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APPROVED MINUTES COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING

January 27, 2026

The Port of Seattle Commission met in a regular meeting Tuesday, January 27, 2026. The meeting was held at the Seattle-Tacoma International Airport Conference Center, located at 17801 International Blvd, Seattle Washington, and virtually on Microsoft Teams. Commissioners Felleman and Mohamed were absent and excused from attendance.

1. CALL to ORDER

The meeting was convened at 10:30 a.m. by Commission President Ryan Calkins.

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 60 minutes, with the intention of reconvening the public session at 12:00 p.m. Following the executive session, the public meeting reconvened at 12:16 p.m. Commission President Ryan Calkins led the flag salute.

3. APPROVAL of the AGENDA

The agenda was approved, as amended, without Item 10a removed from the agenda.

4. SPECIAL ORDERS OF THE DAY

There were no Special Orders of the Day presented.

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

Committee Strategic Advisor Erica Chung provided the report.

Sustainability, Environment, and Climate Committee

Commissioners Calkins and Felleman convened the Sustainability, Environment, and Climate Committee on January 20, 2026. There were three items for discussion and briefing: a review of the 2025 committee work, a discussion on the SEAC 2026 work plan, and an update on the Clean Ports planning grant.

Waterfront Industrial Lands Committee

Commissioners Felleman and Cho convened the Waterfront Industrial Lands Committee on January 20, 2026, with one item on the agenda for discussion – a potential port overlay district in the SODO area.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

- *The following people spoke in support of healthcare for airport workers: Bruce Daniel; Kaldidan Mulatu; and Matt Haney, SEIU6; and Carol Warman.*
- *The following people spoke regarding the Port's decision to close Salmon Bay Marina; spoke regarding the hardships imposed on residents there due to the closure, and asked the Commission what the plans are for the marina: Michelle Giarmarco; Mauri Shuler; and John Chaney.*
- *The following people spoke in support of Agenda Item 10b, tourism marketing: Christina Arokiasamy, ED, Cultural Generation and Anndrea Dohring, Senior Manager, Marketing Ballard Alliance.*
- *The following person spoke regarding homeowners with port packages in need of retrofits and legislation available to assist the Port and homeowners in the process: JC Harris, SeaTac Noise.info.*
- *The following person spoke regarding her business product, Veluxe Pods, in an effort to have her product purchased and used in the airport: Theresaviane Crossman (written comment also submitted).*
- *In lieu of spoken comment, the following person submitted written comment in support of Agenda Item 10b, the Tourism Marketing Support Grant Program, and thanked the Port for the program – noting that the grant has provided critical tourism-related marketing support which is not typically available through other programs: Julie Salathe, Director of Grants and Sponsorships at the Wing Luke Museum of the Asian Pacific American Experience.*
- *In lieu of spoken comment, the following people submitted written comments asking the Port to do everything in its power to protect waters, marine life, public health, and the region's economy by ensuring that toxic scrubber pollution is kept out of the Salish Sea: Roger Morrow; Claire Richards; Bj Hedahl; and Adam Lough.*

[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 Special and Regular Meetings' Minutes of January 13, 2026.

8b. Approval of the Claims and Obligations for the Period of December 1, 2025, through December 31, 2025, Including Accounts Payable Check Nos. 961183 through 961797 in the Amount of \$15,608,689.59; Accounts Payable ACH Nos. 079932 through 080982 in the Amount of \$149,844,215.24; Accounts Payable Wire Transfers Nos. 069581 through 069606 in the Amount of \$14,375,141.28; Payroll Check Nos. 229904 through 229994 in the Amount of \$49,304.18; and Payroll ACH Nos. 1287740 through 1292803 in the Amount of \$19,888,722.97, for Total Payments of \$199,766,073.26.

8b.1 Approval of the Claims and Obligations for the Period of November 1, 2025, through November 30, 2025, Including Accounts Payable Check Nos. 960740 through 961182 in the Amount of \$7,839,126.72; Accounts Payable ACH Nos. 079072 through 079931 in the Amount of \$106,721,927.59; Accounts Payable Electronic Fund Transfers Nos. 069553 through 069580 in the Amount of \$14,340,941.48; Payroll Check Nos. 229782 through 229903 in the Amount of \$92,994.23; and Payroll ACH Nos. 1282656 through 1287739 in the Amount of \$19,757,525.90, for Total Payments of \$148,752,515.92.

Request document(s) included an agenda memorandum.

8c. Approval of Commissioner International Travel for the First Quarter 2026.

Request document(s) included an agenda memorandum.

8d. Authorization for the Executive Director to Execute a Term Lease Agreement with Innspace, LLC at SeaTac Office Center (STOC) to Lease 4,193 Square Feet of Office Space for a Term of 70 Months.

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

8e. Commission Federal Legislative Agenda for 2026.

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

The motion to approve the Consent Agenda, made by Commissioner Hasegawa, carried by the following vote:

In favor: Calkins, Cho, and Hasegawa (3)

Opposed: (0)

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business presented.

10. NEW BUSINESS

~~10a¹. Authorization for the Executive Director to Advertise and Execute a Construction Contract for the Flight Corridor Management Project 2024 in the Requested Amount of \$6,000,000, for an Estimated Total Project Cost of \$9,700,000.~~

~~Requested document(s) included an agenda memorandum and presentation.~~

10b. Authorization for the Executive Director to Execute All Related Contract Agreements for the 2026/2027 Selected Tourism Marketing Support Program Recipients in an Amount Not-to-Exceed \$600,000.

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

Presenter(s):

Nick Leonti, Director, Tourism Development

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

The presentation addressed:

- *mission of the program - advances the mission of the Port's larger tourism development strategy by providing local partners with key funding to help drive responsible visitation to the region;*
- *the impact of tourism/travel to Washington;*
- *how tourism marketing supports locals;*
- *the big picture of tourism development;*
- *2025 tourism development highlights;*
- *delivering value for partners;*
- *responsible tourism principles;*
- *program evaluation; and*
- *program projects and partners.*

Discussion ensued regarding:

- *if the tourism map includes the Museum of Flight;*
- *readying the region for tourism from FIFA World Cup;*
- *expanding tourism opportunities around the Seattle-proper area;*
- *appreciation for using the navigator at the airport to see available black-owned businesses;*
- *conducting an assessment in neighborhoods to accommodate tourists from FIFA World Cup and equipping communities to handle them; and*
- *the importance of the tourism industry.*

Members of the Commission thanked the tourism team for its presentation and continued work to support Port partners and the community.

**The motion, made by Commissioner Hasegawa, carried by the following vote:
In favor: Calkins, Cho, and Hasegawa (3)**

¹ Agenda Item 10a was removed from the agenda in its entirety,

Opposed: (0)

11. PRESENTATIONS AND STAFF REPORTS

11a. Rental Car Program at Seattle-Tacoma International Airport Briefing.

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

Presenter(s):

*Jeffrey Wolf, Director, AV Commercial Management
Geoffrey Foster, Assistant Director, Aviation Business Development
Naseem Tirhi, Aviation Real Estate & Portfolio Manager II*

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

The presentation addressed:

- *background of the rental car facility;*
- *rental car program operators;*
- *sales and revenue generated to SEA from the facility;*
- *revenues and funding - annual Customer Facility Charge (CFC) rate increases implemented beginning in 2021, support rental car facility capital projects and growth in CFC-eligible operating expenses;*
- *rebidding of the lease;*
- *a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) was released in November 2025, which is the first step in the rebidding process;*
- *the RFQ allows determination of market share breakdown of SEA airport market for space in the Rental Car Facility;*
- *continued investment in the facility; and*
- *upcoming actions for the Commission.*

Discussion ensued regarding:

- *the process for setting CFC rates, part of the overall budget process;*
- *who pays for the cost of relocation in the event that tenants are moved;*
- *the fixed base operator rental car model/class;*
- *changes in the market driving how the facility is adapted and reallocating space based on market rate share;*
- *working with rental car operators to understand shifts related to electric vehicles;*
- *the peer-to-peer model not considered by the state to be a rental car model; and*
- *operators like Turo would not have reserved spots but would pay concession fees and cannot do business on the property without an agreement.*

Members of the Commission thanked the team for their presentation and update on the facility.

11b. 2026 Draft International Policy Agenda Briefing.

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

Presenter(s):

Melissa Parks, Maritime Sustainability Government Relations Program Manager, External Relations

Karin Zaugg Black, Manager International Relations Protocol, External Relations

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

The presentation addressed:

- *the benefit of having an International Agenda;*
- *international engagement in 2025;*
- *inbound and outbound delegates, and other dignitaries supported in 2025;*
- *continuing international priorities;*
- *recommended updates for 2026;*
- *highlights of key conferences/events in 2026;*
- *international engagement priorities for 2026; and*
- *next steps in adoption of the proposed agenda.*

Discussion ensued regarding:

- *biodiversity and what we can learn from the international space;*
- *establishing clear goals through the international agenda;*
- *partnering and achieving Port goals;*
- *sister port relationships;*
- *reaching out to ports in emerging markets to develop relationships now; and*
- *strategically forming relationships with ports who have cruise operations.*

Members of the Commission and Executive Director Metruck thanked the team for their work and in helping to shape engagement.

12. QUESTIONS on REFERRAL to COMMITTEE and CLOSING COMMENTS

Commissioner Hasegawa commented on federal enforcement operations.

13. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

Prepared:

Attest:

Michelle M. Hart, Commission Clerk

Sam Cho, Commission Secretary

Minutes approved: February 10, 2026



[EXTERNAL] Keep Scrubber Pollution Out of the Salish Sea!

From Bj Hedahl <noreply@adv.actionnetwork.org>

Date Wed 1/28/2026 11:37 AM

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

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Clerk of Port_Seattle,

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Carnival Cruise commissioned and financed a report that claims to show that scrubber discharge has no impact on the marine environment of Puget Sound. Importantly, the Washington Department of Ecology does not fully agree with the results of the report, and there is a huge body of recent scientific work that shows how toxic and harmful this pollution is. Also of note: Carnival Corporation has a 50-year history of repeated felony convictions for environmental crimes, including multiple instances of falsifying evidence, and over 700 violations of probation. Carnival's report appears to be an example of industry-funded studies which are designed to produce a specific result, in order to allow harmful behavior to continue.

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According to the Washington Department of Commerce, our state's marine economy brings in over \$24 billion per year. This economy depends on clean, productive waters, not end-of-pipe workarounds that externalize pollution costs onto fishing communities. Maintaining the discharge ban helps protect our working waterfronts.

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[EXTERNAL] Public comment for commission meeting 1/27/2026: Tourism Marketing Support Program

From Julie Salathe <jsalathe@wingluke.org>

Date Tue 1/20/2026 10:57 AM

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

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Dear Commissioners:

The Wing Luke Museum of the Asian Pacific American Experience would like to provide a statement of support for Tourism Marketing Support grant program:

Thank you for the Tourism Marketing Support Program. The Wing Luke Museum of the Asian Pacific American Experience in Seattle's Chinatown-International District has received the grants four times. Each time the grants provided critical tourism-related marketing support which is not typically available through other programs. Support included website development, digital marketing, and marketing campaign development for out-of-state tourist visitation, in line with the Port's objectives for increasing out-of-state visitors related to cultural tourism. As a culturally specific smaller non-profit, we find it difficult to find the marketing resources to compete with larger museums and for-profit tourist destinations. We urge you to continue funding this important program.

Julie Salathe
Director of Grants and Sponsorships
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VELUXE PODS — SEA-TAC AIRPORT REST PODS PROPOSAL

**Tranquil Bay by Veluxe Pods
Your Escape Between Departures**

Prepared for:

Port of Seattle — Seattle-Tacoma International Airport
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