I. INTRODUCTION

A. The Aviation Committee, herein referred to as “the committee,” is a standing committee created by the Port of Seattle Commission.

B. The committee will provide information, advice, and recommendations about fulfilling the port’s Century Agenda goals to meet the region’s air transportation needs at Seattle-Tacoma International Airport for the next 25 years and encouraging the cost-effective expansion of domestic and international passenger and cargo service. The committee will focus on airport capital infrastructure programs and review of Century Agenda goals as described further below.

C. This charter defines the composition, authority, mission, scope, responsibility, and meeting structure of this committee.

II. COMPOSITION

The committee will consist of two Port of Seattle commissioners appointed by the commission president after consultation with the commission at the beginning of each calendar year in which the committee is active.

III. SCOPE OF WORK

The work of the Aviation Standing Committee shall include the following:

A. Develop and provide recommendations to the Commission on policies, programs, and strategies that advance the Port of Seattle’s Century Agenda Strategy 2: Advance this region as a leading tourism destination and business gateway.

B. Monitor the development of airport infrastructure projects and related planning and design.

C. Review and provide recommendations to the Port of Seattle Commission on the implementation of the Ground Transportation Policy Directive.
D. Review and provide recommendations to the Port of Seattle Commission on airport customer service, sound insulation acceleration, the commercial aviation coordinating commission and airport dining and retail.

E. Review and recommend to the Port of Seattle Commission pilot projects/research opportunities to develop commission policy directives.

F. Review and recommend to the Port of Seattle Commission policies to support the operation of the airport.

IV. AUTHORITY

In pursuit of its mission and scope, the committee is not legally authorized to act on behalf of the Port of Seattle Commission, but is authorized to conduct the following activities:

A. Gather and evaluate information, consider matters within the committee’s scope of work, and provide information, advice, and recommendations to the Port of Seattle Commission.

B. Communicate the priorities of the Port of Seattle Commission.

C. Engage in outreach efforts and activities to gather and evaluate information to provide to the Port of Seattle Commission.

D. If the committee determines that to meet its responsibilities it needs the independent services of an outside advisor or consultant with aviation infrastructure or operations expertise, it may propose the retention of such advisor or consultant to the commission for approval.

V. DURATION

The Aviation Committee is a standing committee with broad purview over matters related to aviation and will continue indefinitely until the commission repeals its charter.

VI. RESPONSIBILITY

A. The role of the committee chair(s) shall be to:

   1. Preside at meetings and serve as committee sponsor(s);

   2. Ensure that the committee addresses the purposes described in this charter; and

   3. Set committee meeting agendas.
B. The Commission Policy Manager is the committee liaison, and commission specialists will support the work of the committee as assigned. The role of the committee liaison shall be to:

1. Regularly update the commission on the work of the committee in memos, individual briefings, and public session;

2. Support the work of the committee;

3. Develop, manage, and distribute meeting materials;

4. Provide logistical support including procuring meeting rooms, scheduling, creating meeting records, and providing technical assistance; and

5. Coordinate with the primary executive staff contact to keep the Executive Director and Airport Director informed about committee progress.

C. The Port of Seattle Director of Aviation Facilities and Capital Programs will support the committee as the primary executive staff contact. The role of the executive staff contact shall be to:

1. Inform the Executive Director and Aviation Director about committee progress;

2. Support the committee with timely and responsive information;

3. Coordinate with other executive staff in support of the committee’s work; and

4. Serve as a resource for committee deliberation.

VII. MEETINGS

A. The committee will meet at least quarterly and will report to the commission in public session to provide transparency as to progress made in executing its charter.

B. Workgroups composed of non-commissioner advisors and subject matter experts may be formed by the committee to provide in-depth analysis of issues for the committee and are expected to meet as frequently as needed. Workgroup meetings are not considered official committee meetings for purposes of establishing a quorum or management of records by the commission clerk.

C. A quorum of the committee is required to conduct official committee business. A quorum is defined as the presence of both commissioners assigned to the committee.

D. Meetings of the Aviation Committee shall be open to the public when required by applicable law or the bylaws of the Port of Seattle Commission.
E. Agendas will be prepared and made available to committee members in advance of meetings.

F. Agendas for updates to the commission to be presented in public session will be published as part of regular or special commission meeting notices.
G. Minutes will be prepared and retained for all meetings of the committee.

H. Records of committee meetings, including any meeting minutes, shall be provided to the commission clerk for appropriate retention in accordance with applicable law and best practices.