

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
The Fabulich Center
3600 Port of Tacoma Road, Tacoma, WA**

Commissioners Present:

Clare Petrich, President (*telephonically*)
Don Johnson, Vice President
John McCarthy, Secretary (*telephonically at 11:12 a.m.*)
Dick Marzano, 1st Assistant Secretary
Don Meyer, 2nd Assistant Secretary

Staff Present:

Kurt Beckett, Deputy CEO
Jean West, Chief HR Officer
Ralph Klose, Legal Counsel
Juliet Campbell, Clerk of the Port

Guest:

Sue Dvonch, Shey-Harding (*telephonically*)

11:00 AM: SPECIAL COMMISSION MEETING:

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Commissioner Johnson called the special meeting to order at 11:08 a.m. and lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT:

John Miles, Tacoma resident: Questioned the portion of property taxes distributed to the port. Suggested the port negotiate better rents with its tenants based on increased property values instead of taxes.

Dax Koho, ILWU Local 22 president: Spoke to the agenda item 3A. He expressed his concern that the Commission consider each candidates' history of working with labor when making their decision on finalists for the Port of Tacoma executive director position.

Tyler Brady, ILWU Local 22 member: Spoke to agenda item 3A. He expressed his concerns over candidate Todd Coleman's relationship with labor when executive director of the Port of Vancouver.

3. ACTION AGENDA:

A. PORT OF TACOMA EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR SEARCH

It was moved and seconded (Petrich/Marzano) to affirm the recommendation of the search committee and adopt Todd Coleman and Eric Johnson as finalists for the position of Port of Tacoma Executive Director.

- Key dates and milestones in the executive search process were identified. Commissioner Johnson described the process taken by the Commissioners and the executive search team resulting in the identification of the two finalists. The commissioners expressed their confidence in the process.
- There is a reception scheduled on April 22, 2019 at 4:00 p.m. for staff and invited stakeholders to meet the finalists allowing for an additional public vetting of the finalists prior to additional interviews and next steps.

Vote: 5-0, motion carried.

4. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:

Commissioner Petrich: Meeting with customers and conversations have been revealing in planning for the Port's future.

Commissioner McCarthy: None.

Commissioner Meyer: The selection of the new Port of Tacoma executive director is crucial, especially as the Port sorts out its role with The Northwest Seaport Alliance. Underscored that the Commission is doing its due diligence in its selection process. He also appreciated public comments related to the tax levy and noted that these items are addressed during the budget process and John Miles (who provided public comment) should attend those public budget sessions.

Commissioner Marzano: Noted that the Commission experimented with evening meetings for several months to perhaps increase public ability to attend meetings. It did not result in additional attendance.

Commissioner Johnson: Noted that the ports portion of the public's tax bill is very small, and that information can be obtained by looking on line. He also noted that the Port invests in properties that no private investor would. The port creates jobs and does all sorts of positive things, but returns are not good.

5. ADJOURNMENT:

There being no other business before the Commission, the special meeting adjourned at 11:28 a.m.



Clare Petrich, President
Port of Tacoma Commission

ATTEST:


John McCarthy, Secretary
Port of Tacoma Commission
Juliet Campbell, Clerk of the Port
Port of Tacoma