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**APPROVED MINUTES
COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING**

January 13, 2026

The Port of Seattle Commission met in a regular meeting Tuesday, January 13, 2026. 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. All Commissioners were present.

1. CALL to ORDER

The meeting was convened at 10:33 a.m. by Commissioner Hasegawa.

2. EXECUTIVE SESSION pursuant to RCW 42.30.110

The public meeting recessed into executive session to discuss one item regarding Litigation/Potential Litigation/Legal Risk per RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) for approximately 50 minutes, with the intention of reconvening the public session at 12:00 p.m. Following the executive session, the public meeting reconvened at 12:14 p.m. Commissioner 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. Order No. 2026-01: Adopting the Commission Slate of Officers for 2026.

Requested document(s) included an Order.

Presenter(s):

Michelle M. Hart, MMC, Commission Clerk

Clerk Hart read Item 4a into the record, including the Slate of Commission Officers proposed for 2026.

The motion, made by Commissioner Felleman, to adopt Order No. 2026-01, carried by the following vote:

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

Opposed: (0)

Commissioners reorganized themselves at the dais.

President Ryan Calkins thanked the Members of the Commission for the appointment, recognized outgoing President Toshiko Hasegawa, and congratulated his fellow 2026 officers for their appointments.

Commission President Calkins presented Commissioner Hasegawa with the ceremonial gavel commemorating her year in office as Commission President.

Members of the Commission also recognized Commissioner Hasegawa for her achievements in office in 2025 and thanked her for commitment to the Port and to the community.

5. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Deputy Executive Director Goon previewed items on the day's agenda and made general and meeting-related announcements. At this time, Deputy Executive Director Goon recognized Wendy Reiter for her promotion to the position of Managing Director of Aviation, speaking to the credentials she brings to the office and her tenure at the Port.

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Committee Strategic Advisor Erica Chung provided the report.

SEAC Committee

Commissioners Cho and Calkins convened the Sustainability, Environment, and Climate Committee on December 12, 2025. The committee received a briefing on the Pacific Northwest Green Corridor Feasibility Study, including fuel production, port infrastructure, cruise line capability, and next steps. Commissioners then received an update on the Sustainable Environmental Framework Annual Report, sharing the SEF process and how the SEF framework is having positive environmental and societal impacts associated with Maritime and Aviation capital projects and key operational decisions.

Airport Workforce Conditions Ad Hoc Committee

Commissioners Hasegawa and Mohamed convened the Airport Workforce Conditions Ad Hoc Committee on December 16, 2025. The committee received a briefing on the SIDA badge request and healthcare policy for SEA workers. Following the discussions, the committee recommended that the Port ask TSA for a formal written response to the SIDA badge request; and for the Port to develop a health care policy that sets minimum health care standards for workers at SEA.

Portwide Arts and Culture Board

Commissioners Calkins and Felleman participated in the Arts and Cultural Board Meeting on December 16, 2025, where they received a year-in-review by port staff. Staff reviewed the 50 new art acquisitions throughout the port, primarily at SEA airport and Fisherman's Terminal. It was noted that Port staff will explore greater collaboration with maritime staff next year, as they hope to evolve the public art program to a portwide initiative. Following the meeting, Commissioner Felleman participated in a walking art tour with members of the board on the public side of the airport.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

- The following person spoke regarding the Flight Corridor Program, the preservation of trees at Mathison Park, and the Statement of Non-Significance issued regarding the park and removal*

of trees through the Flight Corridor Program asking the Port to work with the City of Burien on an environmental impact statement: Kate Richardson.

- *The following people spoke regarding the status of North SeaTac Park, asking the Port Commission to preserve the park in perpetuity through the sale of the park to the City of Seatac, or to inform the community of the Port's plans to preserve the park: Rick Harwood and Sandy Hunt (written comments submitted), Defenders of Highline Forest.*
- *The following person spoke regarding the marble-type seating installed outside of the International Arrivals Facility, noting they are uncomfortable and should be replaced with seating similar to other seating available throughout the airport: Bennett Haselton.*
- *The following people spoke regarding the vacating of Salmon Bay Marina, the displacement of its liveboard residents, hardships incurred and asked the Port to inform the community what its plans are with Salmon Bay Marina: Michelle Giarmarco and John Chaney.*
- *The following person spoke regarding her business and the sale of Veluxe Pods, speaking to the benefit of having accessible space pods available at the airport for passenger use: Theresaviane Crossman.*

[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 December 9, 2025 and Special Meeting Minutes of December 10, 2025.

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

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

8c. Authorization for the Executive Director to Proceed with the Enterprise Asset Management System Upgrade Project; to Use Vendor Services and Port Staff for Implementation; and to Execute a Contract for Up to Four Years for Software Hosting Services and Maintenance Fees Estimated at \$1,300,000, and the Requested Amount for Project Implementation in the Amount of \$1,200,000. (CIP #C801383)

Request document(s) included an agenda memorandum.

8d. Authorization for the Executive Director to Execute an Agreement with the Seattle Tacoma Airline Consortium (STAC) for Exit Lane Staffing Reimbursement for the Years 2026 and 2027, in an Amount Not-to-Exceed \$10,000,000.

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

8e. Authorization for the Executive Director to Enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Seattle Building and Construction Trades Council and the Western States Regional Council of Carpenters to Make Apprentices Working on Port

Projects Under a Project Labor Agreement Eligible to Participate in the Port of Seattle's Employee Assistance Program at No Cost to the Apprentice or their Employer.

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

8f. Authorization for the Executive Director to Execute a Proposed Partial Settlement Agreement with the Washington State Department of Ecology.

Request document(s) included an agenda memorandum.

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

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

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no Unfinished Business presented.

10. NEW BUSINESS

There were no New Business items presented.

11. PRESENTATIONS AND STAFF REPORTS

11a. 2024 Flight Corridor Management Project Briefing.

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

Presenter(s):

*Sabin Mudaliar, Interim Director of Airport Operations, Airport Operations
Robert Kikillus, Development Manager, Airfield Operations*

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

The presentation addressed:

- *the purpose and overview of the program;*
- *environmental commitment;*
- *boundaries of the survey for the program – determined by taking FAA safety of flight surfaces to determine the outer limits and elevations limits;*
- *obstruction identification process;*
- *2024 Flight Corridor Management Program tree removal and estimated replacement;*
- *obstructions on Port property;*
- *obstructions within the city of Burien;*
- *Mathison Park and the Port's work with the city since March 2025;*
- *Obstructions within city of SeaTac;*

- *options considered related to the obstructions;*
- *the Flight Corridor Management Program schedule; and*
- *2025 outreach, engagement, and communications.*

Discussion ensued regarding:

- *the Port's work and communications with the city of Burien to-date;*
- *the Port's tree replacement standard;*
- *trees tagged in Mathison Park, which are not Port trees or Port tags;*
- *Port staff's efforts to better delineate Port trees through retagging and signage;*
- *impacts on other trees around the trees earmarked for removal;*
- *five trees earmarked for removal, with an additional tree requested by the city of Burien;*
- *any exposure to the park play equipment due to the removal of the earmarked trees – only one tree is located near the playground area;*
- *the types of trees and height of trees used for replacement;*
- *reasons why topping the earmarked trees is not a good alternative;*
- *land stewardship principles and who takes responsibility for communication and management of the land stewardship plan; and*
- *no control over what the city chooses to communicate to the community and doing what the Port can to encourage communication – the Port has created its own communication plan.*

(Commission President Calkins exited the meeting at 1:37 p.m. Commission Vice-President Felleman presided.)

Discussion continued regarding:

- *the 15-day public comment period provided in the State Environmental Protection Act process being minimal, and encouraging a longer public comment period;*
- *gaining clarity on if there are any plans by anyone else to remove additional trees in Mathison Park, explaining the additional unknown tree tags; and*
- *why topping of trees is unhealthy for trees and also created a legal liability.*

11b. 2026 Federal Legislative Agenda Briefing.

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

Presenter(s):

Eric Schinfeld, Senior Manager Federal and International Government Relations, External Relations

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

The presentation addressed:

- *2025 successes and challenges;*
- *the 2026 federal legislative outlook;*
- *opportunities for progress;*
- *areas of concern; and*

- *next steps, including adoption of the proposed legislative agenda at the next Commission meeting and commissioners' and Port executives' participation in Washington D.C. advocacy.*

Discussion ensued regarding:

- *two recent lawsuits that have been determined related to federal policy;*
- *timeline for the FAA's second noise insulation determination;*
- *the beginning of D.C. lobbying efforts in March in conjunction with the AAPA Legislative Summit; and*
- *additional lobbying opportunities.*

12. QUESTIONS on REFERRAL to COMMITTEE and CLOSING COMMENTS

Members of the Commission congratulated Managing Director of Aviation Wendy Reiter for her promotion to the position.

Members of the Commission spoke regarding the notification of Chief Michael Villa's upcoming retirement from the Port.

13. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 2:09 p.m.

Prepared:

Michelle M. Hart, Commission Clerk

Minutes approved: January 27, 2026

Attest:

Sam Cho, Commission Secretary



[EXTERNAL] 🟡 Prioritize the Immediate Protection of North SeaTac Park: A Community Asset at Risk

From Sandy Hunt <sandyh@defendersofhighlineforest.org>

Date Tue 1/13/2026 12:46 AM

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Dear Port of Seattle Commissioners,

North SeaTac Park is a vital green space for South King County residents—providing recreation, respite, and environmental benefits in a region disproportionately impacted by airport operations. For years, your community has called on the Port of Seattle to permanently protect this land. And yet, as of 2026, the park remains in limbo—its future still uncertain; its protection still unrealized; the promise still unfilled.

Let's be clear: the community has done its part. The City of SeaTac submitted a \$20 million offer backed by future airport-related tax revenue. Residents have shown up, spoken out, and organized. The Joint Advisory Committee has met repeatedly. But the Port has not delivered. Your inaction is not neutral—it is a threat. Every delay increases the risk that this irreplaceable green space will be chipped away, neglected, or reprioritized. The community is watching, and we will not accept half-measures or indefinite deferrals.

For the record, we are submitting a recent timeline of Port of Seattle action and inaction on the preservation of North SeaTac Park. Below that is a table of Commissioner Promises vs. Progress in preserving the park. Commissioners approved an Order in October, 2024. The community has been watching, waiting patiently for the promise of that order to be fulfilled. However, Quarter 3 of 2025 has come and went along with Quarter 4 of 2025.

This park belongs to the people. Now is the time to ensure the park remains an environmental oasis in perpetuity for the health and enjoyment of the community. It is past time for our Commission to fulfill the promises it made to this community. Prioritize finalizing the legal ownership of North SeaTac Park in Q1 2026 in a way that protects our green and blue spaces!

Sincerely,

Dr. Sandra L. Hunt on behalf of

The Defenders of Highline Forest Steering Committee

(Formerly The Defenders of North SeaTac Park)

Recent Timeline of Port of Seattle Actions

- *The Port's 2024 priorities included community engagement and environmental justice in decisions about the park.*
- *The Port's 2025 Joint Advisory Committee held negotiations over ownership, legal frameworks, and grant strategies.*
- *The Port's 2026 timeline and specific actions to achieve a negotiated agreement are not known.*

Date	Action	Summary
Oct 8, 2024	Commission Order	Port Commission approved Order 2024-12 SUB, directing staff to propose permanent recreational designation for the park by Q3 2025. \$150K allocated for improvements.
May 13, 2025	SeaTac Offer	City of SeaTac offered \$20M to purchase the park, proposing a nonprofit to reinvest funds into park improvements.
Sep 23, 2025	Commission Discussion	Port discussed transferring ownership to a permanent trust. City's offer acknowledged; net-zero transaction proposed.
Dec 9, 2025	Highline Forum Update	SeaTac Mayor and City Manager emphasized collaboration with the Port to preserve the park.
Dec 12, 2025	Com. Felleman's Field Notes	Reaffirmed permanent protection as a top priority. Noted <i>progress</i> on grant support, appraisals, and legal coordination.

Promises vs. Progress

Port Commitment	Status on Formal Port Commissioner Actions
✓ Approve permanent recreational designation (Order 2024-12 SUB)	✓ Order passed, but designation NOT finalized
✓ Allocate \$150K for park improvements	✓ Funds allocated, but NO confirmed implementation
✓ Engage with City of SeaTac and community	✓ Ongoing via JAC and Highline Forum
✓ Consider City's \$20M purchase offer	⚠ Offer acknowledged, but NO decision made
✓ Explore permanent trust or alternative ownership	⚠ Discussed, but NO formal action taken





Port Commitment

- ✓ Support grant applications for park protection
- ✓ Finalize ownership and legal protection

Status on Formal Port Commissioner Actions

- ✓ Supported King County Conservation Futures grant
- ✗ Still pending as of 2026

What the Community Deserves - Final Ownership and Legal Protections of the Park's Remaining Green Spaces in Q1 2026

-  **Permanent legal protection** of North SeaTac Park from development
-  **Transparent decision-making** that reflects the substantive community input to prioritize saving the park's green space and its bog
-  **Follow-through on the \$150,000 funding the commissioners promised** in 2024 for park improvements
-  **Public commitments by each Port Commissioner to guarantee** whatever agreement is reached with the city, there will be no development of forested land, Tub Lake, and/or wetlands surrounding the lake (the bog).