

PORT OF BREMERTON
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING

M I N U T E S

August 26, 2025
10:00 AM

Bill Mahan Conference Room
Port Administration Offices
Bremerton Nat'l Airport Terminal Bldg
8850 SW State Hwy 3, Bremerton
Remote Option via Zoom

Commissioners and Staff Present

Commissioners

Gary Anderson
Cary Bozeman
Axel Strakeljahn

Staff Members

Jim Rothlin	Cole Barnes
Arne Bakker	Ginger Waye
Aaron Schielke	Stephanie Frame
James Goodman	Anne Montgomery, Atty
Kathy Garcia	

Call to Order

President Anderson called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Agenda

It was moved by STRAKELJAHN, seconded by BOZEMAN to:

Approve the Agenda as presented.

MOTION CARRIES, 3-0

Consent Items

- A. Minutes of the regular business meeting and executive session of August 12, 2025.
- B. Payment of checks #902943 through #902944 and #902945 through #902948 and #902949 through #902950 and #902951 and #87028 through #87034 and #Eo2815 through #Eo2822 and #902952 through #902955 and #902956 through #902969 and #Eo2823 and #87035 through #87048 and #Eo2824 through #Eo2834 from the General Fund for \$275,674.22.

It was moved by BOZEMAN, seconded by STRAKELJAHN to:

Approve the Consent Items as presented.

MOTION CARRIES, 3-0

Information Items

1. Leadership Kitsap Report – Carli Meurs, Executive Director

Commissioner Bozeman opened with a statement of support for Leadership Kitsap (LK) emphasizing the importance of leadership in our community.

Ms. Meurs explained that LK exists to create an ongoing pipeline of leadership potential. She thanked the Port for their ongoing investment which goes toward their signature program of a 10-month curriculum centered on providing a deep dive in building leadership capacity. She provided full detail on that program which most recently saw an upgrade in mobile technology thanks, in part, to the Port's contribution.

She also provided detail on LK's other endeavors: hosting Kitsap's 20 under 40 awards; partnering with Greater Kitsap Chamber for the Kitsap Women's Summit; and LK's Premier Institute which is an extension of their signature program but provides ala carte experiences. She again thanked the Port for partnering with Leadership Kitsap.

Ms. Meurs responded to questions and comments from the Board and CEO throughout the presentation.

2. Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) Aviation Division Report – Ann Richart, Aviation Director

Ms. Richart introduced herself and provided detail on her background and an overview of what WSDOT Aviation does for airports. She highlighted they are different from other WSDOT divisions in that they do not operate infrastructure other than for 15 very small airports, but they provide services to all the 134 public use airports. She also discussed WSDOT Aviation's role in federal and state funding; grant programs; loan program; planning work; commenting on land use development around airports; and independent research which is currently focused on advanced air mobility.

Ms. Richart discussed in detail the sustainable aviation grant program which was not funded during the last legislative cycle. WSDOT's ask would be that if the Port feels it important for the aviation system to have this program, please make it known to the legislature.

Ms. Richart responded to questions and comments from the Board and CEO throughout the presentation.

Citizen Comments - None

Action Items - None

Staff Reports

Jim Rothlin, Chief Executive Officer, reported on the following:

- Upcoming marina events: Mosquito Fleet Port-to-Port sailings during Blackberry Festival; Virginia V visit/tours at Port Orchard Marina; Blackberry Festival at Bremerton Marina
- Hosting of Northwest Maritime Center with their focus on the Blue School's Initiative.
- Progress on the Airport Feasibility Study Phase 2 and the Economic Impact Study.
- Letter received from Saints Car Club thanking the Port for their support of the CRUZ Car Show.

Commission Reports / New Business

Commissioner Bozeman

- Attended Kitsap Economic Development Association's (KEDA) Kitsap Industrial Readiness Summit. Did not get clarity on what the impacts of SIOP will be and how long they will be here.
- Provided a leadership talk to a boy scout troop at the Olalla Grange. They had a lot of good questions, and he really enjoyed his time with them.

Commissioner Strakeljahn

- Related to SIOP, during a recent visit of the shipyard, he asked if they had a time and action (T&A) plan which they do not have yet.
- It is also still unclear what KEDA plans to do with the information gained in their recent Industrial Lands Analysis.

Executive Session - None

Adjournment

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 11:05 a.m.

Submitted,



Jim Rothlin
Chief Executive Officer
September 4, 2025

Approved,



Cary Bozeman
Commission Vice-President
September 9, 2025

**Port of Bremerton, Commission Meeting
Public Sign-In Sheet
Date: August 26, 2025**

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