

# League of Women Voters of Tacoma-Pierce County Observer Corps

Name of Agency: Tacoma School Board Date: November 7, 2019  
Observer Reporting: Deanna George Length of Meeting: 1 hr. 30 minutes  
Members Present/Absent: Directors Heinze, Winskill, Leon, and Cobb were present at roll call  
Others Present (i.e., media, public): Superintendent Carla Santorno and Deputy Superintendent Joshua Garcia were present.  
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**Content (What is being discussed):** i.e., *Did they approve some action? Does anything relate to League priorities or positions? If so, do you recommend local league action? Was access to materials for certain agenda items limited or excluded from you? Was background material available to the public?*

Elizabeth Bonbright, selected for appointment to Director Position No. 5, took the oath of office.

The School Board adopted the Strategic Plan Benchmark Goals 2020-2025. The Strategic Plan Benchmark Goals are available to read at [tacomaschools.org/board/pages/default.aspx](http://tacomaschools.org/board/pages/default.aspx). Scroll down to Board Meetings and select Agenda.

The Board adjourned the Business meeting and began the Committee of the Whole. The primary focus of the Committee of the Whole was the health and safety of students and staff. The Committee identified several topics related to the health and safety to be discussed at subsequent study sessions. Some of the topics identified were:

- physical safety and coordination with law enforcement
- social and emotional health
- when the school should intervene directly and when to act as a partner with parents
- how to identify, prevent, and improve depression

**Public Meetings of interest to League** - i.e., *Were there any public meetings announced that you think League members may be interested in attending and/or becoming involved with the issue?*

- Regular Business Meeting November 14, 2019 at 6 p.m.
- Study Session November 18, 2019 at 6 p.m.

**Process & Protocol** (Observations about participants, conduct, and procedures of the meeting, and appropriate accommodations for disabled in sight hearing and physical):

i.e., *Did the members appear to have done their "homework"? Were members courteous to each other and the public? How does the group respond to your presence?*

The Meeting agenda is available to members of the public both by hardcopy and online.

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