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2026 Review – Port of Tacoma Commission Code of Governance & Conduct

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- On March 17, 2022, the Port of Tacoma Commission adopted Resolution 2022-05-PT, Establishing a Code of Governance and Conduct for Port Commissioners.
- On August 15, 2023, following review, the Port of Tacoma Commission adopted Resolution 2023-08-PT, Amended Code of Governance and Conduct for Port Commissioners, amending and superseding Res. 2022-05-PT. The amendments clarified certain provisions regarding violations and enforcement.
- Para. D.13 of Res. 2023-08-PT calls for the Commission to review its performance as a Commission in achieving the goals of the Resolution annually.

- At the November 18, 2025, Commission Meeting during the “New Business” section of the meeting, Commissioner Keller proposed that the Commission secure an independent, third-party consultant to review the Port of Tacoma Commission Code of Governance and Conduct for Port Commissioners.
- In December 2025, in response to Comm. Keller’s proposal, Commissioner McCarthy provided a set of potential additional amendments to the Code of Governance and Conduct for Commission consideration.
- Commission consideration was deferred due to other business. At the May 7, 2026 Commission meeting, during “New Business,” Commissioner Marzano proposed that the Commission discuss whether to consider amendments to the Code of Governance and Conduct, the scope of those amendments, and the process for preparing proposed amendments at today’s meeting.

- The purpose of this Issue Briefing is for the Commission to engage in this discussion and provide direction to Port Legal Counsel and staff regarding preparation and consideration of amendments to the Code of Governance and Conduct.

Potential Options - Discussion

- No Action. Take no action to consider amendments, and leave Res. 2023-08-PT in effect.
- Commission/Internal Review. Direct Port staff/Port Legal Counsel to prepare specific amendments to Res. 2023-08-PT for consideration/action at a future Commission meeting.
- Commission/Internal Review – Work Group or Committee. Form a Commission Work Group or temporary Committee to prepare and recommend proposed amendments to Res. 2023-08-PT to the Commission for consideration/action at a future Commission meeting.
- External Review. Direct Port staff and Port Legal Counsel to prepare a scope of work for a qualified consultant to complete an external review of Res. 2023-08-PT and make recommendations for potential revision to the Commission. If the Commission elects this option, the scope of work would be presented for Commission action/approval at a future Commission meeting before any procurement process takes place.



Thank You

Questions & Discussion



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