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APPROVED MINUTES COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING

June 24, 2025

The Port of Seattle Commission met in a regular meeting Tuesday, June 24, 2025. The meeting was held at the Seattle-Tacoma International Airport Conference Center, located at 17801 International Blvd, Seattle WA, Mezzanine Level, Seattle, Washington, and virtually on Microsoft Teams.

1. CALL to ORDER

The meeting was convened at 10:32 a.m. by Commission Secretary Sam Cho. All members were in attendance.

2. EXECUTIVE SESSION pursuant to RCW 42.30.110

The public meeting recessed into executive session to discuss one item regarding litigation/potential litigation/or legal risk per RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) and national security per RCW 42.30.110(1)(a)(i) for approximately 45 minutes, with the intention of reconvening the public session at 12:00 p.m. Following the executive session, the public meeting reconvened at 12:04 p.m. Commission President 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 Recognizing Pride Month – June 2025.

Requested document(s) included a proclamation.

Presenter(s):

Bookda Gheisar, Senior Director, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion
Jim Wanex, Administrative Assistant, Recreational Boating Management
Nick Gabriel, Construction Program Leader, Construction Services
Coral Moody, Airport Volunteer Specialist, Customer Care
Lex Capestany, College Intern, Design Services

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

The presentation was led by Senior Director of Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion, Bookda Gheisar. Members of the Port Pride employee resource group read the proclamation into the record.

Members of the Commission spoke regarding the Port's priority of being welcoming and inclusive; recognized the struggles of marginalized communities; spoke regarding humanity and love; and affirmed its commitment to protecting Port employees and community members.

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

In favor: Calkins, Cho, Felleman, Hasegawa, and Mohamed (5)

Opposed: (0)

5. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

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

[Clerk's Note: Executive Director Metruck exited the meeting at this time and Deputy Executive Director Goon assumed his chair.]

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Francis Choe, Commission Office Strategic Advisor, presented committee reports as follows:

Highline Forum

The Highline Forum met on May 28, 2025, with Tukwila Councilmember Papyan chairing and Port of Seattle Commissioner Cho in attendance. The meeting started with the host City of Burien Mayor Kevin Schilling sharing their efforts to "positively grow the city's economy" and spoke of the need for balanced growth that provides opportunities for all. The Forum then received three major updates on: (1) the 2024 StART Annual Report by facilitator Andres Mantilla, Port Community Engagement Manager Marco Milanese, and Port Federal Government Relations Manager Eric Schinfeld; (2) an update on StART's first State Legislative Priorities advocacy efforts in Olympia by Port State Government Relations Manager John Flanagan; and (3) an update on the Port's Economic Development Partnership City Grant Program Port Economic Development Manager Annie Tran. The meeting concluded with round-table sharing where Port External Relations Capital Delivery Director Clare Gallagher noted the Port Commission's approval on May 27, 2025, of Workforce Development funding authorization, and authorization for additional design funding for the S Concourse Evolution Project.

Sustainability, Environment, and Climate Committee

Commissioners Cho and Calkins convened the Sustainability, Environment, and Climate Committee on June 18, 2025. Commissioners were briefed on the Fishermen's Terminal Entrance Paving and

Downie Building Demolition Project, under the Sustainable Evaluation Framework. Commissioners were complimentary of staff's thoughtful analysis and approved the proposed recommendations.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

- The following person spoke in support of economic development of a canal project and asked the Commission to write a letter to Governor Ferguson and Senator Patty Murray asking them to help bring the Snake River, Columbia Basin, and Yakima Basin Projects forward to completion: Glen Stockwell.
- The following person spoke regarding public attendance and participation at StART meetings, limited by the StART Steering Committee, noting that the change in forum for the public is a new change that did not previously exist; and spoke regarding the Part 150 Noise Study and the DNL 65 boundary and late-night departure noise: David Goebel.
- The following person spoke regarding the execution of public works projects, the importance of saving trees and protecting against climate changes, and the Port's Sustainable Airport Master Plan's impacts to people living around the airport: Barbara McMichael, Defenders of Highline Forest.
- In lieu of spoken comment, written comments asking the Port to abandon any plans for a new cruise terminal, and to consider climate change and communities overwhelmed by cruise tourists were submitted by: Gordon Philip Baldwin.

[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 the Regular Meeting Minutes of May 27, 2025.**
- 8b. Monthly Notification of Prior Executive Director Delegation Actions May 2025.**
(memo enclosed) – For Information Only.
- 8c. Approval of the Claims and Obligations for the Period of May 1, 2025, through May 31, 2025, Including Accounts Payable Check Nos. 957851 through 958345 in the Amount of \$11,005,099.19; Accounts Payable ACH Nos. 073871 through 074790 in the Amount of \$80,462,159.80; Electronic Fund Transfer Nos. 069439 through 069453 in the Amount of \$14,391,721.01; Payroll Check Nos. 228888 through 229070 in the Amount of \$249,997.01; and Payroll ACH Nos. 1249512 through 1254645 in the Amount of \$20,666,821.16, for Total Payments of \$126,775,798.17.**

Approval of the Claims and Obligations for the Period of April 1, 2025, through April 30, 2025, Including Accounts Payable Check Nos. 957330 through 957850 in the Amount of \$6,468,249.68; Accounts Payable ACH Nos. 073022 through 073870 in the Amount of \$91,035,930.58; Electronic Fund Transfer Nos. 069421 through 069438 in the Amount of \$13,682,975.69; Payroll Check Nos. 228759 through 228887 in the Amount of \$86,492.34; and Payroll ACH Nos. 1244649 through 1249511 in the Amount of \$19,171,768.40, for Total Payments of \$130,445,416.69.

Request document(s) included two agenda memoranda.

- 8d. Authorization for the Executive Director to Take all Steps Necessary, Including the Execution of All Contracts, Public Works, Alternative Public Work Procedures in Accordance with RCW 39.10; Purchase Pre-Conditioned Air Units; Use Port of Seattle Crews, As Well As Small and Major Works Unit Price Contracts to Perform the Work; and Any Other Types of Contracts or Agreements to Complete the Project at Seattle-Tacoma International Airport in Requested Amount of \$4,065,387. (CIP# C802126)**

Request document(s) included an agenda memorandum.

- 8e. Authorization for the Executive Director to Approve Additional Funding to Award and Execute a Major Public Works Contract and Proceed with Construction for the P66 Grand Staircase Project, in the Requested Amount of \$2,000,000, for a Total Project Authorization of \$6,060,000. (CIP# C801371).**

Request document(s) included an agenda memorandum.

The motion for approval of consent agenda items 8a, 8b, 8c, 8d, and 8e carried by the following vote:

**In favor: Calkins, Cho, Felleman, Hasegawa, and Mohamed (5)
Opposed: (0)**

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- 9a. Commission Adoption of Order No. 2025-07: An Order to Direct the Executive Director to Evaluate Issuing Airport SIDA Badges to Union Representatives for the Purpose of Supporting Represented Employees.**

Requested document(s) included an Order.

Presenter(s):

Jon Sloan, Senior Manager, Environmental Programs
Kathleen Hurley, Senior Environmental Programs Manager

Clerk Hart read Item 9a into the record and Deputy Executive Director Goon introduced the item.

Commission President Hasegawa noted that the main motion was on the floor from the May 13, 2025, Commission meeting.

Senior Manager of Environmental Programs Jon Sloan provided a report addressing the Quiet Sound Program five-year service agreement with Maritime Blue.

Commissioner Felleman supported the agreement, and the exemption requested and spoke to slowing down vessels to reduce noise. He inquired regarding oil tankers being the least compliant with regulations. Mr. Sloan noted that he would follow up with any available information in this regard.

The motion, previously made at the May 13, 2025, meeting, carried by the following vote:

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

Abstaining: (1) Cho *(due to position on non-profit board)*

Opposed: (0)

10. NEW BUSINESS

10a. Introduction of Resolution No. 3836: A Resolution Amending Resolution No. 3737 and the Diversity in Contracting Policy Directive to Increase Women and Minority Business Opportunities.

Requested document(s) included an agenda memorandum, resolution, attachment, and presentation.

Presenter(s):

Vy Nguyen, Commission Strategic Advisor, Commission Office
Lawrence Coleman, WMBE Manager, Diversity in Contracting

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

The presentation addressed:

- original adoption of the policy directive in 2018 with full implementation by 2019;
- elements of the directive;
- proposed updates to the directive and policy considerations, including improving prompt payments and the change order process;
- proposed number of WMBE firms utilized goal;
- proposed percent WMBE utilization goal; and
- program updates including, a WMBE advisor, incorporating attestation for self-identified businesses, adjustments to professional service categories, development of a Limited Public Works Program, project labor agreements training, and a possible feasibility study on owner-controlled insurance policies.

Members of the Commission thanked staff for working to bring the policy directive amendment forward for consideration; spoke regarding the need for more small business participation; and discussed process improvement deliverables and deadlines with respect to the program.

The motion, made by Commissioner Cho, to introduce Resolution No. 3836 carried by the following vote:

In favor: Calkins, Cho, Felleman, Hasegawa, and Mohamed (5)

Opposed: (0)

11. PRESENTATIONS AND STAFF REPORTS

11a. SnoValley Responsible Tourism Project Briefing.

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

Presenter(s):

Kristin Dahl, President, Crosscurrent Collective
Nick Leonti, Director of Tourism Development
Kelly Coughlin, CEO, SnoValley Chamber of Commerce
Caroline Villanova, National Heritage Area Manager, Mountains to Sound Greenway Trust
David Blandford, Executive Director, State of WA Tourism
Nathan Sherfey, VP SnoValley Chamber, Remlinger Farms
Amy Kosche, Project Manager, SnoValley Chamber of Commerce
Sarah Ballew, Govt Affairs and Special Projects, External Affairs Program Manager, Snoqualmie Indian Tribe
Wade Sugiyama, Consultant for SnoValley Chamber
Mike Moe, Director of Tourism Development, State of WA Tourism

Clerk Hart read Item 11a into the record and Deputy Executive Director Goon introduced the item.

The presentation addressed:

- Snoqualmie Valley geographic boundaries;
- tourism ecosystem – tourism industry, land and resource managers, economic development, community organizations, and important communities;
- the Snoqualmie Valley destination steering committee;
- statement of intent;
- program process overview – building the foundation, engage the community, and move into action;
- 15-year community vision of success; and
- priority project and project teams.

Discussion ensued regarding managing over-tourism and the importance of partnerships.

11b. 2025 State Legislative Session Review.

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

Presenter(s):

John Flanagan, Senior State Government Relations Manager, External Relations
Brooke Davies, Contact Lobbyist

Clerk Hart read Item 11b into the record. Deputy Executive Director Goon introduced the item.

The presentation addressed:

- an overview of the state budget, revenue package and major legislation, Port priorities, and 2026 interim projects and planning;
- successes in the aviation sector, with work in progress for noise repair and replacement and aviation fuel tax revenue;
- successes in the environment, with work in progress for stormwater, environmental justice and SEPA, and environmental crimes;

- successes in energy and decarbonization, with work in progress for transmission and grid modernization;
- successes in transportation, with work in progress for new revenue, SR 518, transportation demand management and SEA workers near-port, and supply chain grants;
- successes in economic development, workforce, and labor, with work in progress for tourism and support for business and trade;
- other bills of note – civil asset forfeiture authority; transit-oriented development; automated enforcement authority; and tax increment financing; and
- next steps with a possible special session and updated revenue forecast in June and August.

[Clerk's Note: Commissioner Calkins exited the meeting at 1:57 p.m.]

Discussion ensued regarding:

- energy and decarbonization;
- transportation;
- preservation of industrial lands;
- the need for increased power supply;
- childcare facility siting; and
- budget cuts.

12. QUESTIONS on REFERRAL to COMMITTEE and CLOSING COMMENTS

Commission President Hasegawa wished everyone a happy Pride Month and happy Juneteenth. She also spoke regarding the recent conflict in the Middle East and the state of the economy locally and internationally.

13. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 2:48 p.m.

Prepared:

Attest:

Michelle M. Hart, Commission Clerk

Sam Cho, Commission Secretary

Minutes approved: July 8, 2025



Outlook

[EXTERNAL] No New Cruise Terminal in Seattle!

From Gordon Philip Baldwin <noreply@adv.actionnetwork.org>

Date Fri 6/20/2025 7:47 PM

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

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

Commission_Testimony Port Meeting,

Port Commissioners and staff:

I am submitting this as a written comment for the next Port Commission meeting.

Drop any plans to build a new cruise terminal in Seattle. By expanding this polluting, exploitative, fossil-fuel intensive industry, you are ignoring the worsening climate crisis and the hotter temperatures, more extreme weather events, and biodiversity loss that it brings. Now that the federal government has abandoned many environmental goals and regulations, it falls to you to protect our region and the wider world from the effects of fossil-fuel activities. Please don't bury your heads in the sand. Fuck the money!

The World Meteorological Organization recently reported that temperatures are rising considerably faster than expected and that we will officially pass the 1.5 degree temperature mark in the next two years; in fact, it's even possible we'll top two degrees by 2029. Vague and unenforceable promises of being "carbon neutral" 25 years from now do not make up for the damage taking place NOW, much of which is irreversible.

Live up to your environmental and equity goals. You missed your 2020 goal to reduce emissions from ships and airplanes by 25%, and are not on track to meet your 2030 goal of reduction by 50%. Instead, emissions continue to increase, with more sailings on bigger ships, more flights, and more passengers. The climate impact of this year's ships and associated flights will equal fully half of the city of Seattle's climate impact for the whole year.

I ask the Port of Seattle to take a stand against the colonialism involved in this industry. Destination communities are already overwhelmed by cruise tourists, with some seeing five ships a day, negatively impacting quality of life, health and services. When residents and local governments try to exercise autonomy over their hometown, such as limiting the number of passengers or ships, or imposing fees to offset damages, the cruise industry spends immense amounts of money or takes legal action to crush the will of the people.

In a city that prides itself on treating workers well, with high minimum wage and worker protections, the Port should stop being complicit in the horrendous labor exploitation that is standard practice on the ships that visit here: pay as low as \$2 an hour; 12 - 14 hour workdays, 7

days a week, with no breaks for months at a time; dangerous conditions and substandard medical care. You are complicit in these practices, violating all your equity pronouncements.

Building long-term infrastructure like this locks in Seattle's relationship with this exploitative industry.

We are all called upon to meet our own needs without ruining the prospects of our children and grandchildren. The Port should be encouraging new, sustainable lines of business for our region, not expanding, promoting, and greenwashing one of the world's worst

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