



**Commission Meeting Minutes
Monday, October 9, 2023**

Commission President Amy Evans Harding called the Commission Meeting of October 9, 2023, to order at 5:31 p.m. at the Percival Plaza at 626 Columbia Street NW, Suite 1B, Olympics Room, In Olympia, Washington.

Present

Commissioners: Amy Evans Harding, President.

Attended Virtually: Commissioner Joe Downing, Vice President.

Excused: Commissioner Bob Iyall, Secretary.

Staff: Rudy Rudolph, Interim Executive Director; Rick Hughes, Port General Council; Ben McDonald, Human Resources and Administrative Director; Camille St. Onge, Strategic Initiatives and Commission Affairs Director; Warren Hendrickson, Operations Director; Taber Lee, Communications and Marketing Senior Manager; Hannah Ellis, Contracts Coordinator; and Missy Goodell, Executive and Commission Coordinator.

Guest: Cliff Moore, Prothman.

Approval of Agenda

Commissioner Downing moved to approve the agenda. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Harding.

Commissioner Harding moved to amend the agenda to extend public comment so that all of those who signed up to give public comment have the opportunity to do so during Public Comment, agenda item F. Commissioner Downing seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Downing moved to amend the agenda to allow the President of the Commission to respond to public comment. Commissioner Harding seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Downing moved to approve the amended agenda. Commissioner Harding seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously.

Indigenous Peoples' Day Acknowledgment

Commissioner Harding recognized Indigenous Peoples' Day and shared a personal story related to this topic.

Executive Director Report

Interim Executive Director Rudy Rudolph reported on recent Port events and activities.

Public Comment

Eighteen individuals provided comments.

Consent Calendar

There were no items on the Consent Calendar.

Pending Issues or Business

Rudy Rudolph, Interim Executive Director, updated the Commission on Capitol Little League information.

Action Calendar

There were no items on the Action Calendar.

Action/Other Calendar

There were no items on the Action/Other Calendar.

Advisory CalendarCommunity Events

Taber Lee, Communications and Marketing Senior Manager presented the proposed community events requests and recommendations for 2024.

Executive Director Recruitment Update

Ben McDonald, Human Resources and Administrative Director shared information about the Port of Olympia executive director recruitment methodology. Cliff Moore from Prothman also provided insight into the recruitment process.

Public Comment on Advisory Items

None.

Commissioner Reports/Discussion

Each commissioner provided an update of their current activities in the community.

Other Business

None.

Meeting Announcements

Interim Executive Director Rudolph provided information on upcoming Commission meetings.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

PORT OF OLYMPIA COMMISSION

Comm. Harding
[Comm. Harding \(Jan 2, 2024 08:20 PST\)](#)

President, Amy Harding

Comm. Downing
[Comm. Downing \(Dec 26, 2023 22:03 PST\)](#)

Vice President, Joe Downing

Comm. Iyall
[Comm. Iyall \(Jan 2, 2024 06:38 PST\)](#)

Secretary, Charles "Bob" Iyall