

MEETING MINUTES

Port of Tacoma Commission



REGULAR MEETING

September 7, 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 **September 7, 2023** at the Fabulich Center, 3600 Port of Tacoma Road, Fife, WA. Commissioners Deanna Keller, Kristin Ang, John McCarthy, Dick Marzano, and Don Meyer were present.

CALL TO ORDER | EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Commissioner Deanna Keller, 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 **Special Order of Business** until **10:30 a.m.** to discuss a labor collective bargaining agreement. The Commission would then recess into an **Executive Session** until **12:00 p.m.** to discuss:

- A. Two (2) Potential Property Acquisition Items – RCW 42.30.110(1)(b)
- B. One (1) Item of Potential Property Acquisition – RCW 42.30.110(1)(b) **and** Potential Litigation – RCW.42.30.110(1)(i)
- C. One (1) Potential Litigation Item – RCW 42.30.110(1)(i)

RETURN TO ORDER:

Commissioner Keller returned the meeting to order at **12:00 p.m.**, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Commissioner Keller also recognized that we are on the traditional homelands of the Puyallup Tribe and commit to uplifting the voices, experiences, and histories of the Indigenous people of this land.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: The agenda was adopted by unanimous consent.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT – Eric Johnson

- A successful joint study session with the Pierce County Council was held on September 5th regarding air quality and decarbonization efforts. Matthew Mauer was recognized for his efforts in helping to organize the joint meeting.
- Our summer internships are ending soon. Appreciation of their work was given.
- The Economic Development Board is scheduled to take a bus tour of the Port.
- A memorial service for Ralph Klose will be held at the Port of Tacoma's Admin building on Wednesday, September 13 at 5pm.
- Commissioner McCarthy and the Alisa Praskovich's birthdays were recognized.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None given.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- A. Minutes: August 15, 2023
- B. Resolution 2023-14-PT: Surplus of Obsolete Bromma Components
MOTION: “Approve the above Consent Agenda as presented.”
Motion was made by Commissioner Meyer and seconded by Commissioner Ang with no discussion.

VOTE: Motion Carried 5-0

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

COMMISSION ACTIONS:

- A. **NextGen Finance & Procurement Implementation Authorization**
Erin Galeno (Chief Financial & Administrative Officer), Mark Miller (Director—Information Technology), and Martyn Adamson (Sr. Manager—IT Enterprise Applications) with the Port of Tacoma presented. Commission authorization for next step implementation to support the Port’s applications was sought. Preliminary briefings on the process were provided at previous Commission meetings, and details regarding Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) were reviewed.

MOTION: “Approve project authorization in the amount of \$2,450,000 for a total authorized amount of \$2,850,000, for work associated with the NextGen Project Implementation.”
Motion was made by Commissioner Marzano 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

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- B. **ILA with the City of Fife – Funds Transfer I-5/Port of Tacoma Road**
Matthew Mauer (Government Affairs Manager) with the Port of Tacoma presented. Funding was first given by the Port in 2005 with a contribution of \$1.5 million. Further funds up to \$2 million were committed by the Commission in 2022 to help address our bridge and road priorities. This multiphase plan includes completion of the Interstate 5 and Port of Tacoma Road Interchange.

MOTION: “Approve an Interlocal Agreement (ILA) with the City of Fife, committing the Port of Tacoma to providing a contribution of up to \$2 million to the Interstate 5/Port of Tacoma Road Interchange Project for phase 2.”
Motion was made by Commissioner Ang and seconded by Commissioner Meyer.

VOTE: Motion Carried 5-0

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

C. ILA with Bethel School District – AugmentedArc® Augmented Reality Welding System

Leslie Barstow (Manager—Community Relations & Workforce Development) with the Port of Tacoma presented and sought approval for an ILA with Bethel School District to provide funding for an aluminum welding simulation system as support for workforce development and training efforts.

MOTION: “Approve the Executive Director, or his designee, to enter into an Interlocal Agreement (ILA) with the Bethel School District authorizing \$14,250 towards the purchase of an AugmentedArc® Augmented Reality Welding System for the Pierce County Skills Center.”

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

VOTE: Motion Carried 5-0

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

D. ILA with Clover Park Technical College – CNC Plasma Table & Testing Certification Fees

Leslie Barstow (Manager—Community Relations & Workforce Development) with the Port of Tacoma presented and sought approval for an ILA with Clover Park Technical College. This ILA would provide funding for a manufacturing table and to assist 45 individuals with the cost of certification fees, also supporting workforce development and training efforts in the community.

MOTION: “Approve the Executive Director, or his designee, to enter into an Interlocal Agreement (ILA) with Clover Park Technical College for \$28,250, with \$21,500 of the funds for the purchase of a CNC Plasma Table and \$6,750 to support the Siemens Mechatronics Systems Certification Program (SMSCP) fees.”

Motion was made by Commissioner McCarthy 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. International Travel Approval

Alisa Praskovich (Chief—Strategic Projects & Commission Relations) with the Port of Tacoma presented and sought approval of proposed Commission international travel through the end of the year.

MOTION #1: “Approve Commission International travel as presented.”

Motion was made by Commissioner Ang, but not seconded. Discussion ensued.

NO VOTE—Motion #1 not carried due to no second.

MOTION #2: “Approve international customer visits as needed through the end of the year.”

Motion 2 was made by Commissioner Meyer, but not seconded at this time. Discussion ensued.

NO VOTE—Motion #2 not carried due to no second.

MOTION #3: “Approve international customer visits as needed.”

Motion #3 was made by Commissioner Meyer and seconded by Commissioner Marzano.

MOVE TO AMEND MOTION #3: “Amend motion to approve international customer visits to include the Australia trade visit.”

Amended motion was made by Commissioner McCarthy and seconded by Commissioner Ang.

AMENDED MOTION VOTE: Carried 3-2

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

Motion #3 has been amended to include both the international customer visits and the Australia trip, represented by items 2 and 3 in the presentation. The following is the vote on Motion #3 as amended.

MOTION #3 VOTE: Carried 5-0

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

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS:

- A. Recognition of Phoenix Award Staff** – Rob Healy, Mike Kisak, David Myers, Mark Rettmann, Stan Sasser, & Heather Curbow were recognized for their work on Parcel 14—Lower Wapato Creek Project. The Phoenix Award is issued for Environmental clean-up projects.

NEW BUSINESS: None given.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: None given.

ISSUE BRIEFINGS: None given.

ANNOUNCEMENTS / COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:

Commissioner Marzano – Congratulated the staff on receiving the Phoenix Award, and recognized their hard work. The joint meeting with the Pierce County Council was productive and a valued partnership. He would like to see annual events, such as this, occur with the Council, City of Tacoma, City of Fife, and others in the future.

Commissioner Ang – Proud of staff for winning the Phoenix award (the Oscars of the environmental world).

Commissioner McCarthy – One of the nominees for the International Association of Ports and Harbors is the Port of Seattle’s work on the Duwamish. We have projects that are worthy of future awards as well.

Commissioner Meyer – Requested an updated briefing on the subarea planning process to be added to a future agenda.

Commissioner Keller – Echoed the desire to continue joint sessions with government entities in the future. She was present when staff accepted the Phoenix Award in Michigan last month and was very proud of their efforts.

ADJOURNMENT: Commissioner Keller adjourned the meeting at **1:08 pm**.

Attest:

Deanna M. Keller, President
Port of Tacoma Commission

John McCarthy, Secretary
Port of Tacoma Commission

Helen Hickman, Clerk of the Port
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