PORT OF VANCOUVER USA
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
Tuesday, October 13, 2026

CALL TO ORDER

Commission President Don Orange called a regular meeting of the Port of Vancouver Board of Commissioners to order and open to the public at 9:33 a.m., Tuesday, October 13, 2026, at the at the Port of Vancouver USA Administrative Office, 3103 NW Lower River Road, Vancouver, Washington 98660.

OPENING REMARKS

Commissioner Orange welcomed everyone to the commission meeting. He announced no executive session was held and that the meeting is being recorded. He stated this meeting is a hybrid meeting so that along with everyone present in the meeting, anyone who wants to make virtual oral comment can use Zoom. He then invited guests to participate in the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Regular Meeting of September 22, 2026

On motion by Commissioner Lentz, seconded by Commissioner LaBrant, and carried unanimously, the Board of Commissioners approved the minutes of the September 22, 2026, regular meeting.

OPEN FORUM

Commissioner Orange asked if anyone had signed up to speak during open forum. CEO Julianna Marler stated no one signed up in advance to provide virtual oral comments and confirmed there was no one in the audience who signed up for public comment.

ACTION ITEMS

No action items were discussed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Port Contracts Logs

The commissioners reviewed the port contracts logs. CEO Marler reminded everyone that the contracts logs are provided to the Commission on a monthly basis and are available on the port's website. No questions were asked from the Board.

No additional unfinished business was considered.

NEW BUSINESS

No new business was discussed.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Nick McEntire, Accounting Manager, presented the action item as contained in the Commission's packet and discussed the recommendation with the Commission.

On motion by Commissioner Lentz, seconded by Commissioner LaBrant and carried unanimously, the Port of Vancouver USA Board of Commissioners, by motion, ratified and approved the payment of September 2026 Vouchers 129598-130039 in the amount of $7,241,529.10 including Electronic Payments generated between 09/01/2026-09/30/2026 in the amount of $1,176,824.62 and September 2026 Payroll Check 52296615-52296616 and 52300350 and Direct Deposits 370001-370137 and 390001-390136 in the amount of $859,683.02.

CEO REPORT

Project Updates

Matt Harding, Environmental Planning and Projects Manager, provided an update on port projects including:

- Wapato Valley Mitigation and Conservation Bank

CEO Report

CEO Marler highlighted the port's recognition at the American Association of Port Authorities (AAPA) Annual Convention, where the port received three Lighthouse awards and the top award of Beacon of Excellence.

- Beacon of Excellence Award which recognized the Cascadia Tech Academy partnership and the port's leadership in workforce development, community engagement, and innovative programming.
- Excellence in Administrative Practices for our Maritime Partnership with Cascadia Tech Academy
- Excellence in Economic Development Practices for our Maritime Partnership with Cascadia Tech Academy
- Excellence in Print or Digital Media Communications for the Port of Vancouver USA 2026 Community Awareness Digital Campaign

COMMISSIONERS REPORTS

Commissioner Lentz stated she attended the following events and provided a brief summary:

- Met with CEO
- Washington Public Ports Association (WPPA) Environmental Seminar
- Port Tour with Environmental Team

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

- Washington Public Ports Association (WPPA) Environmental Seminar

Commissioner Orange stated he attended the following events and provided a brief summary:

- Washington Public Ports Association (WPPA) Environmental Seminar
- Port of Seattle Tour

UPCOMING EVENTS

A list of upcoming events was displayed on the screen for viewers to see staff activities and community meetings. CEO Marler stated the next commission meeting would be held on Tuesday, October 27, 2026, at 9:30 a.m. She also noted several upcoming community events.

In addition, she 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 recently updated website and encouraged everyone to check it out.

WORKSHOP

Mid-Year Strategic Plan Update

Chief Economic Strategy Officer Mike Bomar provided a brief presentation highlighting department achievements on the key areas of progress of the Strategic Plan goals in the first half of 2026. He shared updates about the plan's External Affairs, Economic Development, Environmental, Organizational, Industrial/Marine and Finance focus areas.

SIGN DOCUMENTS

The Board signed documents at 10:24 a.m.

RECESS

Commissioner Orange called a recess from 10:24 a.m. to 10:40 a.m. to prepare for the Administrative Update / Work Session on the 2027 Budget.

ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATE / WORK SESSION

Commissioner Orange called the meeting back to order at 10:40 a.m. into the 2027 budget administrative work session. Chief Financial Officer Scott Goodrich lead the work session and shared with the Board the thorough process staff followed to prepare the proposed 2027 budget for review. He added that the process is an organization-wide effort, and he appreciated the time of each team member. Department leads then shared their proposed budgets and answered questions from the Board.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Port of Vancouver USA Board of Commissioners, the Tuesday, October 13, 2026, regular meeting was adjourned at 1:43 p.m. by Commissioner Orange.

PORT OF VANCOUVER USA
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Betsy Rogers, Executive Assistant,
October 13, 2026, Regular
Port of Vancouver USA Board of
Commission Meeting

Don Orange, President

Eric LaBrant, Vice President

Temple Lentz, Secretary