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, June 22, 2021, via teleconference number 1 (253) 215-8782, conference code: 926 3981 8955 and passcode number: 130355 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
- Michelle Allan: Port Executive Services Manager
- Alicia Lowe: Port Legal Counsel
- Betsy Rogers: Port Administrative Supervisor
- Savannah Mitcham: Port Administrative Assistant
- Angela Blake: Port Facilities Program Coordinator
- Ben Shoop: Port Construction Inspector
- 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
- Jennifer Brower: Port Procurement & Grant Specialist
- Julie Payne: Port Revenue Accountant
- Julie Rawls: Port Community Relations Manager
- Kathy Holtby: Port Real Estate Manager
- Katie Odem: Port Marketing Communications Manager
- Kent Cash: Port Chief Operations Officer
- Lori Kaylor: Port Commercial Sales Associate
- Mary Mattix: Port Environmental Program Manager
Additional members of the public participated in the virtual meeting but were not identified by name.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Regular Meeting of June 8, 2021

On motion by Commissioner Burkman, seconded by Commissioner LaBrant and carried unanimously, the Board of Commissioners approve the minutes of the June 8, 2021 regular meeting.

**OPEN FORUM**

CEO Marler stated that the agenda invited public comment on all matters on the agenda. She reminded everyone interested in speaking during Open Forum is asked to register in advance no later than noon on Monday, the day prior to the scheduled Commission meeting. She indicated one person registered to provide public comment during the Open Forum for this meeting but they had a conflict and are unavailable to provide public comment.

**ACTION ITEMS**

No action items were presented to the board.

**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.

Apprenticeship Program Implementation Update

CEO Marler provided an overview of the Apprenticeship Program implemented in May of 2021 for public works projects at the port. She indicated the program was developed to support the strategic plan goal of developing a skilled workforce to align with regional needs and to increase job opportunities across the port district. She stated the program took a number of years to develop and involved a team of staff including our Chief Financial and Administrative Officer and led by our Procurement Services Division. She discussed the efforts involved in the development of the program as well as some highlights of the program. She indicated the team chose to develop this as an incentive-based program to encourage contractors to participate and partner with the port. She thanked the team that worked on the development of the program and stated more information can be found about it on the port’s website.

Commissioner Burkman expressed his appreciation for the thoroughness of the staff’s work in developing the program and their emphasis on building partnerships.

Commissioner Orange echoed Commissioner Burkman’s appreciation. He also indicated folks in the trades have shared that they want to see a program such as this to increase the use of apprentices.

Commissioner LaBrant thanked the staff for their work in putting this program together.

CEO Marler also shared that the port has been partnering with Laborers Local 335 for the past few years and has been able to have a few apprentices work with the maintenance and facilities team annually during the summer. She stated this year the port has two apprentices from Laborers Local 335. She indicated the program encourages persons of color and women to apply to help increase their representation in the trades. She stated the port will continue to work with educational and trade partners and the contracting community to look for opportunities to support workforce development with this program.

COMMISSIONERS REPORTS

Commissioner Orange stated he is pleased port staff has worked with so many individuals to come up with a great apprenticeship program. He also shared his thoughts regarding the new federal holiday Juneteenth. He stated ports can positively influence and benefit the community and how we handle this holiday and relate to labor and working people matter. He also
mentioned the passing of community activist Jane Jacobsen and her tireless efforts on the waterfront development.

Commissioner Burkman stated he agrees with Commissioner Orange regarding Juneteenth. He added celebrating the holiday will provide opportunities for individuals to participate in various activities that help them learn about what led to the decision to declare it a national holiday. He also shared his condolences to the Jacobsen family.

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

- CEO Marler
- Labor Roundtable
- Washington Public Ports Association (WPPA) Roundtable

Commissioner LaBrant stated he attended Governor Inslee’s visit and tour of wind energy components at the port. He indicated he had a chance to discuss the volume of the wind energy components and what it means in terms of jobs for ILWU Local 4 and the jobs it will create throughout the state. He also extended his condolences to the Jacobsen family.

**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, June 22, 2021 regular meeting was adjourned at 9:04 a.m. by CEO Julianna Marler.