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APPROVED MINUTES COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING

April 28, 2026

The Port of Seattle Commission met in a regular meeting Tuesday, April 28, 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. All Commissioners were in attendance.

1. CALL to ORDER

The meeting was convened at 10:34 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. Commissioner Mohamed was absent from the Executive Session. Following the executive session, the public meeting reconvened at 12:05 p.m. Commission President Ryan Calkins led the flag salute.

3. APPROVAL of the AGENDA

The agenda was approved, as presented.

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.

Executive Director Metruck and Members of the Commission further recognized Elizabeth Morrison, Director of Corporate Finance, for her tenure and accomplishments at the Port, and wished her well in her upcoming retirement.

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 April 20, 2026, with two items for discussion and briefing: an update on the Sustainable Evaluation Framework for T91 Uplands Phase 1 and the Maritime Climate and Air Action Plan Implementation.

Equity, Workforce Development, and Conditions Committee

The Equity, Workforce Development, and Conditions Committee met on April 21, 2026, to provide Commissioners Hasegawa and Mohamed with an update on the status of the SEA healthcare policy directive. Staff provided a timeline and a core policy framework for the policy directive, including addressing key conceptual, legal, and implementation challenges.

Waterfront and Industrial Lands Committee

Commissioners Cho and Felleman convened the Waterfront Industrial Lands Committee on April 21, 2026, with two items for discussion and briefing: preliminary analysis of the suitability for developing the WOSCA site, and the potential impact to the Port from the recently released Coast Guard Record of Decision.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

- The following people spoke in support of Agenda Item 11b and cruise operations: Christine Scarce; Kathryn Gerke; Lars Erickson; Dennis Sills; Ron Finne; Patrick Johnson; Anthony Auriemma; and Darien Flowers.
- The following people spoke in opposition to cruise operations and expressed concern about climate and health impacts: Elizabeth Burton and Breck Lebeque (*written comments submitted*).
- The following people spoke in support of healthcare for airport workers: Mireille Amissi; Manise Prosper; Mohamed Osman; Kalkidan Mulatu; Khalil Hamiduddin; and Stefan Moritz.
- The following person spoke regarding Order No. 2024-12(Sub) of the Commission related to North Seatac Park: Sandy Hunt.
- In lieu of spoken comment, written comment in support of Agenda Item 8h, funding for the Seattle Aquarium Urban Kelp Project, was submitted by: Zachary Randell.

[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 April 14, 2026.

8b. Approval of the Claims and Obligations for the Period of March 1, 2026, through March 31, 2026, Including Accounts Payable Check Nos. 962714 through 963137 in the Amount of \$12,938,097.97; Accounts Payable ACH Nos. 082601 through 083549 in the Amount of \$119,449,251.45; Accounts Payable Wire Transfers Nos. 069640 through

069655 in the Amount of \$13,785,861.08; Payroll Check Nos. 230235 through 1307735 in the Amount of \$113,531.93; and Payroll ACH Nos. 1305470 through 1310544 in the Amount of \$19,295,278.35, for Total Payments of \$165,582,020.78.

Request document(s) included an agenda memorandum.

- 8c. Authorization for the Executive Director to Execute One Indefinite Delivery, Indefinite Quantity (IDIQ) Consulting Agreement for Hydraulic and Hydrology Support Services in Support of the Port's Aviation Divisions with a Cumulative Total Amount Not-to-Exceed \$3,500,000 Over Five Years with Two Additional Option Years.**

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

- 8d. Authorization for the Executive Director to Execute a Contract with T2 Systems for Parking Revenue Control System Licensing, Credit Card Transaction Fees, Equipment, and Managed Services for Up to Ten Years in an Amount Not-to-Exceed \$9,000,000 Over the Ten-Year Period.**

Request document(s) included an agenda memorandum.

- 8e. Authorization for the Executive Director to Execute a Contract to Provide Record Keeping, Investing, Reporting and Education Services for the Port's 457 and 401(a) Deferred Compensation Plans, for a Period of Five Years with the Option to Extend, in the Requested Amount of \$3,477,000.**

Request document(s) included an agenda memorandum.

- 8f. Authorization for the Executive Director to Increase the Existing Airport Custodial Service Contract Funding by \$45,000,000 to Meet Current Contractual Obligations Beyond 2026 (Zones 1, 3, and 4) and to Extend the Zone 2 Contract for a Sixth Year to Maintain Uninterrupted Custodial Services During the FIFA World Cup and the Opening of the New Concourse C Expansion in the Amount of \$12,500,000 to Support Continued Service in Zone 2 Through June 2027, for a Total Requested Amount of \$57,500,000.**

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

- 8g. Authorization for the Executive Director to Approve Funding to Execute an Early Work Amendment to the Alternative Public Works Progressive Design Build Contract, MC-0322060, for the T91/P66 Cruise Shore Power Extension Project to Procure Long-Lead Materials in Advance of the Guaranteed Maximum Price Amendment in the Requested Amount of \$5,200,000, for a Total Estimated Project Cost of \$59,800,000. (CIP# C801983 and C802116).**

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

- 8h. Commission Determination that a Competitive Process is Not Appropriate or Cost Effective in Accordance with RCW 53.19.020(5); and Authorizing the Executive Director to Execute a Contract with Seattle Aquarium Society, in the Amount of \$325,000, for the Seattle Aquarium Urban Kelp Project.**

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

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

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

Opposed: (0)

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business presented.

10. NEW BUSINESS

- 10a. Order No. 2026-04: An Order Directing the Executive Director to Explore a Program to Facilitate Secure Area Access for Union Business Requirements that Represent Workers at the Seattle-Tacoma International Airport.**

Requested document(s) included an Order.

Presenter(s):

Aaron Pritchard, Commission Chief of Staff
Francis Choe, Commission Strategic Advisor

Clerk Hart read Item 10a into the record and Commission Chief of Staff Aaron Pritchard introduced the item.

Commission Chief of Staff Pritchard and Commission Strategic Advisor Francis Choe advised that the Order directs the Executive Director to explore a program that facilitates temporary and limited access for a defined group of union business representatives to meet with the employees they represent while ensuring compliance with applicable federal, state, and local regulations.

Members of the Commission appreciated the thought leadership that has gone into the discussion and solution-finding process, including the expertise from staff and feedback from labor partners. They further spoke regarding clearance needed from the Transportation Security Administration and the paramount importance of safety and security at the airport.

The motion, made by Commissioner Hasegawa, to adopt Order No. 2026-04 carried by the following vote:

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

Opposed: (0)

10b. Adoption of Resolution No. 3848: A Resolution Approving the Port's Participation in the City of Bellevue's Tax Increment Area, as Authorized Under RCW 39.114.020.

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

Presenter(s):

Samantha St John, East King County Community and Govt Relations Manager
Nate Caminos, Director of Government Relations, External Relations
Chris Wimsatt, Chief Financial Officer, Finance and Budget
John Flanagan, State Government Relations Manager, External Relations
Chris Leopold, Senior Legal Counsel

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

The presentation addressed the request to adopt Resolution No. 3848, authorizing the Port's participation in the city of Bellevue's Grand Connection project tax increment area (TIA). To generate adequate capital resources for the project, the city is seeking to create a tax increment area encompassing major portions of downtown Bellevue. The process to enact and draw funding from a TIA will impact the Port's tax base and in this specific instance requires that the Commission 'opt in' to participate in the TIA.

Discussion ensued regarding:

- future economic development and growing the tax base;
- affordable housing and transportation;
- the project supporting the entire county; and
- introducing density and increasing the quality of life.

The motion, made by Commissioner Cho, to adopt Resolution No. 3848, carried by the following vote:

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

Opposed: (0)

10c. Authorization for the Executive Director to Approve Funding to Advertise and Execute a Major Public Works Construction Contract for the Completion of the Fishermen's Terminal (FT) C-15 Building Improvements Project in the Requested Amount of \$16,467,000 and a Total Estimated Project Cost of \$17,267,000. (CIP# C801096).

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

Presenter(s):

Jennifer Maietta, Director of Real Estate Asset Management, Portfolio Management
Rod Jackson, Capital Project Manager, Waterfront Project Management
Jessica Carlson, Senior Real Estate Manager, Marina Office and Retail Management

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

The presentation addressed project information including scope, use of the Sustainable Evaluation Framework process, status of the project, and preliminary project schedule.

Discussion ensued regarding status of existing tenants and whether or not the project will be phased. Tenants are staying in location and in operation and the project will not be phased.

**The motion, made by Commissioner Felleman, carried by the following vote:
In favor: Calkins, Cho, Felleman, Hasegawa, and Mohamed (5)
Opposed: (0)**

11. PRESENTATIONS AND STAFF REPORTS

11a. S Concourse Evolution Program Update.

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

Presenter(s):

Stuart Matthews, Assist. Director AV Project Management Group
Stephen St. Louis, Capital Program Leader, AV Project Management Group

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

The presentation addressed:

- facilitating projects;
- supporting projects;
- project renderings;
- sustainability status – pursuing the United States Green Building Council’s Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Silver Certification, at a minimum;
- project budget and schedule status; and
- next steps through 2026.

Discussion ensued regarding:

- the financing plan for the capital improvements in the project and access to federal funding;
- a potential future briefing on the capital improvements projects funding plan;
- no increased capacity resulting from the facility;
- the importance of phasing the project and communication with airline tenants; and
- Duty Free space revenue generation.

Members of the Commission thanked the team for their presentation and their work.

11b. 2026 Cruise Season Update.

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

Presenter(s):

Linda Springmann, Director of Cruise Business and Elliott Bay Operations

Alex Adams, Sr. Manager Environmental Programs, Climate and Sustainability

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

The presentation addressed:

- a 2026 cruise season overview;
- new cruise customers in 2026;
- the cruise dashboard providing a visual representation of the Port's current and historic cruise activity and public reporting on progress towards economic and sustainability objectives;
- sustainable maritime fuels leadership;
- the Pacific Northwest to Alaska Green Corridor, and associated methanol feasibility study;
- a biofuel demonstration project – a case study in regional maritime biofuel readiness led by Holland America Line;
- the Star Princess: Seattle's first liquified natural gas ship;
- information regarding liquified natural gas; and
- the busy cruise season ahead.

Discussion ensued regarding:

- sustainable aviation fuels becoming available and cheaper;
- the first zero emissions cruise ship currently in production;
- increased compliance;
- availability of liquified natural gas and renewable natural gas; and
- bringing zero emissions technology to the Port's corridor.

Members of the Commission thanked the team for their presentation and their work.

11c. Sustainable Century and Fly Quiet Awards.

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

Presenter(s):

Sarah Cox, Director of Aviation Environment and Sustainability
Jeremy Webb, Sr. Environmental Program Manager, Aviation Environment and Sustainability
Evan Ashe, Sr. Environmental Management Specialist, Maritime Environment and Sustainability
Paris Edwards, Sr. Environmental Management Specialist, Aviation Environment and Sustainability

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

The presentation addressed:

- the 2026 Award Program – for tenants and businesses supporting Port sustainability goals since 2010;
- recognizing environment and equity, diversity and inclusion efforts of local aviation and maritime industries;
- recognizing airline noise reduction efforts;

- Sustainable Century Award winners in maritime – Carnival Cruise Line and Carnival Corporation & PLC;
- Sustainable Century Award winners in aviation – Alaska Airlines, Delta, and Concessions International;
- Fly Quiet Award Program winners – Air Canada, Frontier, and Icelandair; and
- the upcoming awards luncheon to celebrate with winners and learn more about their accomplishments.

Members of the Commission thanked the team for their presentation and the award winners for their work and perseverance towards sustainability efforts.

12. QUESTIONS on REFERRAL to COMMITTEE and CLOSING COMMENTS

None.

13. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 2:38 p.m.

Prepared:

Attest:

Michelle M. Hart, Commission Clerk

Sam Cho, Commission Secretary

Minutes approved: May 26, 2026



[EXTERNAL] Re: Public Comment today please

From Breck Lebegue <brecklebegue@gmail.com>

Date Tue 4/28/2026 9:19 AM

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

2 attachments (2 MB)

Jade under Lion's Gate Bridge.jpeg; Jade departs VCVR.jpeg;

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GM Commissioners, I neglected to attach these photos of Norwegian *Jade* departing Vancouver BC
Please distribute to all commissioners for today's meeting.
Note the minimal smoke while moving slowly in the bay, and the huge plume upon acceleration under the bridge.

Thanks

BL

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"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world.

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Margaret Mead

On Tue, Apr 28, 2026 at 9:06 AM Breck Lebegue <brecklebegue@gmail.com> wrote:

Good morning Commissioners;

I respectfully request to comment on the health effects of the cruise industry in Seattle today at the noon meeting.

Please advise if received and accepted?

thanks!

Breck Lebegue MD MPH
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[EXTERNAL] Public written comment for 4/28 Port Commission meeting - item 8h

From Zachary Randell <z.randell@seattleaquarium.org>

Date Mon 4/27/2026 6:43 AM

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

Cc Hurley, Kathleen <Hurley.K@portseattle.org>; Shawn Larson <S.Larson@seattleaquarium.org>; Nora Nickum (she/her) <n.nickum@seattleaquarium.org>

1 attachment (196 KB)

Public_Comment_for_Port_Commission_item_8h_signed.pdf;

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Good morning,

Please find attached a public written comment for tomorrow's 4/28 Port Commission meeting. This written comment pertains to item **8h**, the **Commission Exemption for the Seattle Aquarium Urban Kelp Project**.

Please let me know if you have any questions – thank you very much!

Zach

Zachary Randell, Ph.D.

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Dear Port of Seattle Commissioners,

I write in strong support of **8h**, the **Commission Exemption for the Seattle Aquarium Urban Kelp Project**.

Since 2022, the Port of Seattle and the Seattle Aquarium have partnered to advance research focused on bull kelp forests in Elliott Bay. These canopy-forming forests are an important part of the nearshore ecosystem, supporting marine food webs and benefiting species such as salmon and orcas, as well as coastal communities. Their persistence in Elliott Bay, despite substantial declines elsewhere in Puget Sound, makes them an important focus for research, conservation, and management.

Through the use of remotely operated vehicles (ROVs), and with Port of Seattle funding, the Seattle Aquarium conducts benthic surveys within bull kelp forests and has developed the tools needed to process and analyze the resulting imagery. This includes the use of computer vision and machine learning to improve image quality, extract and validate ecological data, and support bull kelp habitat suitability modeling. The goal of this work is to generate scientific information that can better inform bull kelp conservation and restoration efforts by the Port and others in Elliott Bay and beyond. This work has already yielded valuable insights into the relationships between bull kelp and benthic community structure, including the seafloor conditions that support the greatest species diversity, and it is well positioned to generate further advances in the years ahead.

The Seattle Aquarium is honored to continue this productive partnership with the Port of Seattle through the Urban Kelp Research Project, and I respectfully encourage the Commission's support for this exemption.

Chief Operations Officer and acting President and Chief Executive Officer
Seattle Aquarium