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APPROVED MINUTES COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING

February 11, 2025

The Port of Seattle Commission met in a regular meeting Tuesday, February 11, 2025. The meeting was held at the Port of Seattle Headquarters Building Commission Chambers, located at 2711 Alaska Way, Seattle Washington, and virtually on Microsoft Teams. Commissioner Calkins was absent and excused from the meeting.

1. CALL to ORDER

The meeting was convened at 10:32 a.m. by Commission President Toshiko Hasegawa.

2. EXECUTIVE SESSION pursuant to RCW 42.30.110

The public meeting recessed into executive session to discuss two items - the first is regarding Collective Bargaining per RCW 42.30.140(4) and Litigation/Potential Litigation/Legal Risk per RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) for approximately 30 minutes; and the second regarding National Security and Computer Network Security per RCW 42.30.110(a)(i) and Litigation/Potential Litigation/Legal Risk, also for 30 minutes., with the intention of reconvening the public session at 12:00 p.m. Following the executive session, the public meeting reconvened at 12:11 p.m. Commission President Toshiko Hasegawa led the flag salute.

3. APPROVAL of the AGENDA

The agenda was approved as presented without objection.

4. SPECIAL ORDERS OF THE DAY

4a. Proclamation – Proclaiming February 19, 2025, as a Day of Remembrance in Recognition of Executive Order 9066.

Requested document(s) included a proclamation.

Presenter(s):

Francis Choe, Commission Strategic Advisor, Commission Office
Irene Yamamoto, Densho Board Member
Dale Watanabe, Nisei Veterans Committee Commander

Kyle Kinoshita, Japanese American Citizens League – Seattle Chapter

Clerk Hart read Item 4a into the record and Executive Director Metruck introduced the item.

The proclamation was read into the record by the attending representatives.

Commission President Hasegawa spoke regarding her family history of immigration to Seattle and the forced relocation and incarceration of her ancestors in internment camps along with 120,000 other individuals of Japanese descent upon the signing of Executive Order 9066 in 1942. She spoke regarding the spirit of resilience and allegiance to the United States these prisoners had; honoring their legacy; recognizing their contributions; safeguarding against injustices faced by marginalized groups; and demanding our collective commitment to confronting prejudice in all forms.

Members of the Commission reaffirmed their commitment to protecting civil liberties and advancing equity and inclusion.

The motion, made by Commissioner Mohamed, carried by the following vote:

In favor: Cho, Felleman, Hasegawa, and Mohamed (4)

Opposed: (0)

5. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Executive Director Metruck previewed items on the day's agenda and made general and meeting-related announcements.

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Erica Chung, Commission Office Strategic Advisor, presented committee reports as follows:

Aviation Workforce Conditions Ad Hoc Committee

Commission President Hasegawa and Commissioner Mohamed convened the AV Workforce Conditions Ad Hoc Committee on February 4, 2025. The committee reviewed the Childcare Feasibility and Navigator Order and recommended the Order be presented to the full Commission for consideration of adoption with the inclusion of siting and leveraging existing state and local programs language.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

- The following people spoke regarding support for Agenda Item 8k and urged the Port to adopt the item; to defend the Port RAISE values and Century Agenda; and to support employee

resource groups: Tom Johnson and Nic Longo, members of the Port's Transgender Inclusivity Employee Resource Group.

- The following person spoke regarding continued support for employees who are immigrants at the Port of Seattle: and Norman Melendres, Voice of Immigrants Committed to Equity and Home for Asians and Pacific Islanders employee resource groups.
- The following person spoke regarding Agenda Item 11a, in opposition to heavy fuel oil and scrubber discharge, and asked the Port to include the full Alaska cruise ship route in the Green Corridor: Aaron Brakel, Southeast Alaska Conservation Council.
- The following person spoke in support of Item 11a and voiced Cruise Line Industry Association's (CLIA) active commitment to pursuing net zero emissions: Sally Andrews, CLIA.
- The following person spoke regarding support for immigrant employees and communities; and also, in support of Agenda Item 10a, the need for childcare for airport workers and removing barriers and challenges to employees and employers: Stefan Moritz, Unite Here Local 8.
- In lieu of spoken comment, written comments speaking to the Green Corridor, complications with the use of green methanol, and asking the Port to reduce/phase out were submitted by: Iris Antman and Peggy Printz.

[Clerk's Note: All written comments are combined and attached here as Exhibit A.]

8. CONSENT AGENDA

[Clerk's Note: Items on the Consent Agenda are not individually discussed. Commissioners may remove items for separate discussion and vote when approving the agenda.]

8a. Approval of Minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 28, 2025.

8b. Monthly Notification of Prior Executive Director Delegation Actions January 2025.

Request document(s) included an agenda memorandum for information only.

8c. Authorization for the Executive Director to Conduct a Request for Proposals and to Execute a License Agreement with the Selected Proposer for the Installation, Operation, and Maintenance of a Distributed Antenna System for Cellular Coverage at Seattle-Tacoma International Airport.

Request document(s) included an agenda memorandum.

8d. Authorization for the Executive Director to Proceed with the Avian Threat Assessment System Refresh Project; to Execute Contract(s) for Software, Equipment, Vendor Services and Ten Years of Support and License Fees; and to Use Port Staff for Implementation, in the Requested Amount of \$4,000,000. (CIP #C802011)

Request document(s) included an agenda memorandum and correspondence.

- 8e. Authorization for the Executive Director to Execute all Necessary Agreements and Amendments for Vendor Services and Property Management Services Not-to-Exceed the Amounts in the Commission Approved Annual Budget, and a Commission Determination per RCW 53.19.020(5) that a Competitive Solicitation Process is Not Appropriate or Cost Effective for Vendor Services at STOC and Property Management Services with Urban Renaissance Property Company LLC, for a Period of Up to Two Years.**

Request document(s) included an agenda memorandum and presentation.

- 8f. Authorization for the Executive Director to Accept the Assignment of an Amended Long-Term Ground Lease Associated with the Acquisition of International Place (AKA the STOC property) Located at 18000 International Blvd. SeaTac, Washington.**

Request document(s) included an agenda memorandum, lease, and agreement.

- 8g. Authorization for the Executive Director to Authorize Design and Preparation of Construction Documents for the Virtual Ramp Tower; to Execute a Contract with Saab, Inc. for Equipment and Services; and to Use Port of Seattle Crews to Support Design and Construction Activities, in the Requested Amount of \$15,000,000, and a Total Estimated Project Cost of \$29,100,000 to \$40,000,000. (CIP #C802009).**

Request document(s) included an agenda memorandum and presentation.

- 8h. Authorization for the Executive Director to Transfer Authorization and Up to \$3,200,000 of Budget from the C801042 Landside Pavement Program to Support Additional Pavement Rehabilitation and to Take All Steps Necessary to Complete the 1947 Water Main Improvements Project Located at Seattle-Tacoma International Airport in the Requested Amount of \$12,200,000, for a Total Project Authorization of \$13,300,000. (CIP #C801224)**

Request document(s) included an agenda memorandum and presentation.

- 8i. Authorization for the Executive Director to Execute a Contract with Baggage Airline Guest Services, Inc. to Provide Cruise Passengers Onboard Airline Check-in and Airline Baggage Handling, Screening, and Storage Services for Participating Carriers at Seattle-Tacoma International Airport, in the Estimated Amount of \$6,500,000 for the 2025, 2026, and 2027 Cruise Seasons.**

Request document(s) included an agenda memorandum and presentation.

8j. Authorization for the Executive Director to Convey Port-owned K9, Copper, to his Handler.

Request document(s) included an agenda memorandum.

8k. Commission Adoption of the 2025 Federal Legislative Agenda.

Request document(s) included an agenda memorandum and presentation.

8l. Commission Adoption of the 2025 International Policy Agenda.

Request document(s) included an agenda memorandum and presentation.

8m. Authorization for the Executive Director to Approve Disposal of 32 Fleet Vehicles and Tools that Have Reached the End of their Useful Life, No Longer Meet Operational Standards, and Are Considered Obsolete or Excess to the Port's Current and Future Needs, with the Estimated Surplus Value of Approximately \$400,000.

Request document(s) included an agenda memorandum.

8n. Authorization for the Executive Director to Initiate Contracts for Acquiring Approximately Forty-two Fleet Vehicles or Equipment as part of the 2025 Maritime and Corporate Division Fleet Replacement Program, in the Estimated Amount of \$5,655,000. (CIP #C801389 and CIP #C802008).

Request document(s) included an agenda memorandum and presentation.

The motion for approval of consent agenda items 8a, 8b, 8c, 8d, 8e, 8f, 8g, 8h, 8i, 8j, 8k, 8l, 8m, and 8n carried by the following vote:

In favor: Cho, Felleman, Hasegawa, and Mohamed (4)

Opposed: (0)

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business presented.

10. NEW BUSINESS

10a. Order No. 2025-04: An Order Directing the Executive Director to Conduct a Feasibility Study for Increasing Childcare Access that is Accessible, Affordable, and/or Flexible for SEA Workers and to Establish the Childcare Navigator Pilot Program for Seattle-Tacoma International Airport.

Requested document(s) included an Order.

Presenter(s):

Eric Schinfeld, Senior Manager, Federal and International Government Relations

Clerk Hart read Item 10a into the record and Executive Director Metruck introduced the item.

The presentation addressed:

- the preliminary study to further examine the how childcare access impacts the successful recruitment and retention of the airport workforce at Seattle-Tacoma International Airport (SEA);
- a commissioned analysis of various options that could potentially increase affordable, accessible, and flexible childcare for SEA workers as a way to support and strengthen SEA operations;
- the completed study containing recommendations for further investigation, and the Port's 2025 budget includes funding to advance the work;
- two options identified through the report including (1) the development of a Port childcare center, or set of centers, proximate to SEA that are created explicitly to serve the needs of airport workers; and (2) the provision of technical assistance that offers comprehensive, in-language support to help SEA workers navigate subsidy applications and find available childcare solutions that support continued employment at SEA;
- degrees of difficulty in the two options; and
- the directive to the Executive Director to (1) conduct a feasibility study for a childcare facility and (2) the creation of the Childcare Navigator Program in the Port's Aviation Division to provide technical assistance to airport workers about existing childcare resources that support continued employment at SEA.

Discussion ensued regarding

- the need for airport workers to be successful;
- having strong recruitment and retention tools for airport workers;
- the lack of existing childcare facilities and the need for siting near the airport of a childcare facility specifically to serve airport workers;
- undertaking the study to understand demand and need; and
- building accountability and reporting into the Childcare Navigator Program.

The motion, made by Commissioner Mohamed, carried by the following vote:

In favor: Cho, Felleman, Hasegawa, and Mohamed (4)

Opposed: (0)

11. PRESENTATIONS AND STAFF REPORTS

11a. Pacific Northwest to Alaska Green Corridor Project Briefing.

Presentation document(s) included an agenda memorandum, charter, letter, and presentation.

Presenter(s):

Eric Schinfeld, Senior Manager, Federal and International Government Relations

Clerk Hart read Item 11a into the record.

Executive Director Metruck introduced the item and presenters.

The presentation addressed:

- the vision of the Port for zero emissions by 2025;
- efficiency, electrification, and sustainable fuels to assist in reaching the zero emissions goal;
- impact and influence areas for the Port;
- definition of a green corridor;
- the Pacific Northwest to Alaska Green Corridor Project and progress made in establishing it;
- details of the Green Methanol Feasibility Study – project consortium and study scope;
- the requirement of green methanol to have a net-zero carbon source;
- other initiatives including stakeholder engagement and policy advocacy and greenhouse gas emissions baseline and tracking; and
- next steps for 2025.

Discussion ensued regarding:

- closing the gap between the cruise and cargo corridors – finding efficiencies in operations;
- whether or not there have been any changes at the federal level in funding commitment to hydrogen exploration;
- measuring success - comparing fuel consumption and greenhouse gas emissions;
- when baseline information would be released;
- combatting the challenges of climate change;
- characteristics of methanol;
- investigating whether or not Port industrial lands are zoned for storage;
- looking into infrastructure needs for bunkering; and
- exploring lessons learned from other ports and sharing lessons the Port of Seattle has learned.

At this time, Executive Director Metruck and Members of the Commission recognized Kathy Bahnick, Senior Manager, Environmental Programs, Remediation and Contracting, for her years in service to the Port, and her lasting accomplishments, in anticipation of her upcoming retirement.

(Commissioner Cho exited the meeting at 2:34 p.m.)

11b. 2025 Local, Regional, and Community Engagement Policy Priorities Briefing.

Presentation document(s) included an agenda memorandum and presentation.

Presenter(s):

Dave Kaplan, Local Government Relations Manager, External Relations
Sabrina Bolieu, Regional Government Relations Manager
Roxanne Murphy, Senior Manager, Tribal Relations
Nate Caminos, Director Government Relations, External Relations

Clerk Hart read Item 11b into the record.

Executive Director Metruck introduced the item and presenters.

The presentation addressed:

- 2024 priority advancements and priorities tracking with the goals and objectives of the Port's Century Agenda;
- regional relations;
- tribal relations;
- eastside relations;
- south King County relations; and
- next steps including meeting with other jurisdictions and key stakeholders to share top priorities and the local and regional focus for the year.

Discussion ensued regarding:

- appreciation to the External Relations Team for covering the region in a thoughtful way and building meaningful partnerships;
- the Port's role in the eastside rail corridor project;
- establishing listening sessions for flight path communities;
- resources that may be needed for staff to carry education and messaging to regional communities and partners;
- ongoing Commissioner engagement; and
- communicating the environmental impact statement process and public opportunities related to the Sustainable Airport Master Plan, including on Vashon Island.

12. QUESTIONS on REFERRAL to COMMITTEE and CLOSING COMMENTS

Commissioners again reiterated the Port and the Commission's commitment to equity, diversity, and inclusion and the Port's values.

Commissioner Mohamed also noted that February is Black History Month and thanked firefighters, first responders and everyone who makes the Port work.

Commission President Hasegawa advised that speaking engagements for Commissioners at employee resource group meetings are possible and encouraged participation. She also stated that she is proud of the proclamation adopted at today's meeting.

13. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 3:24 p.m.

Prepared:

Attest:

Michelle M. Hart, Commission Clerk

Sam Cho, Commission Secretary

Minutes approved: March 11, 2025



[EXTERNAL] Green Methanol Viability

From Iris Antman <antwomaniris@gmail.com>

Date Tue 2/11/2025 8:19 AM

To Commission-Public-Records <commission-public-records@portseattle.org>

WARNING: External email. Links or attachments may be unsafe.

Dear Port Commissioners and ED Metruck,

I appreciate that the Port is hoping to decrease carbon intensive fuels in the Green Cruise Corridor by exploring green methanol as to possible fuel. But green methanol comes with complications. First, there is the cost: renewable methanol production costs are still significantly higher than those of today's natural gas and coal based methanol. Green methanol will not beat fossil fuels on price until 2040. So will cruise companies use the more expensive fuel? Questionable.

Second, and critically, is the safety issue. Methanol is toxic, flammable and can be explosive; therefore, it must be stored and handled carefully. Due to its density and lower heating value, methanol fuel tanks are about 2.5 times larger than oil tanks for the same energy content. How will this affect the industry's bottom line?

Mega cruise ships will never be 'green' for so many reasons. It's time to reduce and phase out cruising to Alaska as an economic driver that makes sense. Cost out the potential harms: health of people and marine animals, contamination to water and air, poor worker standards, flouting of environmental laws through flags of convenience, worsening global heating - with the benefits. The Port has yet to do this.

Thank you,
Iris Antman
Seattle Cruise Control



[EXTERNAL] February 11 PoS meeting - agenda item 11a Green Cruise Corridor

From Peggy J. Printz <peggyjprintz@gmail.com>

Date Mon 2/10/2025 7:15 AM

To Commission-Public-Records <commission-public-records@portseattle.org>

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Hello Commissioners and staff,

You are planning to power so-called "Green" corridor cruise ships with green methanol - not a climate-wise solution. This substance is produced from fossil fuels so it's not truly a zero carbon product.

In other ways too, this potential fuel has major problems.

Green methanol production still costs significantly more than producing natural gas- and coal-based methanol [and will continue to for at least another decade](#).

Methanol is toxic, flammable and can be explosive; it must therefore be stored and handled carefully.

Furthermore, "due to its density and lower heating value, methanol fuel tanks are about 2 1/2 times larger than oil tanks with the same content." - World Economic Forum, 2023.

The only viable way to reduce greenhouse gas emissions in the Salish Sea is to curtail cruise traffic.

Sincerely,
Peggy J. Printz
Seattle