communications Commission;
- o Violate school district policy or procedure related to harassment, intimidation, bullying, or discrimination;
- o Incite an unlawful act on school premises or violate a lawful school regulation; or
- o Create a material and substantial disruption of the orderly operation of the Board meeting.

The Board as a whole has the final decision in determining the appropriateness of all such rulings and can maintain order by removing those who are disruptive. However, the Board recognizes the distinction between uncivil discourse, which it will not tolerate, and comments about the Board, district, and/or staff that are negative yet still civil in nature. The Board will exercise its authority to maintain order in a content neutral manner.

### **OPTION 1: VERBAL COMMENT**

For verbal comment, submit a "Citizen's Request to Speak" card before the meeting start. We will stop taking cards for the current meeting once the public comment period has begun.

- o The Superintendent or designee will call your name when it is your turn to address the school board. Please speak into the microphone and state your name.
- o You may have up to three (3) minutes to share your comments or, if there are a large number of speakers, time may be limited at the President's discretion.
- o Additional time may be granted for accommodation (e.g., disability, language)

### **OPTION 2: WRITTEN COMMENT**

For written comment, you may prepare a statement that will be attached to the board agenda and meeting minutes.

- o Send an email with the subject line "For Public Comment" to [board@tacoma.k12.wa.us](mailto:board@tacoma.k12.wa.us) at least 24 hours before the start of the meeting. Statements submitted after the deadline will not be considered at this session.
- o Because this will be a public document, we recommend you prepare the statement in a separate document using an application such as Microsoft Word. At the top of the document, please identify yourself and the subject matter (title). Please do not include your phone number, address, or email address unless you want that personal identifying information included in the public record.
- o Typically, the board allows up to three (3) minutes for verbal comments. A three-minute verbal statement converts to approximately 300-500 words or up to 2 pages double-spaced. Please limit your written statement to this guideline.
- o During the meeting, the General Counsel will read your name and the subject matter (title) of your statement into the record. They will not read your statement aloud during the meeting. Your statement will, however, be linked to the agenda so that members of the public may read it.
- o Members of the board will review your written statement.

## **ACCOMMODATION**

Persons requiring accommodations for a disability in order to attend a Board meeting (including the services of a sign language interpreter or those who want to speak at a board meeting but are not advised to attend in-person due to COVID risks) should contact the Board Office at 253.571.1443 before 4:30 p.m. at least three working days before the meeting to ensure that the District has time to implement appropriate accommodations.

## **NONDISCRIMINATION**

Tacoma Public Schools does not discriminate in any programs or activities on the basis of sex, race, creed, religion, color, national origin, age, veteran or military status, sexual orientation, gender expression or identity, disability, or the use of a trained dog guide or service animal and provides equal access to the Boy Scouts and other designated youth groups. The following employees have been designated to handle questions and complaints of alleged discrimination:

- o **Civil Rights Coordinator:** Renee Trueblood, 253-571-1252, [civilrights@tacoma.k12.wa.us](mailto:civilrights@tacoma.k12.wa.us)
- o **Title IX Coordinator:** Wayne Greer, 253-571-1191, [wgreer@tacoma.k12.wa.us](mailto:wgreer@tacoma.k12.wa.us)

- o **504 Coordinator, Elementary:** Jennifer Herbold, 253-571-1096, [jherbol@tacoma.k12.wa.us](mailto:jherbol@tacoma.k12.wa.us)
- o **504 Coordinator,Secondary:** Megan Nelson, 253-571-1003, [mnelson@tacoma.k12.wa.us](mailto:mnelson@tacoma.k12.wa.us)

*Mailing address: P.O. Box 1357, Tacoma, WA 98401-1357.*

## **INTERPRETER**

Individuals requesting a language interpreter for a Board meeting for any language, other than a sign language interpreter, should contact the Board Office at 253.571.1443 before 4:30 p.m., at least three working days before the meeting to ensure that the District has sufficient time to identify an interpreter.