



Anchorage Port Commission Meeting Minutes

Date: Dec. 10, 2025

Scheduled Time: 12pm – 2pm

Location: Port Admin third-floor conference room/virtual via Microsoft Teams

Present	Port Commissioners:	Commissioner Simon Lisiecki (seat 2) (virtual), Commissioner Christopher Manculich (seat 3), Commissioner Peggy Jean Rotan (seat 5), Commissioner Nathaniel Betz (seat 6), Vice-Chair Aves Thompson (vice-chair) (seat 7), Commissioner Ron Ward (chair) (seat 8), Commissioner Stephanie Kesler (seat 9)
	Staff:	Acting Director Mike Abbott; Incoming Director Terry Umatum; Operations and Maintenance Director Ronnie Poole; Port Engineer Bill Carlson; Finance and Administration Director Cheryl Beckham; Policy, Programs and Security Director Jim Jager; Kathleen King
	Guests:	Brite Niezek (Brite Ideas Consulting); Brad Davis (longshore); Cynthia Kirkham (ADEC); Jade Gamble (ADEC); Brittney Kennington (ALMAR), Luke Hasenbank (ALMAR); Dylan Faber (Matson), Lev Yampolsky (Petro Star), David Griffen (Port Mackenzie)
Absent	Port Commissioners:	Commissioner Dick Traini (seat 1), Commissioner Mike Robbins (seat 4)
Absent	Staff:	PAMP Engineer Manager John Daley (excused), Safety Coordinator Brandon Dringle (excused)

I. Meeting called to order at 12:02 PM –Chair Ron Ward opened the meeting. Commissioners, staff and guest attendance shown above. There was a quorum.

II. Pledge of Allegiance – Led by Chair Ward

III. Safety Minute – Ronnie Poole discussed building safety and evacuation procedures

IV. Approval of Agenda – Moved by Commissioner Manculich, seconded by Commissioner Kesler, and unanimously approved.

V. Approval of Minutes of the Oct. 8, 2025, meetings – Approval of minutes was moved by Commissioner Thompson, seconded by Commissioner Manculich, and unanimously approved without edit.



VI. Port Director's Comments – Acting Director Abbott addressed the following topics:

- Last day will be Friday, Dec. 12, 2025
- Discussed first tanker visit at PCT on Dec. 10, 2025, and thanked Marathon for supporting effort to open fuel transfer operations.

VII. Staff Reports –

Operations and Maintenance (Ronnie Poole):

- Discussed conversion from summer to winter operations
- JBER fence repairs complete
- PCT fuel operations
- Upcoming DoD-related operations
- Thanksgiving (Nov. 27, 2027) morning M6.0 earthquake followup
- Maintenance team is fully staffed

Engineering (Bill Carlson):

- PCT fuel operations open
- Initiating new term-contracting strategy for many PoA projects
- Updated 2026 Storm Drain construction work schedules

PAMP (John Daley) (Mike Abbott reported for Mr. Daley):

- North Extension Stabilization 1 (NES1) -- project closeout update
- Discussed 2026 PAMP-related construction schedules

Finance (Cheryl Beckham)

- See financial and tonnage reports in meeting packet
- PoA revenue and tonnage are on track with budget – currently ahead of 2025 revenue and tonnage year-to-date.

Programs, policy and security (Jim Jager)

- Federal grants:
 - FY25 PIDP (Port Infrastructure Development Program) -- FY25 application submitted in Sept. to support petroleum terminal planning (to replace POL2). Requested \$4.7M. Pending
 - FY25 Congressionally Delegate Spending (CDS) – Submitted \$5million request to support T1 electric substation. Pending
- Port microgrid and battery project -- PoA microgrid and BESS awarded

VIII. Old Business –

• **PIEP litigation update:** (Mr. Abbott)

Muni filed suit against MARAD to recover damages for failed Port Intermodal Expansion Project (PIEP). Court of Federal Claims awarded Anchorage \$367 million in 2024. Federal government appealed earlier this year, the Federal Circuit Court reversed. The Federal Circuit vacated



damages that the lower court had awarded and remanded the case to the Court of Federal Claims. Oral arguments were made in November 2025. There is no firm date by which the Court is expected to issue a decision but could occur within next 6 months.

- IX. Correspondence Received by Commission:** None received
- X. New Business:** Incoming Port Director Terry Umatum introduced himself to Port Commission. His first day will be Monday, Dec. 15, 2025.
- XI. Public Comments:** None were made
- XII. Port Director's Closing Comments:**
 - Mr. Abbott discussed end of his brief acting port director tenure. His last day will be Friday, Dec. 12, 2025.
- XIII. Commissioners Closing Comments:** Several commissioners thanked Acting Director Abbott for his service and commented about strong port staff support.
- XIV. Next Meeting Date:** Scheduled for Feb 11, 2026, in third-floor conference room.
- XV. Meeting Adjourned at 1:08 PM**