



**Anchorage Port Commission Meeting Minutes**

**Date: February 19, 2025**

**Scheduled Time: 12pm – 2pm**

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

<b>Present</b>	<b>Port Commissioners:</b>	Commissioner Dick Traini (seat 1), Commissioner Simon Lisiecki (seat 2), Commissioner Christopher Manculich (seat 3), Commissioner Peggy Jean Rotan (seat 5), Commissioner Nathaniel Betz (seat 6), Vice-Chair Aves Thompson (vice-chair) (seat 7) (virtual), Chair Ron Ward (chair) (seat 8), Commissioner Stephanie Kesler (seat 9) (virtual)
	<b>Staff:</b>	Director Steve Ribuffo (remote); Deputy Director, Operations and Maintenance Ronnie Poole; PAMP Engineer Manager John Daley, Port Engineer Manager Bill Carlson, Deputy Director, Finance and Administration Cheryl Beckham; Deputy Director Programs and Security Jim Jager, Safety Coordinator Ruthanna Carr, Finance and Administration Assistant Kathleen King
	<b>Guests:</b>	Brite Niezek (PAMP project controls consultant), Allen Scott (organization unknown), Dylan Faber (Matson); Jade Gamble, and Anna Carey (ADEC); Luke Hasenbank (ALMAR), Lev Yampolsky and Patrick Duffy (Petro Star), Shaun McFarlan (Moffatt & Nichol), Joey O'Reilly (NorthStar), Karl Hill (Igiugig), William Plummer (U.S. Army, SDDC) Caroline Wilkinson (NOAA), Bert Mattingly (Menzies). Phil Radtke (longshore and spouse - in person)
<b>Absent</b>	<b>Port Commissioners:</b>	Commissioner Mike Robbins (seat 4)
<b>Absent</b>	<b>Staff:</b>	n/a

**I. Meeting called to order at 12:00 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** – Ruthanna Carr discussed cardiovascular disease

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

**V. Approval of Minutes of the Oct. 16, 2024, Meeting** – Moved by Commissioner Traini, seconded by Commissioner Manculich, and unanimously approved. Commissioners briefly discussed December 11, 2024, meeting minutes not being ready for review. Those minutes will be reviewed at next Commission meeting.



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

- Hail and Farewell -- Mr. Ribuffo said Commissioner Scott Selzer's time with the Commission had ended, and PoA has a plaque to send him. He also welcomed new Commissioner Nathaniel (Nate) Betz.
- Mr. Ribuffo informed Commission about the unexpected vacancy in the Port Engineer Technician position created by the resignation of Pat Sinnett. Effort is under way to attempt to re-fill opening.
- Commission got quick update on status of PCT crane, including promise that more detail would follow in Mr. Carlson's update.

**VII. Staff Reports –**

- Operations and Maintenance (Ronnie Poole) – Mr. Poole said prop washes have been continuing as needed, and are working as usual. He said winter has been a milder-than-usual, and maintenance crew has kept PoA roadways safe for dock operations. Ronnie mentioned that fence repairs along Bluff Road are necessary and bids are being collected. Finally, there was brief discussion about PCT docking and messenger lines. Mr. Poole said he would check with Northstar Stevedores to determine if issue was resolved and then report back to Chair Ward.
- Engineering – Mr. Carlson provided updates on PCT line flush and soak activities PCT crane repairs. He said flush and soak process was taking longer than anticipated, but PoA is addressing concerns with process, sampling, and lab analysis. He said PoA is working to certify PCT crane for manbasket use. PoA is also moving forward with major storm drain repair project that is funded with \$12 million DCIP grant. Mr. Carlson discussed Port Maintenance Complex project (formerly the Navigation Center structure purchased by MoA, excessed by the Assembly, and acquired by PoA).
- PAMP (John Daley) – Mr. Daley ran through preparations for what will be start of season #3 to finish NES 1 phase of PAMP. He said mild winter might enable work to start earlier than normal. Mr. Daley also gave a status update on demolition of former port admin office and transit shed. Said demolition is expected to finish by mid-April. Finally, he discussed PAMP T1 electrical substation project, which PoA will manage in house.
- Finance (Cheryl Beckham) – Ms. Beckham presented PoA's current financial report and commissioners discussed. She also briefed commissioners about MARAD grant reimbursements associated with PIDP and BUILD programs. PoA won awards for both PCT and NES1. PoA is also planning meetings with MARAD about \$50 million PIDP grant it won for cargo T1.
- Programs, Policy and Security (Jim Jager) - See attached written notes

**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:**
- XIII. **Commissioners Closing Comments:**
- XIV. **Next Meeting Date:** Scheduled April 7, 2025, in third-floor conference room
- XV. **Meeting Adjourned at 1:20 PM**