

# MEETING MINUTES

Port of Tacoma Commission



## REGULAR MEETING

January 17, 2024 - 12:00 PM Public Session Start

Fabulich Center, Room #104: 3600 Port of Tacoma Road, Fife

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The Port of Tacoma Commission met for a regular meeting on **January 17, 2024** at the Fabulich Center, 3600 Port of Tacoma Road, Fife, WA. Commissioners Kristin Ang, Deanna Keller, Dick Marzano, and Don Meyer were present. Commissioner McCarthy was absent and excused. A quorum was met.

### **CALL TO ORDER | EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Commissioner Kristin Ang, Port of Tacoma Commission President, called the meeting to order at **10:00 a.m.** and announced that the Commission would recess into a closed **Executive Session** until **12:00 p.m.** to discuss:

1. Two (2) Potential Litigation Items – RCW 42.30.110(1)(i)
2. One (1) Property Leasing and Potential Litigation Item – RCW 42.30.110(1)(c) & RCW 42.30.110(1)(i)

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### **1. RETURN TO ORDER & FLAG SALUTE:**

Commissioner Ang returned the meeting to order at **12:01 p.m.** and stated they were in Executive Session until **11:30 a.m.** The public meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance. Commissioner Ang also acknowledged that we are situated on the traditional homelands of the Puyallup Tribe and committed to uplifting the voices, experiences, and histories of the Indigenous people of this land.

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### **2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

The agenda was adopted with changes stated below by unanimous consent:

- Special Order of Business – Item 7A – Ceremonial Oath of Office for Commissioners Ang and Keller was moved up in the agenda to immediately follow Public Comment.

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### **3. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT – Eric Johnson**

- Congratulated Commissioner Ang on her first meeting as President of the Commission and looks forward to working with her in this capacity this year.
- There will be a tree planting event open to the public occurring this Saturday afternoon. The Port is working in partnership with the City of Tacoma to plant trees on Marshall Avenue.

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### **4. PUBLIC COMMENT:**

- An e-mail comment from Rebecca S. opposing Darling International was received through the Public Comment e-mail address on January 11, 2024. It was distributed to all Commissioners at the time of receipt.

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### **5. SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS:**

*Special Order of Business was originally item 7A in the agenda, but was moved up in the meeting to this position.*

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**A. Ceremonial Oath of Office: Commissioners Ang & Keller**

Don Johnson, former Port of Tacoma Commissioner, administered the oath to Commissioner Deanna Keller. Puyallup Tribal Councilmember, Anna Bean, administered the oath to Commissioner Kristin Ang. Both Commissioners were re-elected to their second terms in the last election.

Congratulatory comments were given to Commissioners Ang and Keller by Commissioners Marzano and Meyer. Anna Bean and Don Johnson were thanked for administering the oaths today. A short break followed.

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**6. CONSENT AGENDA:**

- A. Minutes: December 15, 2023 and December 19, 2023
- B. Disbursement Certifications totaling \$6,485,484.84 during the period of 12-8-23 to 1-8-24:
  - Check numbers 238943 to 239183 for a total of \$2,796,262.20
  - Electronic payments in the amount of \$3,689,222.64

**MOTION: Approve the Consent Agenda as presented.**

*Motion was made by Commissioner Meyer and seconded by Commissioner Keller.*

**VOTE: Motion Carried 4-0**

Commissioner Ang	Aye
Commissioner Keller	Aye
Commissioner McCarthy	Absent/Excused
Commissioner Marzano	Aye
Commissioner Meyer	Aye

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**7. COMMISSION ACTIONS:**

**A. Vote on Commission Boards & Work Group Assignments**

Alisa Praskovich (Chief—Strategic Projects & Commission Relations) with the Port of Tacoma presented. Approval was requested for Commission Board and Work Group assignments for the 2024 calendar year.

**MAIN MOTION: Approve the 2024 Commission Boards and Work Group assignments as presented.**

*Motion was made by Commissioner Keller and seconded by Commissioner Meyer.*

**AMENDED MOTION: Approve to amend the board assignments to have Commissioner Meyer serve as the representative on the NWSA Environmental Workgroup, and that Commissioner Meyer would be the representative on the Growth Management Policy Board, with Commissioner Keller as the alternate.**

*Amended motion was made by Commissioner Keller and seconded by Commissioner Marzano.*

**VOTE ON AMENDED MOTION: Carried 4-0**

Commissioner Ang	Aye
Commissioner Keller	Aye
Commissioner McCarthy	Absent/Excused
Commissioner Marzano	Aye
Commissioner Meyer	Aye

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**VOTE ON MAIN MOTION: Carried 4-0**

Commissioner Ang	Aye
Commissioner Keller	Aye
Commissioner McCarthy	<i>Absent/Excused</i>
Commissioner Marzano	Aye
Commissioner Meyer	Aye

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8. **NEW BUSINESS:** None given.

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9. **COMMITTEE REPORTS:** None given.

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10. **ISSUE BRIEFINGS:**

A. **USCG Marine Environmental Protection Industry Training**

Robert Simcox (CWO) with the United States Coast Guard (USCG) presented on the Industry Training program. It involves a competitive selection process in conjunction with a change in station. The terms of the program are either 6-months or one-year. He was selected for a one-year term. Most of the work was in the environmental department working with Tony Warfield. Recommendations from this experience with the Port was included in his presentation.

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11. **ANNOUNCEMENTS / COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:**

**Commissioner Marzano** – Congratulated Commissioner Ang on her first meeting presiding as President. Thanked Local 23, in conjunction with the Propeller Club, for the spaghetti feed event. It's an event which shows labor and management getting together to solve problems.

**Commissioner Keller** – Also congratulated Commissioner Ang. Attended the Unity breakfast with Commissioner Ang on Monday. This is a community event promoting justice for all. One of the guest speakers used the acronym M.A.D., which stands for Make a Difference, and reflects what the Commission aspires to achieve.

**Commissioner Meyer** – Thought we made a difference in 2023. Now we have a new leader. He is looking to make a better difference this year and looks forward to a great 2024.

**Commissioner Ang** – Believes 2024 will be wild and challenging. She also attended the ILWU Local 23 dinner, where it was noted that we had record setting break bulk with the longshore, seeing the most fourth quarter hours in their 20-year history. We still have the Tacoma advantage because of labor, this Port, our stakeholders and the congressional delegation all coming together, and with continuing collaboration with the Puyallup Tribe, we will have another great year for the health and prosperity of our community.

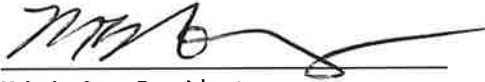
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12. **ADJOURNMENT**

Commissioner Ang adjourned the meeting at **1:08 pm**.

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Attest:



Kristin Ang, President  
Port of Tacoma Commission



Dick Marzano, Secretary  
Port of Tacoma Commission



Helen Hickman, Clerk of the Port  
Port of Tacoma