



Anchorage Port Commission Meeting Minutes

Date: March 11, 2026

Scheduled Time: 12pm – 2pm

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

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| Present | Port Commissioners: | Commissioner Simon Lisiecki (seat 2), Commissioner Mike Robbins (seat 4), 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: | Safety Coordinator Shane Olo, 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: | Brad Davis (public); Cynthia Kirkham (ADEC); Joey O’Rilley (North Star Terminal, LCDR Caroline Wilkinson (USCG), Cade Ashton (Petro Star); Christopher Manculich (public), Kurt Burrough (Phillips Scales), Adriel Butler (Phillips Scales), Dylan Faber (Matson), |
| Absent | Port Commissioners: | Seats 1 and 3 -- vacant |
| Absent | Staff: | Director Terry Umatum (excused), PAMP Engineer Manager John Daley (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 – New Port Safety Coordinator Shane Olo introduced himself and discussed workplace safety training and PPE use.

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

V. Approval of Minutes of the December 10, 2025, meetings – Approval of minutes was moved by Commissioner Kesler, seconded by Commissioner Lisiecki, and unanimously approved without edit.

VI. Port Director’s Comments – Director was in Juneau meeting Alaska Senate resource committee. Jim Jager read director’s comments:

- Port team is focused on maintaining safe, efficient, and reliable operations across all terminals. Cargo movement, petroleum transfers, and day-to-day port operations are top priorities



- Work continues with planning and coordination activities associated with the Port of Alaska Modernization Program as new terminal 1 construction starts in a few short weeks

VII. Staff Reports

Operations and Maintenance (Ronnie Poole):

- Continued winter operations – Cold temperatures and lots of snow removal and storage
- Working with the contractors and users concerning laydown areas and operations, especially on ship days
- Continued work at PCT and POL2
- Military Missions in January and next move is scheduled in May
- We will be working with Billy and Tote for temporary helicopter ops until new north-end cargo yard and helo pad is built this summer
- Seven cruise schedule this year. Most visits involve overnight stay starting May 8
- We will coordinate with Matson and Tote starting April for spring clean-up
- New hires for the Safety-Coordinator and Ops/Security Support

Engineering (Bill Carlson):

PCT – holding bi-weekly meetings with petroleum users to discuss PCT status. Biggest outstanding concerns related to crane and camera system for crane operators:

- PCT Crane -- Three independent inspectors all agree that crane is unsatisfactory at -14F but works well above 2F. Recommended solution is to increase hydraulic reservoir heater capacity and possibly use an insulation jacket.
- PCT Camera -- Working contract to install. Lead time once the Purchase Order is in hand is 8-10 weeks.

POAVY – Major operational change is happening where Port Operations crews will assume operational control of POAVY. Standardized procedures are established and training is in process.

POL2 Repairs – Supporting efforts to repair Berthing Line 3 following the Christmas accident. Jet fuel delivery rates are reduced by about one-third until repairs are complete, probably in April.

PMC – Aggressive schedule to deliver a 27,000 s.f. shelter to Operations for winter sand operations. August delivery goal at risk and looking at options.

Administrative – Pursuing 5-year term contract models to more efficiently and responsively deliver PMCM, electrical engineering, and corrosion protection services. Solicitations are in process.

PAMP (Jim Jager reported for John Daley):

North Extension Stabilization phase 1

- Base project complete.



- Project close out and last pay reconciliation on-going (survey and dredge quantities reconciliation etc.)
- MARAD has agreed to allow the use of excess funds to build access road and helipad. Design build contract to be let soon. Construction expected in 2026.

Electrical Substation

- EPC / EPS hired as design build contractor
- Working on long lead equipment orders
- Site on north extension has been selected
- On-going work to combine substation with BESS
- On-going ROW work
- Site work including duct bank expected in 2006

Terminal 1

- Piles are approximately 50 percent fabricated in Anacortes Washington. Two barges are loaded out and staged.
- Precast concrete about 20 percent complete in Tacoma Washington.
- MMJV to delineate traffic routes near T1 with jersey barriers this week
- MMJV setting up job trailers now
- MMJV is setting up ring crane and barge berth with fenders on north extension.
- Significant mobilization and field work starting in April.

Finance (Cheryl Beckham)

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

Programs, policy and security (Jim Jager)

- Funding efforts – Terry and MoA are aggressively pursuing State and Federal funding opportunities. Terry is in Juneau for second time today and was in Washington, D.C. last week.
- Grants
 - 1) FY25 PIDP (Port Infrastructure Development Program) -- FY25 application submitted in Sept. to support petroleum terminal planning (to replace POL2). Requested \$4.7M (60 percent-40 percent match). Small but strategic grant application intended to generate early MARAD involvement with projects that should improve permitting and future construction support. – waiting to hear
 - 2) FY24 EPA Clean Ports Program -- \$1.9M award (100 percent grant) – proceeding
 - 3) FY25 Congressionally Delegate Spending (CDS) – Submitted \$5million request to support T1 electric substation. Begich included \$1.75M CDS appropriation for PoA's



electric substation project in the recently passed Consolidated Appropriations Act. Waiting for MARAD notification.

- 4) FY2026 PIDP – Preparing application for \$ \$10M-to-\$15M to support \$17-to-\$25M in planning and engineering costs for PAMP Technical Development Planning -- to integrate, update, and advance infrastructure planning, including preliminary project engineering needed to permit, finance, and schedule critical infrastructure construction projects.
- 5) Waiting for additional NOFO – Port Security Grant Program, DCIP, American Marine Highways, etc.
 - Security and cybersecurity compliance – PoA facility security increased due to Iran situation and DoW-requested security increases. PoA remains Maritime Security (MARSEC) level 1 (normal).
 - Port microgrid and battery project – PoA microgrid and BESS contractor merged with PAMP substation project. Batteries and other long-lead equipment are ordered and anticipate groundbreaking in June.

VIII. Old Business –

- **PIEP litigation update:** (Jim Jager reported)
Muni filed suit against MARAD to recover damages for failed Port Intermodal Expansion Project (PIEP). Federal appeal of \$367 million judgement in 2024 continues to work its way through the Court of Federal Claims. Biggest development is that Municipality has started settlement discussion with MARAD and Department of Justice. Municipality asked for \$400M and discussion is proceeding. Settlement is possible this year.

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 made

XII. Port Director’s Closing Comments: None made

XIII. Commissioners Closing Comments: Several commissioners thanked Jacobs for summer construction presentation.

XIV. Next Meeting Date: Scheduled for May 20, 2026, in third-floor conference room.

XV. Meeting Adjourned at 1:18 PM