



## Commission Meeting Minutes Monday, April 14, 2025

### Call to Order

Commission President Jasmine Vasavada called a regular meeting of the Port of Olympia Board of Commissioners to order and open to the public at 6:00 p.m., Monday, April 14, 2025, at the Percival Plaza at 626 Columbia Street NW, Suite 1B, Olympics Room, in Olympia, Washington 98501.

### Present

Commissioners: Jasmine Vasavada, President; Maggie Sanders, Vice President; Sarah Tonge, Secretary; and Amy Harding.

Attended Virtually: Commissioner Bob Iyall and Warren Hendrickson, Director of Operations.

Staff: Alex Smith, Executive Director, Chris Pierce-Wright, General Counsel; Mike Reid, Director of Community and Economic Development; Shawn Gilbertson, Director of Environmental Planning and Programs; Brent Barnes, Director of Enterprise Services; Chris Paolini, Airport Senior Manager; Emily Girtton, Marketing and Outreach Coordinator; and Missy Goodell, Executive and Commission Coordinator.

Guests: Katrina VanEvery, Thurston Regional Planning Council; and Patty Belmonte, Hands On Children's Museum.

### Approval of Agenda

Commissioner Harding moved to approve the agenda. Commissioner Montano seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

### Executive Director Report

Alex Smith, Executive Director, reported on recent port activities including her recent visit to Panorama residents in Lacey to present an update and insights into the Port's work and ongoing initiatives. The Port of Olympia received the Green Business Award at the April Thurston County Forum; and in honor of Earth Day, Port staff cleaned up various Port Peninsula properties along East Bay. Two Port of Olympia staff are attending the Pacific Coast Congress of Harbormasters and Port Managers conference in Port Townsend this week; and the Swantown Marina Harbor Operations team was thanked for their support in assisting the Olympia Police Department and Thurston County Sheriff's Office with the recovery of a stolen sailboat and equipment valued at \$20,000. Port Summer events for 2025 were shared including Movies at the Marina, Shoestring Circus, Slurp, the South Sound Block Party, the Olympic Airshow and Summer Nights at the Port.

In addition, Alex reminded everyone of the options available to communicate with the Commission. She stated there is a great deal of information available on the Port's website and encouraged everyone to check it out.

### **Public Comment**

Five individuals provided public comments regarding the airport; gophers and larks on airport property; transient boats and security enforcement at the Port's marina; and delaying the approval of the Option to Lease Agreement 7<sup>th</sup> Amendment – Panattoni/New Market Industrial Campus.

### **Consent Calendar**

Commissioner Harding moved to approve the consent agenda as presented; Commissioner Montano seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

### **Pending Issues or Business**

Briefing: Regional Transportation Plan Presentation. Katrina VanEvery, Transportation Manager at the Thurston Regional Planning Council (TRPC), presented updates on the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP). The RTP is updated every five years and is the blueprint for the region's transportation system over the next 20-25 years. The TRPC's upcoming planning work on freight mobility was also shared.

### **Action Calendar**

None.

### **Action/Other Calendar**

None.

### **Advisory Calendar**

Hands On Children's Museum Update. Patty Belmonte, CEO, Hands On Children's Museum provided a briefing on the museum's long-range planning, expansion plans, visitation trends, and overall community impact.

Hands On Children's Museum Purchase and Sale Agreement with the City of Olympia. Mike Reid, Director of Communications and Economic Development, shared that Port staff have negotiated a purchase and sale agreement with the City of Olympia for the sale of two properties located at 427 and 517 Marine Drive NE. The City of Olympia is acquiring these two properties to facilitate the expansion of the Hands On Children's Museum. The Commission will be asked to approve three resolutions at a future Commission meeting, to 1) surplus the property; 2) amend the Comprehensive Scheme of Harbor Improvements; and 3) authorize the sale of the property.

South Sound Commerce Center Ground Lease. Warren Hendrickson, Director of Operations, shared background information on the South Sound Commerce Center ground lease, its significance, its alignment with the Port's Vision 2050 plan, environmental considerations, project implementation and next steps.

## **Commissioner Reports/Discussion**

Commissioner Iyall will provide his report at the next Commission meeting.

Commissioner Harding shared a quote: "Nobody makes a greater mistake then he who did nothing because he could only do only a little."

Commissioner Sanders shared that she is attending her assigned committee meetings.

Commissioner Montano announced that she met with the Estuarium today. They are very excited for a potential partnership with the Hands On Children's Museum and the Port of Olympia

Commissioner Vasavada reported that she visited the Port's airport and saw the runway that required repaving; she agreed this maintenance was needed. She also requested that a future briefing be held regarding the Apprenticeship Utilization program and any current resolutions governing project labor agreements.

## **Other Business**

None.

## **Meeting Announcements**

A list of upcoming events was displayed on the screen for viewers to see upcoming Commission and POCAC meetings. Executive Director Smith stated the next Commission meeting will be held on Monday, April 28, 2025, at 5:30 p.m.

## **Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the Port of Olympia Board of Commissioners, the Monday, April 14, 2025, regular meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m. by Commissioner Vasavada.

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Jasmine Vasavada, President

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Maggie Sanders, Vice President

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