



BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES

SPECIAL SESSION
TUESDAY, MAY 20, 2025

The Commissioners of the Housing Authority of the City of Tacoma met in Special Session via Zoom, on Tuesday, May 20, 2025, at 8:00 am to review the performance of a public employee.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Young called the meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Housing Authority of the City of Tacoma (THA) to order at 8:04 am.

2. ROLL CALL

Upon roll call, those present and absent were as follows:

PRESENT	ABSENT
COMMISSIONERS	
Chair Derek Young	
Vice Chair Stanley Rumbaugh	
Commissioner Dr. Minh-Anh Hodge	
Commissioner Michael Purter	
STAFF	
April Black, Executive Director	
	Aley Thompson, Deputy Executive Director
Sha Peterson, Executive Initiatives Officer	
Woodson Baldwin, IT Support Supervisor	
	Amber Prentice, Rental Assistance Director
	Caroline Cabellon, Interim Director for Client Support and Empowerment
	Ken Short, Asset Management and Real Estate Development Director
	Lauren Kirigin, Senior General Counsel
	Lynette Scott, Interim Human Resources Director
	Marquis Jenkins, Property Management Director
	Nando Ruiz, Associate Director of Rental Assistance
	Priya Saxena, Strategic Advisor

Chair Young declared there was a quorum present at 8:05 am and proceeded.

3. EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board went into Executive Session at 8:05 am for 55 minutes to review the performance of a public employee and came back into regular session at 8:50 am.

4. NEW BUSINESS

THA BOC Resolution 2025-05-20 (1)

(Approval of a Three-Month Extension of the Executive Director Employment Agreement)

A RESOLUTION of the Board of Commissioners of the Housing Authority of the City of Tacoma; and

WHEREAS, On October 8, 2021, THA Commissioners voted to appoint April Black to the position of THA's Executive Director; and

WHEREAS, April Black commenced duties as THA's Executive Director immediately upon Board appointment pending negotiation and approval of an Executive Director Employment Agreement; and

WHEREAS, On May 25, 2022, the THA Board of Commissioners approved April Black's Executive Director Employment Agreement for a three year term effective May 25, 2022 until May 24, 2025; and

WHEREAS, The Chair of the Board of Commissioners, Derek Young, in partnership with THA's Employment Counsel, has begun negotiations with April Black regarding the renewal of Executive Director Employment Agreement; and

WHEREAS, The Chair of the Board of Commissioners, Derek Young, proposes and recommends that the Commission: (1) approve extending the term of the Executive Director Employment Agreement for three (3) months, from May 24, 2025 until August 24, 2025, to allow the parties to engage in further discussions related to the renewal of the Executive Director Employment Agreement by approving the Addendum attached to this Resolution as Exhibit A; and (2) authorize Chair Young to finalize and sign the Addendum.

It is now therefore, resolved by the Board of Commissioners of the Housing Authority of the City of Tacoma, Washington as follows:

The Commission has voted to (1) approve the Addendum to the Executive Director Employment Agreement (Exhibit A) extending the term of the Executive Director Employment Agreement for three (3) months, from May 24, 2025 to August 24, 2025; and (2) approve that Derek Young, Board Chair, is authorized to sign and execute the Addendum to the Executive Director Employment Agreement

Vice Chair Rumbaugh motioned to approve the resolution. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion.

Upon roll call, the vote was as follows:

AYES:	4
NAYS:	0
Abstain:	0
Absent:	0

Motion approved.

5. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to conduct, the meeting ended at 8:53 am.

APPROVED AS CORRECT

Adopted: May 28, 2025



Derek Young, Chair