



**Anchorage Port Commission Meeting Minutes**

**Date: April 24, 2024**

**Scheduled Time: 12pm – 2pm**

**Location: Port of Alaska Conference Room/virtual via Microsoft Teams**

<b>Present</b>	<b>Port Commissioners:</b>	Commissioner Dick Traini, Commissioner Simon Lisiecki, Commissioner Christopher Manculich, Commissioner Mike Robbins, Commissioner Peggy Jean Rotan, Vice-Chair Aves Thompson, Chair Ron Ward (virtual), Commissioner Stephanie Kesler
	<b>Staff:</b>	Port Director Steve Ribuffo, Operations and Maintenance Superintendent Ronnie Poole, Port Engineer Mike Rhodes, PAMP Engineer Manager John Daley, Finance and Administration Manager Cheryl Beckham, Deputy Director Programs and Security Jim Jager, Paul Rotkis, Ruthanna Carr, Kathleen King, Diane Bickford, PAMP project controls consultant Brite Niezek
	<b>Guests:</b>	Johnny Arellano (Moffatt & Nichol); Dan Solomon (Moffatt & Nichol); Vic Angoco, Dylan Faber and Jennifer Tungul (Matson); Art Dahlin, Lisa Simmons and Billy Godwin (TOTE); Cynthia Kirkham (ADEC); Lev Yampolsky (Petro Star); Dale Ballard (Cheetah Chassis); Justin Patterson, William Plummer and April Letournau (SDDC); Tom Rueter (ALMAR)
<b>Absent</b>	<b>Port Commissioners:</b>	Commissioner Scott Selzer

**I. Meeting called to order at 12:01 PM** – Vice-Chair Aves Thompson chaired meeting because Chair Ron Ward was participating virtually. Commissioners, staff and guest attendance shown above. There was a quorum.

**II. Pledge of Allegiance** – Led by Commission Vice-Chair Thompson.

**III. Safety Minute** – Mr. Rotkis discussed “National Distracted Driving Awareness Month.”

**IV. Approval of Agenda** – Moved by Commissioner Kesler and seconded by Commissioner Robins. Passed unanimously.

**V. Approval of Minutes of the January 24, 2024, Meeting** – Moved for approval by Commissioner Robbins, seconded by Commissioner Kesler, and unanimously approved with no edits.

**VI. Port Director’s Comments** – Mr. Ribuffo addressed 5 topics:

- Port staff hails and farewells – This was the last Port Commission meeting for Paul Rotkis and Mike Rhodes. Paul is retiring after 16 years as Port Safety Coordinator. Mike Rhodes



accepted a position with U.S. Forest Service and is departing at end of April. Both will be missed. We also welcomed Ruthanna Carr, who has started as our new Port Safety Coordinator. Welcome to Ruthanna.

- On Tuesday 4/23, Anchorage Assembly approved two critical sole source contracts that we need to finalize the line soaking exercise for the new PCT fuel lines. We can now put the final pieces in place to complete that effort and open the PCT up to tankers and barges.
- Three representatives from the Maritime Administration (MARAD) will visit Port on 4/29 to see NES1 construction site to better understand the project and discuss issues that are holding up MARAD NEPA review and consequently delaying start of '24 construction. We'll report on outcome of the meetings at the next Commission meeting.
- Governor Dunleavy proclaimed Sunday, June 9 to be *Don Young Day*. Mayor Bronson selected that day to hold Don Young Port of Alaska's renaming ceremony. Because of the size of the invite list, and because Sunday is a ship day and there are associated safety concerns, the celebration will be held at the Dena'ina Center with a recorded or live feed unveiling ceremony for the new port logo.
- This will be the last Port Commission Meeting in this location (2000 Anchorage Port Road office). We hope to be fully moved into the new admin building (1871 Anchorage Port Road) before next meeting.

**VII. Staff Reports** – In an effort to allow as much time as possible for the planned new business presentation, staff reports were submitted in writing in advance of the meeting to all commissioners. Vice-Chair Thompson thanked the staff for the thoroughness of the reports. There were no follow-up questions from any of the commissioners. The reports will be published on the website as a part of the notes for this commission meeting.

**VIII. Old Business** – None

**IX. Correspondence Received by Commission**

- Mr. Ribuffo reminded the commissioners about the 4/18 letter he forwarded to them from the Mayor regarding a recent decision made by the Assembly to postpone all decisions— with limited exception—regarding board and commission appointments until after mayoral runoff election. Mr. Ribuffo also said there were no current or pending Port Commission vacancies that would be affected by this.

**X. New Business** – Economic Assessment for Don Young Port of Alaska Terminals prepared by Moffatt & Nichol

- The presentation slides and associated discussion was recorded and is available for review on the Port's web site for anyone interested in reviewing the proceedings.

**XI. Public Comments** – There were no public comments provided.

**XII. Port Director's Closing Comments** – There were no closing comments from Mr. Ribuffo



**XIII. Commissioners Closing Comments:**

- Commissioner Rotan requested a copy of Moffatt & Nichols' slides.
- Commissioner Lisiecki thanked M&N for the presentation, calling it an “essential dress rehearsal” for the 5/17 Assembly Special Session.

**XIV. Next Meeting Date:** June 26, 2024 – physical meeting will be in new administrative office building.

**XV. Meeting Adjourned at 1:24 PM**