

# MEETING MINUTES

Port of Tacoma Commission



## REGULAR MEETING

March 19, 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 **March 19, 2024** at the Fabulich Center, 3600 Port of Tacoma Road, Fife, WA. Commissioners Kristin Ang, Dick Marzano, John McCarthy, and Don Meyer were present and in person, and Commissioner Deanna Keller joined the meeting remotely. 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 **Special Order of Business** until **10:30 a.m.** to discuss a labor collective bargaining agreement. The Commission would then recess into a closed **Executive Session** until **12:00 p.m.** to discuss:

- Two (2) Potential Litigation Items – RCW 42.30.110(1)(i)
- One (1) Property Leasing & Potential Litigation Item – RCW 42.30.110(1)(c) & RCW 4230.110(1)(i)
- One (1) Evaluation of a Public Employee – RCW 42.30.110(1)(g)

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

Commissioner Ang returned the meeting to order at **12:00 p.m.** and stated they were in Executive Session until **11:53 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 as presented by unanimous consent.

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

- On Wednesday, March 20th, the Tacoma Pierce County Economic Development Board is holding their Annual Meeting and a number of Commissioners are attending.
- This Thursday, March 21st, the Chamber of Commerce is holding their After Hours event beginning at 5:00 p.m. at the Port Offices.
- On Saturday, March 23rd, Eric will attend a retirement Celebration honoring Gary Nelson, the Port of Grays Harbor Executive Director.

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

- Tom Rogers with the Tacoma Youth Marine Center introduced their new Executive Director, Bob Houston to the Commission.
- Marissa Modestowicz and Queen Alejandra Gonzalez with the Daffodil Festival spoke. They invited everyone to the parade on April 6th. Two Port Commissioners will be participating in the parade this year. They thanked the Port and Commissioners for the LEDIF Funding received last year.

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- An e-mail from Scott Lelli regarding grants through the Environmental Protection Agency for the Clean Ports Program was received through the Public Comment e-mail address on February 29, 2024. It was acknowledged and distributed to all Commissioners at the time of receipt.
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**5. CONSENT AGENDA:**

- A. Approval of the Minutes from 2/13/24, 2/21/24, and 2/27/24
- B. Approval of Disbursement Certifications during the period of 2-10-24 to 3-7-24: Check numbers 239487 to 239762 in the amount of \$2,372,922.79, and electronic payments in the amount of \$9,206,769.10 for a total of \$11,579,691.89.

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

*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

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**6. COMMISSION ACTIONS:**

**A. Project Authorization for the Maritime Center – Budget Authorization & Second ILA Amendment to the 2nd ILA with Tacoma Public Schools**

Alisa Praskovich (Chief—Strategic Projects & Commission Relations) and Stan Ryter (Sr. Project Manager—Engineering) with the Port of Tacoma presented. The work conducted thus far, an early look at the concept design, the site plan, and scope for the request were reviewed. Additional public engagement and community presentations will resume. An updated project schedule and cost estimates were given. Authorization through the second amendment to the second ILA with Tacoma Public Schools is needed to move forward in the process.

**MOTION: Approve -**

1. Project authorization in the amount of \$7,000,000 for a total authorized amount of \$11,770,000, for the work associated with the Port of Tacoma Maritime Skills Center and the Port Maritime Center. [Master Identification No. 101549.01]
2. Authorization for the Executive Director to enter into a second amendment to the Second Interlocal Agreement (ILA) between the Tacoma Public School District (District) and the Port of Tacoma (Port) to continue the previously established payment reimbursement process through 60% design.

*Motion was made by Commissioner Marzano 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

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- B. Amended Resolution 2024-02-PT: Master Benefits & Salary Resolution (MBSR) – Technical Correction**  
Jean West (Chief Human Resources Officer), Jeniann Kaelin (Manger—Human Resources) and Trisha Perez (Manager—Human Resources) with the Port of Tacoma presented. The Commission approved Resolution 2024-02-PT for the MBSR at the last meeting. After the meeting, inadvertent omissions were discovered, thus resulting in a need for an amendment to the Resolution.

**MOTION: Approve Amended Resolution 2024-02-PT which supersedes any and all Master Benefit & Salary Resolutions (MBSR) including Resolution 2024-02-PT.**

*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

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**7. SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS:**

- A. Proclamation 2024-02-PT: Women’s History Month & International Women’s Day**  
Commissioner Ang read the Proclamation.

**MOTION: Approve Proclamation 2024-02-PT recognizing March 2024 as Women’s History Month and March 8, 2024 as International Women’s Day.**

*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

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**8. NEW BUSINESS: None**

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**9. COMMITTEE REPORTS: None**

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**10. ISSUE BRIEFINGS:**

- A. Center for Urban Waters Endowed Chair Update**

Dr. Joel Baker (Port of Tacoma Chair of Civil Engineering—University of Washington Tacoma, Science Director—The Center for Urban Waters, & Director—UW Puget Sound Institute) reported on the efforts of the organization and its partnership with the Port of Tacoma. They work in conjunction with the UW Puget Sound Institute to identify critical problems and develop solutions for restoration. Focus areas include: stormwater, habitat restoration, contamination and other clean water issues affecting fish and wildlife. Future plans to design and execute the next phase of the Hylebos Waterway clean-up in the partnership with UW and the Port were presented.

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**11. ANNOUNCEMENTS / COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:**

*Commissioner Keller left the meeting at 1:01 pm.*

- **Commissioners Marzano** – Mentioned March Madness.
- **Commissioner Meyer** – Requested to see comments from the Port regarding the Oxy Chemicals clean-up, prior to submittal. Eric will forward the report to the Commission prior to the end of March due date.
- **Commissioner Ang** – The EDB Annual Meeting is tomorrow at 11:30 a.m. Eric Johnson will present an award to Congressman Kilmer at the event. Thursday, March 21<sup>st</sup>, the Chamber of Commerce will hold its After Hours event at the Port Administration building. She was honored to speak at the World Ocean Summit in Lisbon and highlighted the Port's work with environmental initiatives and decarbonization.
- **Commissioner McCarthy** – None given.

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**12. ADJOURNMENT:** Commissioner Ang adjourned the meeting at **1:14 pm**.

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Attest:



Kristin Ang, President  
Port of Tacoma Commission



Don Meyer, 1st Assistant Secretary  
Port of Tacoma Commission



Helen Hickman, Clerk of the Port  
Port of Tacoma