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APPROVED MINUTES COMMISSION SPECIAL MEETING

June 23, 2026

The Port of Seattle Commission met in a special meeting per RCW 42.30.080 on June 23, 2026. The meeting was held at the Port of Seattle Headquarters Building Commission Chambers, located at 2711 Alaskan Way, Seattle, Washington, with Commissioners attending virtually. All Commissioners were in attendance.

I. CALL to ORDER

The meeting was convened at 9:17 a.m. by Commission President Calkins for the purpose of holding a study session regarding 2027 budget planning and Commissioner priorities.

II. ITEMS OF BUSINESS

Members of the Commission discussed their individual budget priorities for 2027.

Discussion ensued regarding:

- being mindful of budget and economic conditions;
- investing in workforce development;
- retraining and understanding where jobs are available;
- creating one big strategy to look at workforce holistically;
- ensuring that Port dollars intended for community organizations reach intended purposes;
- consultants' roles in performing contract work;
- following deliverables closely;
- leveraging other workforce development agencies;
- workforce development partnerships with the Museum of Flight and immersive experiences;
- investing in youth;
- tracking equity spending;
- elevating maritime awareness;
- completing the Elliott Bay Loop to connect maritime along the waterfront with signage for the Port;
- transformational travel and invoking greater compassion for the environment;
- encouraging cruise lines to do more with respect to selling the environment;
- the potential of creating an alternative fuels purchase account and putting passenger fees back into the environment;
- making Port facilities more available to the public for community meeting spaces;

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- addressing the crane at Shilshole Marina and continuing with sea lion deterrent efforts;
- making the baggage claim area at the airport more engaging;
- establishing a Port to Port mentorship program;
- small business contract readiness and continued support for the accelerator program for maritime and aviation industries;
- continuing to bolster anti human trafficking efforts;
- strengthening TSA operational continuity and a feasibility study for possible privatization;
- continued presence in the national arena;
- advancing sustainable fuels and supply chain;
- green economy and reinvigorating the maritime industrial base; and
- shipbuilding and infrastructure improvements.

Commission Chief of Staff Aaron Pritchard noted that July 24, 2026, is the deadline for budget priorities.

Discussion ensued regarding the Commission Orders/policy directives action tracker.

III. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

Prepared:

Attest:

Michelle M. Hart, Commission Clerk

Sam Cho, Commission Secretary

Minutes approved: July 14, 2026