



Anchorage Port Commission Meeting Minutes

Date: June 18, 2025

Scheduled Time: 12pm – 2pm

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

Present	Port Commissioners:	Commissioner Dick Traini (seat 1), Commissioner Simon Lisiecki (seat 2), Commissioner Christopher Manculich (seat 3), Commissioner Mike Robbins (seat 4), Commissioner Peggy Jean Rotan (seat 5), Commissioner Nathaniel Betz (seat 6), Vice-Chair Aves Thompson (vice-chair) (seat 7), Chair Ron Ward (seat 8), Commissioner Stephanie Kesler (seat 9) (virtual)
	Staff:	Director Steve Ribuffo; Deputy Director, Operations and Maintenance Ronnie Poole; PAMP Engineer Manager John Daley; Port Engineer Bill Carlson; Deputy Director, Finance and Administration Cheryl Beckham; Deputy Director, Programs and Security Jim Jager
	Guests:	Brite Niezek (PAMP project controls consultant); Anna Carey and Cynthia Kirkham (ADEC); Brittney Kennington (ALMAR); Billy Godwin (TOTE); Lev Yampolsky (Petro Star); Shaun McFarlan (Moffatt & Nichol); Bert Mattingly (Menzies); KTUU Alaska's News Source.
Absent	Port Commissioners:	None
Absent	Staff:	None

I. Meeting called to order at 12:01 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 – Steve Ribuffo presented about Mt. Spurr volcano awareness and traffic safety

IV. Approval of Agenda – Moved by Commissioner Robbins, seconded by Commissioner Traini, and unanimously approved.

V. Approval of Minutes of the Apr. 9, 2024, meetings – Approval of minutes was moved by Commissioner Manculich, seconded by Commissioner Lisiecki, and unanimously approved without edit.



VI. Port Director's Comments – Mr. Ribuffo addressed the following topics:

- a. Safety director – PoA Safety Coordinator Ruthana Carr resigned last month. Hiring process is moving forward and applicant interviews are underway. Anticipate that position will be filled within next month.
- b. Engineer tech position is still open and position description and classification are being reconsidered
- c. 2026 budget process is underway and PoA is preparing its draft 2026 budgets. PoA expects to increase upcoming budget requests to make up for reductions made in recent years.
- d. Ship Creek small boat launch is open for business. Diamond Parking is collecting boat launch fees for PoA this season. PoA is preparing FY2027 Alaska harbor facility grant application to help fund needed boat launch repairs/reconstruction.
- e. South uplands paving project will pave yard/road between ABI and PCT later this summer.
- f. Responded to Ron Ward PIEP litigation question – MoA legal team is preparing news Court of Federal Claims arguments. Schedule is still pending. PoA will add PIEP litigation update as standing old business item on upcoming Anchorage Port Commission meeting agendas.

VII. Staff Reports –

- Operations and Maintenance (Ronnie Poole) – Mr. Poole briefed the Commission on:
 - Repairs to the T3 stevedore building complete
 - Matson line guard on T2 complete
 - USCG alarm on T2 repaired
 - Seasonal work progressing
 - Deployment in early June included 9 helicopters and 100 pieces of equipment
 - Second of five planned cruise ship port calls next week
 - Arctic Edge in late July/early August
 - Hiring a new maintenance staffer
 - Increase in tug-fueling business this year
 - Lots of port tours this year
- Engineering (Bill Carlson) – Mr. Carlson briefed:
 - PCT stripping pumps status update
 - PCT crane repair status update
 - Sprung building status update
 - POL/T2 fender repairs status update
 - Sprung structure status update
 - Storm drain project
 - PCTgangway status update



- Responded to question about PCT winch, Q/R hook and capson maintenance
- Responded to question about PCT bullrail repair
- Responded to PCT stripping pump clarification
- Group decided to add standing old business item called, “PCT update” until PCT is commissioned.
- PAMP (John Daley) – Mr. Daley addressed:
 - Transit shed demolition project status update
 - NES1 project status update
 - PAMP T1 project status update
 - PoA will set up NES bus tour at 11am before next Port Commission meeting
- Finance (Cheryl Beckham) – Ms. Beckham presented PoA’s current financial performance and fielded Commissioner questions (see attached report):
 - Port revenue is on or slightly ahead of budget and are in good position to make debt service payments
 - Port tonnage is slightly ahead of normal for this time of year
 - Port expenses are as expected/budgeted
- Programs, Policy and Security (Jim Jager)) – Mr. Jager briefed:
 - FY25 2025 Congressionally Designated Spending request to Rep. Begich for \$5M to support PAMP electrical work submitted
 - FY25 PIDP NOFO published and grant application due in August
 - FY25 DCIP NOFO published and due on July 1 – requesting phase 2 battery funds
 - OLDCC request of regional electric planning funds submitted on Friday, 13 June. Expect a decision before 1 July
 - FY25 Port Security Grant Program – NOFO is typically issued about now – Waiting to see what happens
 - FY24 EPA Clean Ports Program (\$1.9M award accepted, but no funds will be expended until we have funding certainty
 - Access control system upgrade: PoA’s ongoing access control and security-related communications systems upgrades are being installed. Grant closeout in July.
 - PoA microgrid and BESS project is more than a year behind schedule but progressing with significant bidder interest
 - PoA power planning services RFP response evaluation starts next week

VIII. Old Business – None

IX. Correspondence Received by Commission: None received

X. New Business: None to conduct

XI. Public Comments: None were made



XII. Port Director's Closing Comments: Mr. Ribuffo said he looks forward to finishing up NES1 project later this season and to fully opening PCT for fuel operations later this year.

XIII. Commissioners Closing Comments: Several commissioners thanked port staff for their briefings and work and congratulated Director Ribuffo for recent media coverage.

XIV. Next Meeting Date: Scheduled for Sept 3, 2025, in third-floor conference room. Meeting will be preceded by an optional NES bus tour for commissioners that will depart PoA administration office at 11am.

XV. Meeting Adjourned at 1:29 PM