

ORDER NO. 2025-06

AN ORDER OF THE PORT OF SEATTLE COMMISSION

... Appointing Members to the Port of Seattle Commission Board of Ethics.

ADOPTED
APRIL 22, 2025

INTRODUCTION

The Port Commission, in May 2022, went through an extensive public recruitment process to interview prospective candidates for the Board of Ethics. At that time, William Barrett and Josh Friedmann were appointed to the Board. Both Members have extensive background and experience in law and ethics and have proven to be invaluable assets to the Board and to the Commission during their first terms. Both Members have expressed their desire to serve an additional term.

TEXT OF THE ORDER

The Port Commission, in accordance with Resolution No. 3833, the Port of Seattle Code of Ethics for Port Commissioners, hereby re-appoints William Barrett and Josh Friedmann to serve three-year terms as members on the Commission Board of Ethics effective May 1, 2025, and ending April 30, 2028.

STATEMENT IN SUPPORT OF THE ORDER

The Port of Seattle has established a strong and comprehensive ethics program for Port Commissioners to foster high ethical standards, strengthen public trust and confidence in the Port of Seattle, and promote good governance. To further these goals, the Port of Seattle Commission adopted Resolution No. 3833, a revised Code of Ethics for Port Commissioners, in January 2025, incorporating provisions to further strengthen ethics requirements for the Commission.

The Code of Ethics for Port Commissioners provides for the appointment of an Ethics Board composed of three members by majority vote of the Commission “to ensure proper and consistent implementation” of the Code. The Board serves as the formal mechanism to consider all complaints against Port Commissioners and acts as an advisory body to provide guidance on ethical matters to the Port Commission or individual Commissioners upon request.

Both Mr. Barrett and Mr. Friedmann possess strong understanding, skills, and experience in the subjects of governance and professional administrative ethics and will serve the Commission well in its adherence to and guidance of the Code of Ethics.