

REGULAR MEETING

December 19, 2023 - 12:00 PM Public Session Start

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

The Port of Tacoma Commission met for a regular meeting on **December 19, 2023** at the Fabulich Center, 3600 Port of Tacoma Road, Fife, WA. Commissioners Kristin Ang, Deanna Keller, Dick Marzano, John McCarthy and Don Meyer were present. A quorum was met.

CALL TO ORDER | EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Commissioner Deanna Keller, Port of Tacoma Commission President, called the meeting to order at **10:01 a.m.** and announced that the Commission would recess into a closed **Special Order of Business** until **10:30 a.m.** to discuss a labor collective bargaining agreement, followed by a closed **Executive Session** (scheduled until **12:00 p.m.**) to discuss:

1. One (1) Property Acquisition Item – RCW 42.30.110(1)(b)
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1. RETURN TO ORDER:

Commissioner Keller returned the meeting to order at **12:00 p.m.** and stated they were in a closed Special Order of Business until **10:30 a.m.** to discuss a labor collective bargaining agreement, followed by the Executive Session until **10:52 a.m.** The public meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance. Commissioner Keller also acknowledged that we are situated on the traditional homelands of the Puyallup Tribe and commit to uplifting the voices, experiences, and histories of the Indigenous people of this land.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

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

- Special Order of Business – Item 7A – Honoring Retirees was moved up in the agenda to immediately follow Public Comment
 - Issue Briefings – Item 10B – Maritime Blue Briefing was moved before the 10A – Commission Committees, Board & Workgroups discussion.
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3. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT – Eric Johnson

- A brief review of the Port's 2023 accomplishments was provided. Highlights included: the Port's partnership with Tacoma Public Schools to build a Maritime Skills Center, an organization-wide e-mail and record retention clean-up, community events, capital projects funds received from the legislature, demolished five old buildings, received a Phoenix Award from the EPA, accelerated our clean air efforts by 10 years, continued work on deepening the Blair Waterway, and established a Diversity, Equity & Inclusion (DEI) Workgroup.
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4. PUBLIC COMMENT:

- An e-mail comment from Jacquelyn Krantz opposing Darling International was received through the Public Comment e-mail address. It was distributed to all Commissions at the time of receipt.

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- Paul Cloer from the NW Carpenters Union provided in-person public comment and invited the Port of Tacoma Commission to tour their training center in Dupont.
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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.

A. Honor Retirees: Darren Arakaki and Diane Jordan

Darren Arakaki – Served as the Port Auditor and worked at the Port for 19 years. Darren said a few words about his time at the Port, and thanked leadership and the Accounting/Finance team. He will miss the many individuals he worked with who contribute to the success of the Port.

Diane Jordan – Worked at the Port for almost 23 years and served in many different positions from public work to public records requests. Diane also said a few words regarding her time that it was a pleasure and privilege to serve the community through this work.

Commissioner and Executive Director Comments – Congratulations and best wishes were given to both by all. They were thanked for their decades-long public service to the Port and the community.

6. CONSENT AGENDA:

- A. Minutes: November 2, 2023 and November 21, 2023
- B. Check Certifications: Checks during the period of 11/10/23 to 12/7/23, check numbers 238767 to 238767, for a total of \$3,309,762.39
- C. Benefit Vendor Contract Renewal
- D. Shoreline Access ILA Extension – *Clarification given regarding the public access in relation to the Shoreline Act, as the agreement was coming to expiration.*
- E. Resolution 2023-18-PT: Appoint Don Kelley as Port Auditor

MOTION: Approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

Motion was made by Commissioner McCarthy (based on the clarification) and seconded by Commissioner Marzano.

VOTE: Motion Carried 5-0

Commissioner Ang	Aye
Commissioner Keller	Aye
Commissioner McCarthy	Aye
Commissioner Marzano	Aye
Commissioner Meyer	Aye

7. COMMISSION ACTIONS:

A. Approve Port Workers Group CBA

Michael Dehner (Senior Manager—Labor and Employee Relations) with the Port of Tacoma presented on the negotiated collective bargaining agreement for 104 full-time employees in Facilities Maintenance, Administration, Operations and Equipment Maintenance. Changes to the contract were given in the presentation.

MOTION: Authorize the Executive Director or his delegate to enter into a five-year collective bargaining agreement (CBA) with the ILWU Local 22 Port Workers Group for the period of April 1, 2023 through March 31, 2028.

Motion was made by Commissioner Meyer and seconded by Commissioner Ang.

VOTE: Motion Carried 5-0

Commissioner Ang	Aye
Commissioner Keller	Aye
Commissioner McCarthy	Aye
Commissioner Marzano	Aye
Commissioner Meyer	Aye

B. Workforce Training & Internship Pathways Service Contract

Sean Eagan (Director—Government & Community Affairs) with the Port of Tacoma presented. The workforce development portion of our strategic plan includes retaining a service provider to identify pathways for training or internships through paid work experience.

MOTION: Authorize the Executive Director, or his designee, to enter into Personal Services Agreement #071958 for \$175,000 for Workforce Training and Internship Pathways with Workforce Central for the period of January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024, with the option of two one-year renewals at the sole discretion of the Port, for a possible total of three years, for a total authorized amount of \$525,000.

Motion was made by Commissioner Meyer and seconded by Commissioner Marzano.

VOTE: Motion Carried 4-0

Commissioner Ang	Aye
Commissioner Keller	Abstain (<i>due to service on Board of Workforce Central</i>)
Commissioner McCarthy	Aye
Commissioner Marzano	Aye
Commissioner Meyer	Aye

C. Approve 2024 Slate of Commission Officers (effective January 1st)

Alisa Praskovich (Chief—Strategic Programs & Commission Relations) with the Port of Tacoma presented. The offer slate and rotation are designated in the Port of Tacoma Commission Bylaws. This year’s slate represents a continuation of that rotation and was reviewed.

MOTION: “Approve the following proposed officer positions for the upcoming year:

President	Commissioner Kristin Ang
Vice President	Commissioner John McCarthy
Secretary	Commissioner Dick Marzano
First Assistant Secretary	Commissioner Don Meyer
Second Assistant Secretary	Commissioner Deanna Keller.”

Motion was made by Commissioner McCarthy and seconded by Commissioner Meyer

VOTE: Motion Carried 5-0

Commissioner Ang	Aye
Commissioner Keller	Aye
Commissioner McCarthy	Aye
Commissioner Marzano	Aye
Commissioner Meyer	Aye

D. Commissioner International Travel Approval (January 1, 2024 to June 30, 2024)

Alisa Praskovich (Chief—Strategic Programs & Commission Relations) with the Port of Tacoma presented the prospective Commission travel for the first half of 2024. Each of the six potential trips were considered separately through a motion and vote, at the request of Commissioner Marzano. The approximate cost for each trip was provided during the presentation.

MOTION: *Approve semiannual Commission international travel from January 1 – June 30, 2024 as presented, with individual trip votes as follows:*

Trip 1: Asia Customer Visits (1/13/24 to 1/20/24)

Motion was made by Commissioner McCarthy and seconded by Commissioner Ang.

VOTE TRIP 1: Motion Carried 5-0

Commissioner Ang	Aye
Commissioner Keller	Aye
Commissioner McCarthy	Aye
Commissioner Marzano	Aye
Commissioner Meyer	Aye

Trip 2: Wind Europe Conference (3/20/24 to 3/22/24)

Motion was made by Commissioner McCarthy and seconded by Commissioner Ang.

VOTE TRIP 2: Motion Failed 2-3

Commissioner Ang	Aye
Commissioner Keller	Nay
Commissioner McCarthy	Aye
Commissioner Marzano	Nay
Commissioner Meyer	Nay

Trip 3: Asia Customer Visits (April 2024)

Motion was made by Commissioner Meyer and seconded by Commissioner Ang.

VOTE TRIP 3: Motion Carried 5-0

Commissioner Ang	Aye
Commissioner Keller	Aye
Commissioner McCarthy	Aye
Commissioner Marzano	Aye
Commissioner Meyer	Aye

Trip 4: Copenhagen/Malmo Ports (4/5/24 to 4/13/24)

Motion was made by Commissioner McCarthy and seconded by Commissioner Ang.

VOTE TRIP 4: Motion Carried 3-2

Commissioner Ang	Aye
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Commissioner Keller	Aye
Commissioner McCarthy	Aye
Commissioner Marzano	Nay
Commissioner Meyer	Nay

Trip 5: International Leadership Mission—South Korea (4/13/24 to 4/20/24)

Motion was made by Commissioner McCarthy and seconded by Commissioner Ang.

VOTE TRIP 5: Motion Carried 4-1

Commissioner Ang	Aye
Commissioner Keller	Aye
Commissioner McCarthy	Aye
Commissioner Marzano	Aye
Commissioner Meyer	Nay

Trip 6: Europe Customer Visits (June 2024)

Motion was made by Commissioner Meyer and seconded by Commissioner Marzano.

VOTE: Motion Carried 5-0

Commissioner Ang	Aye
Commissioner Keller	Aye
Commissioner McCarthy	Aye
Commissioner Marzano	Aye
Commissioner Meyer	Aye

E. Authorization of Property Acquisition – 2221 Ross Way

Debbie Shepack (Director—Real Estate) with the Port of Tacoma presented. The Port sought approval from the Commission to purchase this property. The site is located near other Port-owned properties, can provide a revenue stream and allows for future development due to location.

MOTION: Authorize the Executive Director or his designee to:

- 1. Execute instruments necessary to complete the purchase of property located at 2221 Ross Way, Tacoma, consisting of approximately .50 acre and an 8,892 square foot building from Garion, LLC for \$1,924,995, subject to the terms and conditions of the Purchase and Sale Agreement, as amended.**
- 2. Accept assignment of the existing lease on the property.**

Motion was made by Commissioner Marzano and seconded by Commissioner Meyer

VOTE: Motion Carried 5-0

Commissioner Ang	Aye
Commissioner Keller	Aye
Commissioner McCarthy	Aye
Commissioner Marzano	Aye
Commissioner Meyer	Aye

8. NEW BUSINESS: None

9. COMMITTEE REPORTS: None

10. ISSUE BRIEFINGS:

A. Washington Maritime Blue Program Briefing

This item was moved up in the agenda at the start of the meeting to be presented before the 2024 Commission Committees, Boards & Work Groups in Issue Briefings.

Joshua Berger, Veasna Hoy, Cassidy Fisher, Rachel Aronson & Karina Martija-Harriss from Maritime Blue presented. Washington Maritime Blue is a non-profit 501(c)3 designated to accelerate innovation and sustainability in support of an inclusive blue economy. Their focus is on maritime decarbonization, renewable marine energy, sustainable fishing & seafood, healthy ocean ecosystems, digital transformation with more than 100 members (partnerships). They provided an annual report to the Commission of their work.

B. 2024 Commission Committees, Boards & Work Groups

Alisa Praskovich (Chief—Strategic Programs & Commission Relations) with the Port of Tacoma presented. Preliminary Commission committee and work group assignments for 2024 were discussed. Input and comments were given by all Commissioners. Approval of the proposed assignments will be sought at the January 17, 2024 Commission Meeting.

11. ANNOUNCEMENTS / COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:

Eric Johnson, Executive Director – Thanked Commissioner Keller for her work as President this past year.

Commissioner Marzano – Wished everyone a safe and happy holiday. He thanked staff for their work and Commissioner Keller for serving as President this year.

Commissioner Ang – Thanked Commissioner Keller for her leadership and work as President of the Commission. She is looking forward to 2024.

Commissioner Meyer – Wished everyone happiness during the holiday season and is looking forward to a great 2024. He hopes the world becomes a little more peaceful as we move forward.


Commissioner McCarthy – Thanked Judi Doremus for the baked goods.

Commissioner Keller – Gave some final remarks as President and reflected on her past four years as a Commissioner. She offered her congratulations to Commissioner Ang as the next President.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Keller adjourned the meeting at **2:52 pm**.

Attest:



Kristin Ang, President
Port of Tacoma Commission



Dick Marzano, Secretary
Port of Tacoma Commission



Helen Hickman, Clerk of the Port
Port of Tacoma