

PORT OF BREMERTON
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING

MINUTES

September 23, 2025
10:00AM

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

Cary Bozeman
Axel Strakeljahn

Staff Members

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

Call to Order

Vice-President Bozeman 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, 2-0

Consent Items

- A. Minutes of the regular business meeting of September 9, 2025.
- B. Payment of checks #902986 through #902987 and #902995 and #902996 and #902988 and #902989 and #87070 through #87093 and #E02855 through #E02869 and #902997 through #903000 and #903001 through #903004 and #903005 through #903011 and #87094 through #87117 and #E02870 through #E02891 and #E02892 and #E02893 and #903012 through #903013 from the General Fund for \$729,014.19. VOID Checks 85081, 85261, 85263, 85800, 85890, 86890.
- C. Excuse Commissioner Anderson's absence due to personal travel.

It was moved by STRAKELJAHN, seconded by BOZEMAN to:

Approve the Consent Items as presented.

MOTION CARRIES, 2-0

Information Items

1. Port Orchard Waterfront Alliance (POWA) Update – Sarah Butler and Shelby Nelson, Board Members

Ms. Butler provided background on POWA, previously known as Port Orchard Bay Street Association (POBSA), and detailed current POWA and community events they are working on in support of local businesses. She also described their membership, outlining their activities and emphasizing that the group is composed entirely of volunteers. Ms. Nelson provided more details on who makes up the organization. It was noted that the Port's Marketing & Communications Manager, Erica Filler, is a POWA board member. There was discussion regarding the transition from POBSA to POWA.

After additional questions and comments were addressed, Commissioner Bozeman suggested the implementation of a hanging basket program similar to the one in Bremerton. Ms. Butler expressed strong support for the idea but noted that she has encountered challenges in establishing a similar program in Port Orchard. Commissioner Bozeman agreed to meet with Ms. Butler to develop a strategic approach.

Citizen Comments - None

Action Items - None

Staff Reports

Jim Rothlin, Chief Executive Officer, reported on:

- Cole Barnes, Airport Manager, being honored with a Certificate of Appreciation from the Western Washington Incident Management Team for his support in accommodating the team's helibase needs during the Bear Gulch firefighting efforts.
- Bremerton Night Market's final Friday of the season on October 3.
- Summer Port Report published last Friday with a forward from Commissioner Strakeljahn.
- His visit to Port of South Whidbey as a member of the Washington Public Ports Association (WPPA) Executive Committee.

Commission Reports / New Business

Commissioner Strakeljahn will be attending:

- Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC) Executive Board meeting.
- SeaTac airport multi-stakeholder airfield tour.

Commissioner Bozeman reported on:

- Recent Olympic College Healthcare Expansion Steering Committee meeting.

- Meeting with Wes Larson and others on the prospective project for a new community campus on the preferred site of the old East High School.

Executive Session - None

Adjournment

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 10:32 a.m.

Submitted,



Jim Rothlin
Chief Executive Officer
October 9, 2025

Approved,



Axel Strakeljahn
Commission Secretary
October 14, 2025