



STOCKTON PORT DISTRICT

Board of Port Commissioners

October 21, 2019

Pursuant to notice duly given, the regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Stockton Port District was held on October 21, 2019, in Room 18 of the Port of Stockton Administration Building located at 2201 West Washington Street in Stockton, California.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: R. Jay Allen
Anthony M. Barkett
Elizabeth (Liz) Blanchard
Gary Christopherson
Michael Patrick Duffy, Vice Chairman
Stephen Griffen, Chairman
Victor Mow

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: None

COMMISSIONERS EXCUSED: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Richard Aschieris, Port Director
Karna Harrigfeld, Port Counsel
Melanie Rodriguez, Secretary to the Board

A quorum being present, the meeting was called to order by Chairman Stephen Griffen at 3:29 p.m. Chairman Stephen Griffen presided and Melanie Rodriguez, Secretary to the Board, acted as Secretary for the meeting.

CONSENT CALENDAR

In compliance with Port Policy Statement #003, the Consent Calendar items of business, having been provided to each member of the Board prior to this meeting, the Commissioners present acted upon all Consent Calendar items of business under one vote.

Commissioner Allen moved to adopt the following resolution:

MINUTES OF OCTOBER 7, 2019 MEETING

Resolution #8145: RESOLVED, that the minutes of the regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Stockton Port District held on the 7th day of October 2019, as the same are endorsed on Page No. 087 to Page No. 090, inclusive, of Minutes Book No. 61, be and they are hereby approved.

Resolution #8145 was passed by the following vote:

COMMISSIONERS IN FAVOR:	Allen, Barkett, Blanchard, Christopherson, Duffy, Griffen, Mow
COMMISSIONERS AGAINST:	None
COMMISSIONERS ABSTAINING:	None
COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:	None
COMMISSIONERS EXCUSED:	None

CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT CALENDAR

Chairman Griffen acknowledged there were no items removed from the Consent Calendar.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

American Association of Port Authorities (AAPA)

Commissioner Blanchard attended the American Association of Port Authorities (AAPA) Annual Conference in Norfolk, Virginia. During the worthwhile AAPA Conference, port related cyber security issues were presented. Commissioner Blanchard thanked staff for their great work representing the Port at the conference. She also thanked Jeff Wingfield, Director of Environmental and Public Affairs, for the Owl Project slide show that he prepared for her presentation at the conference.

PORT DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS

Port Director Aschieris provided an executive summary of recent Port activities.

- Current calendar year-to-date shipping reflects 198 ships. Shipping activity for the same period in 2018 reported 211 ships. Since the last Commission meeting, 10 ships have called at the Port.

- Current calendar year-to-date tonnage totaled 3,789,641 metric tons. Tonnage for the same period in 2018 totaled 3,865,729 metric tons. Since the last Commission meeting, 223,000 metric tons of cement/slag from Japan and Vietnam, fertilizer from Estonia, Germany and Norway, anhydrous ammonia from Trinidad and dry bulk to Japan have been handled.

COMMISSION COMMENTS

Commissioner Barkett shared that he had recently met the Nautilus Data Technologies team. He was invited to tour Nautilus data center barge that is located at Mare Island in Vallejo, California. He extended the invitation to the Commission. He also shared that personnel from the State Department, the Port and Nautilus had recently toured the Nautilus site at the Port.

Commissioner Allen congratulated City of Stockton Mayor Michael Tubbs and his wife on the birth of their first child, a son.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Chairman Griffen acknowledged Mr. Marc Cuevas from the International Longshore and Warehouse Union (ILWU) Local 34. Mr. Cuevas shared his thoughts about the Sulphuric Acid Trading Company (SATCO) facility at the Port and work opportunities for the Longshoreman working at the Port. He wished all a good holiday season.

Chairman Griffen acknowledged Mr. Kevin McDonnell from the International Longshore and Warehouse Union (ILWU) Local 34 Ship Clerks Association. Mr. McDonnell shared his thoughts about container ports, the cement being imported from Vietnam and the MV Golden Arrow. He also shared that Penny Newman Grain was upgrading their dock and that the Port of Sacramento had started receiving bagged rice for export.

CLOSED SESSION: PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE §54957.6 DISCUSSION OF PERSONNEL MATTER: ANNUAL PERFORMANCE REVIEW OF THE PORT DIRECTOR

At 3:58 p.m. Chairman Griffen announced that, in accordance with the Ralph M. Brown Act, an executive session would be conducted by the Board of Commissioners pursuant to Government Code §54957.6. The general public and other Port staff was excused from the meeting, and the closed session commenced at 4:00 p.m. Port Director Aschieris remained for a portion of the executive session.

At 5:18 p.m., Chairman Griffen re-opened the meeting in public session. He reported that the Port Commission took no formal, reportable actions during the closed session.

ADJOURNMENT

On behalf of the Stockton Port District Board of Commissioners, it was announced by Chairman Griffen that today's Commission meeting would be adjourned in memory of Retired Port Police Sergeant James (Jim) Edward Mitchell.

Retired Port Police Sergeant James Edward Mitchell was born in Akron, Ohio on May 14, 1954. He passed away unexpectedly on October 9, 2019 at the age of 65. He moved to Stockton in 1962. Jim began his career with the Port as a Police Officer on August 27, 1990. From November 1, 1997 until August 13, 2005 he was a K-9 Handler. While Jim was a K-9 Handler he had two different dogs. He was promoted to Sergeant on April 5, 2004. Jim retired from the Port Police Department on January 5, 2018 after 27 years of service. After his retirement he worked as the Port's K-9 Training Coordinator from January 2018 until July 2019. Prior to coming to the Port, Jim was a Taco Bell restaurant manager as well as the owner of a Taco Time franchise on March Lane. He earned his Associate of Arts degree in Administration of Justice and graduated from the Peace Officer Academy at San Joaquin Delta College. Jim loved spending time with his family and he enjoyed traveling with them and friends. He also liked to play poker and was a big fan of the Oakland A's baseball team. Jim was, of course a dog lover. Jim is survived by his loving wife, Susan, daughters, Melissa and Katherine and 4 grandsons.

On behalf of the Commissioners, Port Director and staff, sincere sympathy and condolences were extended to the family of James Edward Mitchell.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 5:20 p.m. by Chairman Griffen.

Melanie Rodriguez
Secretary to the Board

Chairman Stephen Griffen