



## Anchorage Port Commission Meeting Minutes

**Date: April 9, 2025**

**Scheduled Time: 12pm – 2pm**

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

<b>Present</b>	<b>Port Commissioners:</b>	Commissioner Christopher Manculich (seat 3), 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); Commissioner Mike Robbins (seat 4)
	<b>Staff:</b>	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; Safety Coordinator Ruthanna Carr
	<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 Dick Traini (seat 1), Commissioner Simon Lisiecki (seat 2)
<b>Absent</b>	<b>Staff:</b>	None

**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 presented about Mt. Spurr volcano awareness and preparation

**IV. Approval of Agenda** – Moved by Vice-Chair Thompson, seconded by Commissioner Rotan, and unanimously approved.

**V. Approval of Minutes of the Dec. 11, 2024, and Feb 9, 2025, Meetings** – Approval of the December 11, 2024, minutes were moved by Commissioner Robbins, seconded by Commissioner Betz, and unanimously approved without edit. Approval of the February 9, 2025, minutes were moved by Commissioner Kesler, seconded by Commissioner Betz and approved unanimously without edit.



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

- a. Status of the search for a new Engineering Tech
- b. Recap of his D.C. trip to participate in AAPA's annual Legislative Summit
- c. Notice for the Assembly Special Session scheduled for 4/10 to vote on contract award for the PAMP T1 construction contract and to increase the Port's PAMP borrowing authority if needed

**VII. Staff Reports** –

- Operations and Maintenance (Ronnie Poole) – Mr. Poole briefed the Commission on:
  - Port spring clean-up activities
  - Repairs to the T3 stevedore building
  - Five cruise ship port calls planned
  - Both Manson Construction contractors on site
  - South and North float installations
  - SCSBL dredging
  - First of five cement deliveries coming soon
- Engineering (Bill Carlson) – Mr. Carlson briefed:
  - PCT status update
  - Sprung structure status update
  - Storm drain project
  - CP1 building replacement project
  - BESS acquisition and installation project
- PAMP (John Daley) – Mr. Daley addressed:
  - NES1 project status
  - Transit shed demolition status
  - PAMP T1 designer-of-record contract procurement status
  - PAMP T1 Electrical Substation design contract procurement status
  - Progress determining the way ahead regarding an alternate fuels capability on cargo docks
  - Short description of the recently-completely port-specific tsunami study completed by Moffatt & Nichol
- Finance (Cheryl Beckham) – Ms. Beckham presented the current financial picture of the Port and fielded commissioner questions on it. She also provided an update on her work with MARAD on grant reimbursements associated with the PIDP and BUILD grants the Port's received for both the PCT and NES1; as well as the planning meetings with MARAD associated with the \$50 million PIDP grant received for cargo terminal 1. A copy of the financials is attached.
- Programs, Policy and Security (Jim Jager) – Mr. Jager briefed:
  - FY25 PIDP (Port Infrastructure Development Program) -- FY25 NoFO expected to reopen in April
  - FY24 EPA Clean Ports Program (\$1.9M award accepted, but no funds will be expended until we have funding certainty



- FY25 Port Security Grant Program – NoFO is typically issued about now – waiting to see what happens
- FY25 Defense Community Infrastructure Program – NoFO is typically issued about now – waiting to see what happens
- FY25 Congressionally Delegate Spending (CDS) – Deadline extended until next week. MoA can apply for five projects – waiting direction from administration
- PoA Facility Security Plan is approved
- Access control system upgrade: PoA's ongoing access control and security-related communications systems upgrades are in being installed
- PoA/DUS TWIC services for PoA-related workers are in full operation at PoA security center
- PoA microgrid and BESS contract with CEA is in place and we are waiting for BESS specifications to issue ITB for BESS purchase and installation. This project is more than a year behind schedule
- Preparing RFP for PoA power planning services to provide power planning, power project management, and power-plan-related grant services – RFP on hold while waiting for information regarding EPA Clean Ports grant

**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 had no closing comments.

**XIII. Commissioners Closing Comments:** Vice-Chair Thompson asked how possible it would be to call in for the Assembly Meeting, and Commissioner Robbins asked if commissioners were able to attend. Mr. Ribuffo said that the same access rules applied to special meetings as to regular Assembly meetings, so all should be able to attend/listen using the regular processes. Commissioner Kesler shared that we all should be prepared to hear more large cost numbers as PAMP progresses as prices will continue to increase in the normal course of events. With respect to Mr. Jager's remarks regarding the badge requirements for the port new access control system being stood up, Vice-Chair Thompson suggested that Mr. Ribuffo should take an opportunity while he's presenting at next week's Alaska Trucking Association annual conference to inform the trucking community about it. Mr. Ribuffo took the action to do so.

**XIV. Next Meeting Date:** Scheduled for June 18, 2025, in third-floor conference room

**XV. Meeting Adjourned at 1:07 PM**