

**PORT OF VANCOUVER USA
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
Tuesday, August 24, 2021**

CALL TO ORDER

CEO Julianna Marler called a regular meeting of the Port of Vancouver Board of Commissioners to order at 8:30 a.m., Tuesday, August 24, 2021, via teleconference number 1 (253) 215-8782, conference code: 871 4229 0813 and passcode number: 277644 and by videoconference via Zoom pursuant to Washington State Governor's Proclamation 20-28 in response to the COVID-19 event.

CEO Marler confirmed that Commissioners Orange, LaBrant and Burkman were on the line.

OPENING REMARKS

CEO Marler welcomed and reminded everyone that all board members and the public are participating virtually pursuant to Washington State Governor's Proclamation 20-28 in response to the COVID-19 event and the port's Resolution 3-2020. She also stated that no executive session was held this morning and the meeting is being recorded.

Meeting attendees included:

Eric LaBrant	Port Commission President
Jack Burkman	Port Commission Vice President
Don Orange	Port Commission Secretary
Julianna Marler	Port CEO
Alicia Lowe	Port Legal Counsel
Betsy Rogers	Port Administrative Supervisor
Savannah Mitcham	Port Administrative Assistant
Angela Blake	Port Facilities Program Coordinator
Casey O'Dell	Port Director of Facilities
Dawn Egbert	Port Procurement Services Manager
Elizabeth Gotelli	Port Chief Financial and Administrative Officer
Jack Flug	Port Senior Financial Analyst
Jim Hagar	Port Economic Development Project Manager
Joel Fairchild	Port Project Manager
Katie Odem	Port Marketing Communications Manager
Kent Cash	Port Chief Operations Officer
Lori Kaylor	Port Commercial Sales Associate
Mark Tauscher	Port Environmental Specialist
Matt Harding	Port Environmental Project Manager
Mike Bomar	Port Director Economic Development
Richard Troudt	Port Security Manager
Ryan Hart	Port Chief External Affairs Officer

Scott Goodrich	Port Director of Finance & Accounting
Sheila Deng	Port Senior Accountant
Thane Giles	Port Project Manager
Therese Lang	Port Director of Communications
Thomas Chidwick	Port General Office Assistant
Todd Krout	Port Director of Operations
Zack Merrill	Port Sales Account Manager
Victor Roehm	Snell & Wilmer
Duncan Brown	PFM Financial Advisors LLC
Matt Zehnder	KeyBank
Dale Learn	Gordon Thomas Honeywell
Bryan Stebbins	Senator Murray's Office
Hod Wells	PBS Engineering and Environmental
Don Steinke	Community Member
Alona Steinke	Community Member
Cathryn Chudy	Community Member
Cager Clabaugh	ILWU Local 4
Carolyn Lake	Community Member

Additional members of the public participated in the virtual meeting but were not identified by name.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Regular Meeting of August 10, 2021

On motion by Commissioner Orange, seconded by Commissioner Burkman and carried unanimously, the Board of Commissioners approve the minutes of the August 10, 2021 regular meeting.

OPEN FORUM

CEO Marler stated that the agenda invited public comment on all matters on the agenda and several community members responded to provide comment. She reminded everyone interested in speaking during Open Forum at future meetings to register in advance no later than noon on Monday, the day prior to the scheduled Commission meeting. She then called on each community member based on the order in which the port received their request.

Cager Clabaugh, ILWU Local 4

Mr. Clabaugh stated he is in favor of the resolution supporting replacement of the Interstate 5 Bridge over the Columbia River as are the members of the ILWU Local 4. He indicated it is important to have a good bridge to bring cargoes across and thinks the port will get more heavy pick cargo if it is easier to get into Oregon.

Alona Steinke

Ms. Steinke discussed the port's plan to establish emission reduction targets and suggested the port consider using tax revenue to hire staff to develop and implement conservation programs and renewable energy plans that would benefit the public. She recommended a variety of other actions that staff could take to help reach these targets and increase the use of clean energy.

Don Steinke

Mr. Steinke suggested adding a condition to the interstate bridge resolution that the bridge does not induce sprawl, more emissions and more vehicle miles traveled. He indicated he believes congestion can be reduced by congestion pricing and to make it equitable by having public transit be free. He stated the purpose and need statement for the bridge project should not exacerbate climate change.

Cathryn Chudy

Ms. Chudy discussed an article from *The Columbian* regarding fossil fuels and climate change. She stated that she appreciated the port including a statement in the interstate bridge resolution that included a reference to climate and hoped it will incorporate significant emissions reductions going forward. She also asked the port to support the City of Vancouver's plan to extend its ordinance regarding a fossil fuel moratorium.

ACTION ITEMS

E-1 Approve Resolution 2-2021: Series 2013 Credit Facility Agreement Modification

Scott Goodrich, Director of Finance & Accounting introduced the action item and discussed it with the Commission. He answered questions from the Board.

On motion by Commissioner LaBrant, seconded by Commissioner Orange and carried unanimously, the Board of Commissioners approve and adopt the attached Port of Vancouver USA Resolution 2-2021 authorizing the execution and delivery of other instruments, documents or agreements appropriate to modify the series 2013 Credit Facility Agreement and to extend the final maturity date and amend the applicable rate from time to time and for related matters.

E-2 Approve Resolution 3-2021: Supporting Replacement of the Interstate 5 Bridge over the Columbia River

Mike Bomar, Director of Economic Development introduced the action item and discussed it with the Commission. He answered questions from the Board.

On motion by Commissioner LaBrant, seconded by Commissioner Burkman and carried unanimously, the Board of Commissioners approve and sign Resolution 3-2021 Supporting Replacement of the Interstate 5 Bridge over the Columbia River.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

No unfinished business was considered.

NEW BUSINESS

No new business was discussed.

CEO REPORT

Action taken under Resolution 2-2020: Declaration of Local Emergency and Delegation of Authority of Emergency Powers

CEO Marler shared the history behind the adoption of Resolution 2-2020 and then advised the commissioners that she has not taken any action provided her under this resolution.

Federal Legislative Update

Ryan Hart, Chief External Affairs Officer recognized Bryan Stebbins with Senator Murray's Office and thanked him, Senator Murray and the entire federal delegation for their ongoing support of the Port of Vancouver. He then introduced the port's federal lobbyist, Dale Learn with Gordon Thomas Honeywell who advocates for the port on federal legislative priorities.

Mr. Learn highlighted current federal issues relating to infrastructure, Harbor Maintenance Tax, Columbia River Treaty, grants, permitting and other issues relating to the movement of freight, and transportation policy. Mr. Learn answered questions by the Board.

COMMISSIONERS REPORTS

Commissioner Orange stated he did not have anything to report.

Commissioner Burkman stated he attended the following events and meetings and provided a brief summary on the meetings he attended:

- CEO Marler
- Summer Virtual Tenant Event

Commissioner LaBrant stated he attended the following meeting and provided a brief summary of the meeting he attended:

- Labor Roundtable

WORKSHOP

No workshop was held during this meeting.

CEO Marler reminded everyone of the ways they can 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.

ADJOURNMENT


There being no further business to come before the Port of Vancouver USA Board of Commissioners, the Tuesday, August 24, 2021 regular meeting was adjourned at 9:27 a.m. by CEO Julianna Marler.

Betsy Rogers, Administrative
Supervisor, August 24, 2021, Regular
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