

MEETING MINUTES

Port of Tacoma Commission



REGULAR MEETING

JULY 16, 2024 - 12:00 p.m. Public Session Start

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

The Port of Tacoma Commission met for a regular meeting on **July 16, 2024** at the Fabulich Center, 3600 Port of Tacoma Road, Fife, WA. Commissioners Kristin Ang, Deanna Keller, John McCarthy, Dick Marzano, and Don Meyer were in attendance. 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 the Commission would meet in **Executive Session** until **12:00 p.m.** to discuss:

- Two (2) Potential Litigation Items – RCW 42.30.110(1)(i)

1. RETURN TO ORDER & FLAG SALUTE:

Commissioner Ang returned the meeting to order at **12:00 p.m.** and stated they met in Executive Session until **11:30 a.m.** The public meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance. Commissioner Ang 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.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Commissioner Ang requested that item 7A under Special Order of Business be postponed to the August meeting.

MOTION: Amend the agenda, remove item 7A in Special Order of Business and move it to the August meeting.

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

VOTE: Motion Carried 5-0

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

No additional changes were made or requested. The rest of the agenda was adopted by unanimous consent.

3. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT – Eric Johnson

- The Port's summer outreach efforts are in full swing. The Port has hosted booths at several farmer's markets & Tacoma's Pride Festival. We sponsored two boat tours at Tacoma Ocean Fest. Over 1,000 community members were served through those events.
- The Port's signature Boat Tours event will be on August 18th. Free tickets were available through our website and sold out in four hours. We encourage folks to come anyway for standby spots.

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- Workforce Central completed its first cadre of individuals participating in a paid workforce training program, funded by the Port. Seventeen candidates successfully graduated. The entire cadre were all persons of color, which supports efforts of diversifying our working waterfront.
 - The WSDOT work on Highway 167 is continuing. They will be removing the old 70th street overpass. Please watch for traffic impacts.
 - The Steering Committee for Tideflats Subarea planning process met and are continuing their work. Commissioners Keller and Marzano serve on that committee.
 - Jason Jordan, Director of Environmental and Planning, received an award from the American Association of Port Authorities (AAPA) at their Smart Ports Conference. He was recognized for his service and chairing the AAPA Environmental Committee.
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4. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** None given at this meeting.

5. **CONSENT AGENDA:**

- A. Approval of the minutes from the 6/18/24, 6/25/24, and 7/8/24 meetings.
- B. Disbursement Certifications during the period of **June 7, 2024** to **July 9, 2024** for a total of **\$8,190,026.00** broken down as follows:
 - 1. Check numbers **240595** to **240878** and **240880** to **240898** in the amount of **\$2,594,414.64**, and electronic payments in the amount of **\$5,594,981.06**.
 - 2. Check number **240879** to the State Auditor for a total of **\$630.30**.
- C. Approval of the Portac Settlement Agreement.

MOTION 1: Approve Consent Agenda items (A, B-1, and C), excluding the check to the State Auditor for \$630.30, as presented.

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

VOTE: Motion Carried 5-0

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

MOTION 2: Approve Consent Agenda item—Check to the State Auditor for \$630.30.

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

VOTE: Motion Carried 4-0-1

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

6. COMMISSION ACTIONS:

A. Taylor Way & Alexander Avenue Fill Area Authorization Increase

Scott Hooton (Project Manager II—Environmental) presented on behalf of the Port. The requested authorization is related to hazardous substance cleanup on a contaminated landfill located next to three properties owned by the Port. The hazardous substances were not from the Port, but from adjacent property owners. The needed cleanup includes the implementation of approved plans from the Department of Ecology (Ecology).

MOTION: Approve a project authorization increase in the amount of \$430,000 for a total authorization of \$2,697,000 for work associated with the Taylor Way and Alexander Avenue Fill Area (TWAAFA), Master Identification No. 101082.01.

Motion was made by Commissioner Keller and seconded by Commissioner Meyer. Discussion ensued.

VOTE: Motion Carried 5-0

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

B. Arkema Manufacturing Area Interim Action

Brett Ozolin (Project Manager II—Engineering) and Scott Hooton (Project Manager II—Environmental) presented on behalf of the Port. The Port is working with Ecology to cleanup property purchased in 2007. The property was previously owned by Arkema, a plant which produced chemicals used for the pulp and paper industry. The biggest issue currently is penite, an arsenical herbicide, deposited in pits on the property. This request is for funding to complete the design for capping 40 acres of the manufacturing area. The Port anticipates creating 24 acres of property for productive use upon completion.

MOTION: Approve a project authorization increase in the amount of \$1,215,000 for a total authorized amount of \$2,542,000, for the Arkema Manufacturing Area Interim Action, Master Identification No. 101585.01.

Motion was made by Commissioner McCarthy and seconded by Commissioner Keller. Discussion ensued.

VOTE: Motion Carried 5-0

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

C. 4012 SR 509 Demo Building & Rail Project Authorization

Kyle Smith (Project Manager II—Engineering) presented on behalf of the Port. This is the former site of Progress Rail and has been vacant since 2021. It consists of several buildings that are unusable. Removing the railroad tracks and demolishing the buildings will make the property more versatile for potential tenants. No remediation work is needed for this project per Ecology. Permitting will require review by SEPA and potentially by the City of Tacoma's Critical Area Ordinance.

MOTION: Approve project authorization in the amount of \$1,350,000 for a total authorized amount of \$1,700,000, for work associated with the Master Identification No. 101650.01.

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

VOTE: Motion Carried 5-0

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

D. Commission International Travel Approval – Philippines Trip

Alisa Praskovich (Chief—Strategic Projects & Commission Relations) presented on behalf of the Port. Approval of potential Commission international travel is needed. This trip was added after the last meeting, where the last half of 2024 travel was presented for approval.

MOTION: Approve Commission international travel to the Philippines from October 4, 2024 through October 13, 2024.

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

VOTE: Motion Carried 3-2

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

7. SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS:

A. Proclamation 2024-05-PT: Honoring William E. Adams – This item was removed from the agenda earlier in the meeting and rescheduled for the August 20th Port of Tacoma Commission meeting.

8. NEW BUSINESS: None given at this meeting.

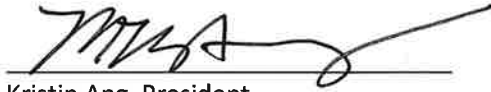
9. COMMITTEE REPORTS: None given at this meeting.

10. ISSUE BRIEFINGS: None given at this meeting.

11. ANNOUNCEMENTS / COMMISSIONER COMMENTS: None given at this meeting.

12. ADJOURNMENT: Commissioner Ang adjourned the meeting at **1:04 p.m.**

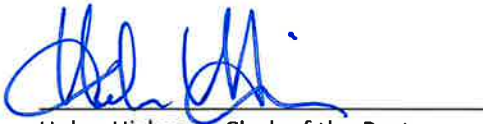
Attest:



Kristin Ang, President
Port of Tacoma Commission



Dick Marzano, Secretary
Port of Tacoma Commission



Helen Hickman, Clerk of the Port
Port of Tacoma