

MEETING MINUTES

Port of Tacoma Commission



JOINT STUDY SESSION with the PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL

September 5, 2023 - 12:00 PM Public Session Start

Pierce County Chambers, 930 Tacoma Ave S, 10th Floor, Tacoma, WA 98402

The Port of Tacoma Commission met for a joint study session on **Tuesday, September 5, 2023** at the Pierce County Council Chambers, 930 Tacoma Ave S, 10th Floor, Tacoma, WA.

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by Pierce County Council Chair, Ryan Mello at **12:10pm**.

INTRODUCTIONS | ATTENDANCE:

Port of Tacoma Commission President, Deanna Keller, introduced the Port Commissioners who were present for the meeting: Kristin Ang, Dick Marzano and John McCarthy. Commissioner Don Meyer was absent and excused. Commissioner Keller also introduced Eric Johnson, Executive Director for the Port of Tacoma.

The Port Commissioners were guests of the Pierce County Council for this study session. Council Chair, Ryan Mello, introduced the Council Members present: Amy Cruver, Jani Hitchen, Paul Herrera, Dave Morell, Marty Campbell (remote), and Robyn Denson (remote).

DECARBONIZATION & ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARSHIP:

The Port of Tacoma presentation was made by Jason Jordan (Director—Environmental & Planning Services) and Steve Nicholas (Senior Manager—Air Quality & Sustainable Practices) and addressed decarbonizing seaport activities, including the vision, targets & goals, key initiatives, and sustainability.

- The vision includes reaching zero-emissions goals by 2050 or sooner.
- Reductions in Greenhouse Gas (GHG) target goals and the breakdown of three scopes were presented.
- Efforts are being made by all three port entities within the Northwest Ports Clean Air Strategy: Port of Tacoma, Port of Seattle and the Northwest Seaport Alliance (NWSA).

Pierce County's presentation was made by Ryan Dicks (Sustainable Resources Division Administrator) on the County's Greenhouse Gas Reduction Plan and the Sustainability 2030 Plan.

- Goal is to reduce GHG by 45% by 2030. The progress to date and key successes were presented.
 - GHG reduction levers include: efficiency and electrification of existing buildings, on road vehicle electrification and reduction in miles traveled, and conservation of land and trees.
 - The partnership and efforts between Pierce County, the Port of Tacoma and the NWSA toward decarbonization were presented.
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COMMISSIONER & COUNCIL DISCUSSION:

Discussion and questions ensued throughout the presentations. Final comments on the study session were given. The partnership between the Port of Tacoma and the Pierce County Council on decarbonization efforts was emphasized and interest in future joint meetings to further these efforts was expressed.

ADJOURNMENT

Council Chair, Ryan Mello, adjourned the meeting at **1:24pm**.

Attest:



Deanna M. Keller, President
Port of Tacoma Commission



John McCarthy, Secretary
Port of Tacoma Commission



Helen Hickman, Clerk of the Port
Port of Tacoma