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**APPROVED MINUTES
COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING JANUARY 8, 2008**

The Port of Seattle Commission met in a regular meeting at 1:00 p.m., Tuesday, January 8, 2008 in the Commission Chambers at Pier 69, 2711 Alaskan Way, Seattle, WA. Commissioners Bryant, Creighton, Davis, Hara and Tarleton were present.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting was called to order at 1:10 p.m. by John Creighton, Chair and President.

2. EXECUTIVE SESSION pursuant to RCW 42.30.110

None.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

None.

4. SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

a. Administration of Oath to New Commissioners Bill Bryant and Gael Tarleton.

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Prior to the administration of oath, Commissioner Creighton recognized dignitaries present in the audience - former state Governor and Senator Dan Evans and Burien Councilwoman Kathleen Keene.

Governor Evans then administered the Oath of Office to newly elected Commissioners Bryant and Tarleton.

b. Election of Commission Officers for 2008

The following slate of officers was proposed:

- President and Chair – Creighton
- Vice president and Vice-chair – Hara
- Secretary – Bryant
- Assistant Secretary – Tarleton
- Commissioner – Davis

Motion proposed – Tarleton

Motion carried by the following vote:

In Favor: Bryant, Creighton, Davis, Hara, Tarleton (5)

Prior to moving forward with scheduled agenda items, Commissioner Creighton announced the appointment of the 2008 Commission members to the audit committee as Commissioners Hara and Tarleton.

Commissioner Creighton also announced that at today's meeting, a Public Hearing, required under State Initiative 900, would be opened to receive comments on the recent State Auditor's Report, and that comments would be accepted as a part of the record for the next 60 days.

Commissioner Creighton then noted that there would be several motions from the Commission today as part of an accountability action plan in response to the State performance audit.

Note: Items below are also listed within these minutes under New Business

Motions were then proposed as follows:

(00:14:13) Motion to create a Commission [transparency code of conduct](#) – Tarleton

Motion carried by the following vote:

In Favor: Bryant, Creighton, Davis, Hara, Tarleton (5)

(00:17:55) Motion regarding an [action plan](#) in response to the 2007 Performance Audit – Bryant

Motion carried by the following vote:

In Favor: Bryant, Creighton, Davis, Hara, Tarleton (5)

(00:24:57) Motion regarding regular status reports on major Port [capital projects](#) – Creighton

Motion carried by the following vote:

In Favor: Bryant, Creighton, Davis, Hara, Tarleton (5)

(00:32:08) Motion regarding establishment of a Commission subcommittee to review the [Delegation of Authority](#) – Davis

Motion carried by the following vote:

In Favor: Bryant, Creighton, Davis, Hara, Tarleton (5)

(00:38:50) Motion aligning the [Commission clerk](#) function with the Office of the Commission - Hara

Motion carried by the following vote:

In Favor: Bryant, Creighton, Davis, Hara, Tarleton (5)

(00:42:04) Resolution No., 3593, First Reading. Amending the Port of Seattle Bylaws Article IV Regarding New Time and Place for Port Commission Meetings.

Motion for First Reading of Resolution No. 3593 – Hara

Motion carried by the following vote:

In Favor – Bryant, Creighton, Davis, Hara Tarleton (5)

5. UNANIMOUS CONSENT OF CALENDAR

None.

6. POLICY AND STAFF BRIEFING

None.

7. MARINE ITEMS

None.

9. GENERAL BUSINESS

a. (00:48:46) Public Hearing and Testimony Regarding State Auditor Performance Audit of the Port of Seattle's Construction Management.

Commission Creighton opened the meeting as a Public Hearing, as required under State Initiative 900.

Prior to receiving public comment, CEO Yoshitani gave a brief overview of the Port audit conducted by the State Auditor's Office.

Topics reviewed by Mr. Yoshitani:

- Background
- Agreement with Majority of Recommendations
- Recommendations
- Action Plan Underway
- Zero Tolerance for Fraud
- Conclusions

Public Testimony regarding Item 9a, was received as follows:

Chris Gower, citizen.

Chris Cain, The Port Observer. A written copy of testimony submitted by Mr. Cain; is by reference, made a part of these minutes; is marked Exhibit '[A](#)'; and is on file in Port offices.

Bob Williams, Evergreen Freedom Foundation. A written copy of testimony submitted by Mr. Williams; is by reference; made a part of these minutes; is marked Exhibit '[B](#)'; and is on file in Port offices.

Gene Minetti, Citizens Comm. On Govern. Accountability.

Paul Locke, citizen.

Don Welsh, Seattle Convention and Visitors' Bureau. A copy of a slide presentation titled, "2008 Destination Marketing Plan" was submitted by Mr. Welsh; is by reference, made a part of these minutes; is marked Exhibit '[C](#)'; and is on file in Port offices.

Horace Parker, citizen.

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Ralph Ibarra, Bruno Enterprises. A written copy of testimony submitted by Mr. Ibarra; is by reference, made a part of these minutes; is marked Exhibit '[D](#)'; and is on file in Port offices.

Doug Bors, citizen. A written copy of testimony submitted by Mr. Bors; is by reference, made a part of these minutes, is marked Exhibit '[E](#)'; and is on file in Port offices.

Stuart Weiss, citizen.

Claude Strittmatter, SSA Marine. A written copy of testimony submitted by Mr. Strittmatter; is by reference, made a part of these minutes, is marked Exhibit '[F](#)', and is on file in Port offices.

The meeting was recessed for 10 minutes in order to address a problem with the audio recording, and was reconvened for further public comment at 3:28 p.m.

Jim Suehiro, NBBJ. A copy of a letter to the Joint Legislative Audit and Review Committee from Mr. Suehiro, dated January 8, 2008, was submitted; is by reference, made a part of these minutes; is marked Exhibit '[G](#)'; and is on file in Port offices.

Bill Nichols, NBBJ.

Dan Caldwell, citizen. A written copy of testimony submitted by Mr. Caldwell; is by reference, made a part of these minutes; is marked Exhibit '[H](#)'; and is on file in Port offices.

Geof Logan, Seattle Community Council Federation.

Stuart Jenner, citizen.

Howard Hillinger, Parametrix, Inc. Copy of document titled, "Commentary on 'Performance Audit Report, Port of Seattle Construction Management' and copy of article from Daily Journal of Commerce dated June 8, 2007 and titled 'Short on engineers, WSDOT is hiring lots of consultants' were submitted by Mr. Hillinger; are by reference, made a part of these minutes; are collectively marked Exhibit '[I](#)'; and are on file in Port offices.

Stephanie Dotson, citizen.

Chris Eggen, citizen.

Tim Eyman, ReduceCongestion.org

Bob Markholt, Seattle Vocational Institute

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John Littell, Northwest Carpenters. A written copy of testimony submitted by Mr. Little is by reference, made a part of these minutes; is marked Exhibit '[J](#)'; and is on file in Port offices.

Michael D'Antuono, National Construction Alliance. A written copy of testimony submitted by Mr. D'antuono is by reference, made a part of these minutes; is marked Exhibit '[K](#)'; and is on file in Port offices.

David Carson Haines, citizen.

Jim Warjone, Port Blakely Companies. A written copy of testimony submitted by Mr. Warjone is by reference, made a part of these minutes; is marked Exhibit '[L](#)'; and is on file in Port offices.

David Thomsen, citizen.

Dan Gatchet, West Coast Trucking.

Jerry Dinndorf, AGC. A written copy of testimony submitted by Mr. Dinndorf is by reference, made a part of these minutes; is marked Exhibit '[M](#)'; and is on file in Port offices.

Nabil Jamal, URS.

Charles Rolland, Black Builders Association

Jack Gilchrist, AFL-CIO, retired.

Jerry Guite, citizen.

Lee Newgent, Seattle Building Trades

Chris Elwell, Seattle Building Trades. A written copy of testimony submitted by Mr. Elwell is by reference, made a part of these minutes; is marked Exhibit '[N](#)'; and is on file in Port offices.

Lise Kenworthy, citizen.

Will Knedlik, Truth in Taxation.

Doris Cassan, citizen.

Patricia Stambor, civic activist. Written testimony only was submitted by Ms. Stambor; is by reference, made a part of these minutes; is marked Exhibit '[O](#)'; and is on file in Port offices.

Michael Roloff, Seattle Psychoanalytic Institute and Society. A copy of an email from Mr. Roloff dated January 8, 2008, and sent to Port commissioners, is by reference, made a part of these minutes; is marked Exhibit 'P'; and is on file in Port offices.

8. AVIATION ITEMS

None.

10. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Commission Motion Regarding Formation of Subcommittee to Recommend Changes to Resolution No. 3181.**
- b. Commission Motion on Capital Project Quarterly Updates.**
- c. Resolution No. 3593, First Reading. Amending Port of Seattle Bylaws Article IV Regarding New Time and Place for Port Commission Meetings.**
- d. Commission Motion Regarding Establishment of a Transparency Code of Conduct.**
- e. Commission Motion Regarding an Action Plan in Response to the 2007 Performance Audit.**
- f. Commission Motion Aligning the Commission Clerk Function with the Office of the Commission.**

11. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:03 p.m.

(A digital recording of the meeting is available on the Port's website.)

Bill Bryant
Secretary