The Northwest Seaport Alliance

Managing Member Regular Meeting
Port of Tacoma Commission Special Meeting
Date: October 6, 2026
Time: 9:30 AM
Location: The Conference Center at SEA, 17801 International Blvd. Seattle, WA
Streamed http://www.nwseaportalliance.com/about-us/governance

MINUTES

Commissioners present:

Port of Seattle	Port of Tacoma
Ryan Calkins	Kristin Ang
Sam Cho	John McCarthy
Toshiko Hasegawa	Dick Marzano
Hamdi Mohamed	J.T. Wilcox
Fred Felleman	

Commissioners excused:

Port of Seattle: n/a Port of Tacoma: Deanna Keller

Call to Order

The Northwest Seaport Alliance (NWSA) Managing Member meeting was called to order at 9:38 a.m. Co-Chair Marzano presided.

Closed Session

The meeting immediately recessed for a closed session pursuant to Federal Maritime Commission (FMC) regulations and related laws found at 46 U.S.C. section 40306 and 46 C.F. R. sections 535.608 and 535.701(i)(1) and as authorized under FMC agreement No. 201228. The closed session was scheduled to end at 12:00 p.m. It was extended until 12:15 p.m. by announcement in public session.

Return to Order

Co-Chair Marzano called the meeting back to order at 12:28 p.m. the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

CEO Report

Alliance CEO, John Wolfe summarized the meeting agenda. He recognized Alliance Chief Commercial & Strategy Officer, Tong Zhu who was named a 2026 Puget Sound Business Journal of Women of Influence honoree. CEO Wolfe was excused from the meeting at 12:38 p.m.

Consent Agenda

Co-Chair Marzano removed item 8C from the consent agenda for separate consideration.

It was moved and seconded (McCarthy/Mohamed) to approve the consent agenda as amended:

8A Approve the September 1, 2026 minutes

8B Approve disbursements totaling $23,399,744 on checks 3493 through 3532 and 3534 through 3577 and electronic payments issued during the period of August 21, 2026 through September 25, 2026.

The motion to adopt the consent agenda as amended carried by the following vote:

Port of Seattle		Port of Tacoma	
Cho	Aye	Ang	Aye
Hasegawa	Aye	McCarthy	Aye
Mohamed	Aye	Wilcox	Aye
Felleman	Aye	Marzano	Aye
Calkins	Aye		

It was moved and seconded (Mohamed/Ang) to approve item 8C, a disbursement in the amount of $6,527.42 on check 3533 issued September 2, 20226 to the State Auditor's Office.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Port of Seattle		Port of Tacoma	
Cho	Aye	Ang	Aye
Hasegawa	Aye	*McCarthy*	*Abstain*
Mohamed	Aye	Wilcox	Aye
Felleman	Aye	Marzano	Aye
Calkins	Aye		

Actions

9A *Item removed from the agenda*.

9B First Reading - Lease Agreement between The Northwest Seaport Alliance and Crowley Marine Services, Inc.

Presented by Annika Bjorkman, Real Estate Manager.

Crowley Marine Services, Inc. has requested a term lease agreement for the moorage of vessels at Pier 17. Ms. Bjorkman provided the proposed key lease terms. Commissioner Felleman requested information regarding black tank plumbing and usage. Staff will follow up prior to second reading.

9C GLOVIS America Inc. (GLOVIS) Third Amendment to Use Agreement | First Amendment to Interlocal Agreement (ILA) Port of Tacoma and The Northwest Seaport Alliance regarding Implementation of the GLOVIS 2020 Use Agreement.

Presented by Andre Elmaleh, Director Non-Container Business Development.

GLOVIS encountered delays at WWL auto facility and temporarily reopened its Portland operation. The proposed Third Amendment to Use Agreement, and the First Amendment to the ILA between the Port of Tacoma and the NWSA reflect a shift from the originally planned full consolidation to GLOVIS to another gateway temporarily until GLOVIS assumes control of processing in late 2028. Key changes to the terms of both agreement amendments were presented.

Dual Action (Port of Tacoma) It was moved and seconded (McCarthy/Cho) that:

(1) the Managing Members of The Northwest Seaport Alliance authorize the NWSA CEO or his delegate to enter into the Third Amendment to the GLOVIS America Use Agreement in substantially the same form as presented and
(2) the Managing Members of The Northwest Seaport Alliance authorize the NWSA CEO or his delegate and the Port of Tacoma Commission authorize its Executive Director or his delegate to execute the First Amendment to the Interlocal Agreement between the Port of Tacoma and The Northwest Seaport Alliance Regarding Implementation of the GLOVIS 2020 Use Agreement in substantially the same form as presented.

The motion carried for the NWSA and for the Port of Tacoma by the following Dual Action (Port of Tacoma) Vote:

Port of Seattle		Port of Tacoma	
Cho	in favor	Ang	in favor
Hasegawa	in favor	McCarthy	in favor
Mohamed	in favor	Wilcox	in favor
Felleman	in favor	Marzano	in favor
Calkins	in favor		

9D NWSA Rebrand Initiative

Presented by Lindsay Wolpa, Senior Manager Strategic Partnerships and Projects

A proposed contract with NJI Media LLC would provide consultant support for a comprehensive rebranding initiative. The purpose, scope and financial implications were presented.

It was moved and seconded (Mohamed/Cho) to authorize the CEO or his delegate to execute Personal Services Agreement number PA000000207 with NJI Media, LLC for the NWSA Rebrand Initiative in an amount not to exceed $350,000 plus any applicable Washington State Sales Tax, in substantially the same form as presented.

Discussion ensued with commissioners expressing both support for exploring a rebrand and reservations regarding commissioner involvement in the process, the cost and scope of the agreement as presented.

It was moved and seconded (Marzano/Calkins) to postpone the motion to a time certain, "next month."[1]

The motion to postpone to a time certain of next month, carried by the following vote:

Port of Seattle		Port of Tacoma	
Cho	Aye	Ang	Aye
Hasegawa	Aye	McCarthy	Aye
Mohamed	Aye	Wilcox	Aye
Felleman	Aye	Marzano	Aye
Calkins	Aye		

9E First Reading – Proposed Resolution 2026-07 Seventh Amended Bylaws of The Northwest Seaport Alliance Managing Members

Presented on behalf of the Internal Governance Work Group by Dana Henderson, General Counsel.

Article IX of the NWSA Managing Member Bylaws (Bylaws) provides that the Bylaws may be amended by resolution. The Managing Members' Internal Governance Work Group (IGWG) initiated review of the Bylaws in May 2026.

The proposed revisions presented incorporate recommendations developed by IGWG to provide greater clarity regarding the authority and responsibility of the Co-Chairs. Certain housekeeping revisions were also identified and presented.

Briefings

10A 2026 Q3 Grants Update
Presented by Cassandra de Kanter, Grants Specialist
Commissioner were presented with the third quarter update and a five-year plan of Grants underway with input across NWSA departments. The next update is scheduled for January 5, 2027.

[1] Next month's Managing Member meeting of November 3, 2026 was canceled and rescheduled to October 30, 2026. This item will be placed on the October 30, 2026 Managing Member meeting agenda.

General Business

Cargo/Operations Update – n/a.

CEO Announcements
- NWSA Customer Reception & North Star Awards

Commissioner Comments
- Commissioners congratulated Ms. Zhu on being named a Puget Sound Business Journal of Women of Influence honoree.
- Commissioners Calkins and Felleman reported on takeaways from 2026 UN General Assembly and 2026 Climate Week.
- Co-Chair Marzano commented on attendance at the 2026 American Association of Port Authorities (AAPA) Conference.

Adjournment

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:07 p.m.

Dick Marzano, NWSA Co-Chair
Port of Tacoma Commission President

Ryan Calkins, NWSA Co-Chair
Port of Seattle Commission President

Attest:

Kristin Ang, NWSA Co-Secretary
Port of Tacoma Commission Secretary

Sam Cho, NWSA Co-Secretary
Port of Seattle Commission Secretary

Prepared by: Juliet Campbell, NWSA Clerk

Minutes approved: October 30, 2025