



APPROVED 1/28/26

MINUTES  
City of Tacoma  
Public Utility Board Meeting  
January 14, 2026  
6:30 p.m.

Acting Chair Claus-McGahan called the Public Utility Board meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Acting Chair Claus-McGahan made opening remarks and commented on things accomplished in 2025 and work on the horizon for 2026.

**Present:** Elly Claus-McGahan; William Bridges; Anita Gallagher; Devin Hampton  
**Excused:** John O'Loughlin

**Minutes of the Previous Meetings**

Mr. Bridges moved that the minutes of the previous meetings be adopted; seconded by Ms. Gallagher. Voice vote was taken and carried. The minutes were declared adopted.

**Public Comments**

There were no public comments.

**Regular Agenda**

Departmental

C-1 Resolution U-11574- A resolution to award certain contracts and approve certain purchases:

1. Award contract to Iljin Electrics USA, Inc., for one 230/115kV, 300/400/500 MVA autotransformer (\$7,710,000, plus applicable taxes) [Mike Allen, Power Systems Engineering].

Mr. Bridges moved to adopt the resolution; seconded by Ms. Gallagher.

In response to a Board request for clarification, Mike Allen, Power Systems Engineering Manager, shared that there are seven of these autotransformers in Tacoma Power's service territory. It is 44 years old; the typical span is 40-50 years old. This is scheduled for replacement four years from now because there is a long lead time for construction.

Voice vote taken and carried. The resolution was adopted.

C-2 Resolution U-11575 – A resolution adopting Public Utility Board Guiding Principle for Customer and Community and retiring Guiding Principle Thirteen on Customer Service and Guiding Principle Four on Stakeholder Engagement

Mr. Bridges moved to adopt the resolution; seconded by Ms. Gallagher.

Ms. Claus-McGahan moved that the resolution be adopted with the corrections to scrivener errors on the exhibit that substitute use of the word 'stakeholder' with the term 'interested parties' and other minor wording changes; seconded by Ms. Gallagher. There was no public comment on the scrivener errors. Voice vote taken and carried.

Ms. Claus-McGahan moved to adopt the resolution with the corrected exhibit; seconded by Ms. Gallagher.

There were no public comments.

Voice vote taken and carried. The resolution with the corrected exhibit was declared adopted.

C-3 Resolution U-11576 – A resolution adopting Public Utility Board Guiding Principle for Resource Sustainability and Stewardship and retiring Guiding Principles Two, Three, Five, Six, Seven, and Fourteen on Financial Sustainability, Rates, Environmental Leadership, Reliability and Resiliency, Innovation, and Resource Planning, respectively

Acting Chair Claus-McGahan moved to table this resolution in order to consider the addition of language surrounding economic development to be considered by the full Board in a study session on January 28, 2026 when Chair O'Loughlin is available; seconded by Ms. Gallagher.

There was no public comment. Voice vote taken and carried. The resolution was tabled to January 28, 2026.

C-4 Resolution U-11577 – A resolution adopting Public Utility Board Guiding Principle for Employees and Culture and retiring Guiding Principles One on Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Belonging and Guiding Principle Twelve on Employee Relations

Mr. Bridges moved to adopt the resolution; seconded by Ms. Gallagher.

Jackie Flowers, Director of Utilities, summarized the resolution. Board and staff worked through the Guiding Principle (GP) framework to focus, update, and consolidate the existing GPs to reflect current culture, strategy, and Board priorities. This GP captures TPU's commitment to create and maintain a safe, respectful, and supportive environment that fosters engagement, appreciation, and a sense of belonging, and outcomes address workforce and culture, communication and recognition; career development; and recruitment and hiring.

Voice vote taken and carried. The resolution was adopted.

C-5 Resolution U-11578 – A resolution to retire Public Utility Board Guiding Principles Nine on Economic Development and Ten on Government Relations

Mr. Bridges moved to adopt the resolution; seconded by Ms. Gallagher.

Jackie Flowers, Director of Utilities, summarized the resolution. The Board worked on its GPs to form a consolidated framework. These GPs that are being retired are reflected in the TPU strategic plan and have been operationalized.

Voice vote taken and carried. The resolution was adopted.

C-6 Resolution U-11579 – Approve declaration of surplus for 200 overhead transformers that are considered surplus to Tacoma Power's current or future needs and authorize the sale of transformers to the highest responsive bidder

Mr. Bridges moved to adopt the resolution; seconded by Ms. Gallagher.

Sean Veley, Power Field Operations Sr. Supervisor, summarized the resolution. Tacoma Power originally acquired 200 overhead transformers and has determined that the equipment is no longer necessary for providing continued service due to age, reliability and damage, and is deemed surplus pursuant to the applicable provisions in RCW 35.94.040 and TMC 1.06.272-278. The equipment has an estimated resale value of \$24,000.

Per RCW 35.94.040, a public hearing on the sale of this equipment was held; there were no public comments.

Voice vote taken and carried. The resolution was adopted.

C-7 Resolution U-11580 – Authorize Tacoma Power to enter into a customer-funded Phase 1 Items Agreement with the Puyallup Tribe of Indians to support electric utility upgrades

Mr. Bridges moved to adopt the resolution; seconded by Ms. Gallagher.

Ali Polda, Projects and Standards Mgr, summarized the resolution. The Puyallup Tribe of Indians (PTOI) is constructing a new 66-acre logistics facility in Fife and the facility will require approximately 9 MVA of electrical power, exceeding the capacity of existing infrastructure. Tacoma Power must construct a new distribution substation and four new feeders to meet this demand and intends to execute this project in two phases over the course of three or more years. This funding agreement covers Phase 1 of the project, is valued at \$2,748,760, and is funded entirely by the PTOI. Phase 2 will follow under a separate utility installation agreement, estimated at \$12M, to complete equipment purchases, facility relocations, and construction of the substation and feeders.

Voice vote taken and carried. The resolution was adopted.

#### **D. Final Board Comments**

There were no final comments by the Board.

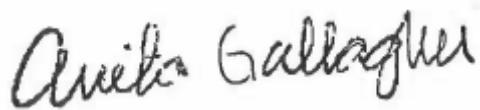
**E. Adjournment**

There being no further business or comments, the Public Utility Board meeting was adjourned at 6:49 p.m. until Wednesday, January 28, 2026 for a 3:00 p.m. study session followed by a 6:30 p.m. regular meeting.

Approved:



John O'Loughlin, Chair



Anita Gallagher, Secretary