



## **STOCKTON PORT DISTRICT**

Board of Port Commissioners

February 18, 2020

Pursuant to notice duly given, the regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Stockton Port District was held on February 18, 2020, in Room 18 of the Port of Stockton Administration Building located at 2201 West Washington Street in Stockton, California.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: R. Jay Allen  
Elizabeth (Liz) Blanchard  
Michael Patrick Duffy, Vice Chairman  
Stephen Griffen, Chairman

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: None

COMMISSIONERS EXCUSED: Anthony Barkett  
Gary Christopherson

OTHERS PRESENT: Richard Aschieris, Port Director  
Steve Escobar, Senior Deputy Port Director  
Michelle Bowling, Director of Finance  
Jason Katindoy, Director of Maritime Operations  
Katie Miller, Director of Human Resources and  
Administrative Services  
Sylvester Aguilar, Port Real Estate and Properties  
Development Manager  
Pete Grossgart, Marketing Manager  
Steven A. Herum, Port Counsel  
Melanie Rodriguez, Secretary to the Board

A quorum being present, the meeting was called to order by Chairman Stephen Griffen at 3:31 p.m. Chairman Griffen presided and Melanie Rodriguez, Secretary to the Board, acted as Secretary for the meeting.

## PRESENTATION OF PORT EMPLOYEE SERVICE AWARDS

The Port's Service Recognition Program honors Port employees for their commitment and dedicated service to the Port of Stockton. The Commissioners were pleased to recognize the following Port employees who recently observed milestone service anniversaries:

Raul Montanez, Bagging Machine Operator	20 Years
Ricardo Navarro, Facilities, Maintenance & Construction Superintendent	15 Years

## PRESENTATION OF THE 2019 EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR AWARD

Instituted in 2000, the Employee of the Year program recognizes outstanding contributions of Port employees toward achieving Port goals and objectives. Once a year, Port department managers nominate employees who, in their judgment, demonstrate outstanding job performance, loyalty, initiative and commitment to the Port of Stockton. Previous recipients of the Employee of the Year award:

Nick Jones	Port Warehouse Foreman	1999
Fred Klumpp	Port Maintenance Coordinator	2000
Nan Chavez	Human Resources Analyst	2001
Steve Cookerly	Carpenter Foreman	2002
Barbara Snyder	Senior Secretary	2003
Yvonne Ishimoto	Assistant to the Director & Commission Secretary	2004
Rita Hernandez	Senior Accounting Technician	2005
Allen Standley	Port Police Officer	2006
Jan Perryman	Senior Accounting Technician	2007
Larry Lockmiller	Account Supervisor, Operations	2008
Jason Cashman	Environmental Specialist III	2009
Esmeralda Correa	Accounting Technician	2010
Melanie Rodriguez	Human Resources Technician	2011
Ricardo Navarro	Electrician	2012
Jeannine Anchartechar	Accounting Technician III	2013
Wally Wallick	Police Support Technician II	2014
Kristy Emerson	Accounting Technician III	2015
Alejandro (Alex) Perez	Mechanic	2016
Lacy Edwards	Senior Operations Clerk III	2017
Elise Hermesky	Administrative Assistant II	2018

### *Acknowledgment of Elise Hermesky, 2018 Employee of the Year*

In recognition of her designation as the 2018 Employee of the Year, Port Director Aschieris acknowledged Ms. Hermesky, who was unable to attend the meeting.

Presentation to Daniel Bautista, 2019 Employee of the Year

On behalf of the Port Commission, Chairman Griffen honored Daniel Bautista as the recipient of the Port's Employee of the Year award for 2019. Chairman Griffen presented Mr. Bautista with a certificate and a gift card.

Mr. Bautista joined the Port almost 18 years ago. He was hired in the Port's Warehouse Operations Department in May 2002 as a Lift Driver. He was promoted to his current position of Shipping and Receiving Clerk in 2017. Daniel is being honored for his dedication to the Port. He has demonstrated outstanding job performance, going above and beyond expectation, for having great initiative with a "can-do" and positive attitude. Daniel greets every truck driver with true professionalism when they arrive to pick up steel products. He provides excellent customer service and represents the Port well! His efforts are greatly appreciated.

Mr. Bautista's name will be engraved on a perpetual plaque and his professional portrait will be displayed in the lobby of the Port Administrative Building throughout 2020. Additionally, Daniel will receive special recognition in the Port's 2019 Annual Report.

In addition to Daniel Bautista, the following Port employees were nominated for the 2019 Employee of the Year award: Planning and Development Coordinator Janice Dias, Senior Accountant Lesli Diehl, Administrative Assistant II Tracy Fanucchi, Port Electrician Dale Matson, Police Officer Curtiss McConnell, Police Officer Tyler Moua and Accounting Technician III Rick Toledo.

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 JANUARY 21, 2020 MEETING

Resolution #8161: RESOLVED, that the minutes of the REGULAR meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Stockton Port District held on the 21st day of January 2020, as the same are endorsed on Page No. 001 to Page No. 007, inclusive, of Minutes Book No. 62, be and they are hereby approved.

Resolution #8161 was passed by the following vote:

COMMISSIONERS IN FAVOR:	Allen, Blanchard, Duffy, Griffen
COMMISSIONERS AGAINST:	None

COMMISSIONERS ABSTAINING:	None
COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:	None
COMMISSIONERS EXCUSED:	Barkett, Christopherson

### CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT CALENDAR

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

### INFORMATIONAL PRESENTATION OF SECOND QUARTER 2019/2020 FISCAL YEAR FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Director of Finance Bowling provided an overview of the financial reports for the three-month period of October 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019. Copies of the financial information were provided to the Commission prior to today's meeting. Information presented included financial highlights, operating revenues, expenses, and capital projects.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

#### Ad Hoc Committee Meeting for the Total Compensation Study

On February 14, 2020, an Ad Hoc Committee Meeting for the Total Compensation Study comprised of Commissioner Allen, Port Director Aschieris and Director of Human Resources and Administrative Services Miller interviewed and selected the company to complete the total compensation study for the Port Director and upper management staff.

#### City/County/Port/Union Liaison Committee Meeting (Liaison Committee)

The quarterly meeting of the Liaison Committee chaired by Chairman Griffen was held on Monday, January 27, 2020, at the Port of Stockton Administration Building. The meeting was well attended and received by all present.

### PORT DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS

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

- Current calendar year-to-date shipping reflects 28 ships. Shipping activity for the same period in 2019 reported 36 ships. Since the last Commission meeting, 14 ships have called at the Port.
- Current calendar year-to-date tonnage totaled 522,071 metric tons. Tonnage for the same period in 2019 totaled 621,047 metric tons. Since the last Commission meeting, 264,872 metric tons of fertilizer from Belgium, Norway, Estonia and Germany, sulfuric acid from Japan, steel

from Korea and Japan, cement/slag from Vietnam, sulfur to Mexico, molasses from Guatemala and El Salvador and dry bulk to Japan have been handled.

- The Port is planning on executing a 5-year contract to purchase electricity for the West Complex by the end of March.
- Port Director Aschieris shared information about how the coronavirus is impacting the maritime industry. He also shared the U.S. Coast Guard procedures that crews of vessels must take if a crew member is ill. Port staff have also been given information about the coronavirus and have access to appropriate protective equipment.

### COMMISSION COMMENTS

Chairman Griffen wished Commissioner Blanchard good luck on her upcoming re-appointment with the San Joaquin County Board of Supervisors and praised her for the great job she has done for the Port of Stockton.

### PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Chairman Griffen acknowledged Mr. Kevin McDonnell from the International Longshore and Warehouse Union (ILWU) Local 34 Ship Clerks Association. Mr. McDonnell shared his concerns about the lack of training provided to the longshoremen for the new electric cargo handling equipment.

Chairman Griffen acknowledged Ms. Mary Elizabeth from the Sierra Club. Ms. Elizabeth distributed a print out of the Port of Stockton's California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Documents web page. At the December 16, 2019 the Targa Lease update was discussed and a mitigated negative declaration was referenced. Written comments were submitted by a Sacramento legal firm claiming that CEQA was violated. Staff should have disclosed whether or not the mitigations that were approved in the determination were met. All referenced documents should be posted on the Port's CEQA web page.

### CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE §54956.8 REAL PROPERTY TRANSACTION: RECEIVE REPORTS FROM, GIVE INSTRUCTIONS TO & CONFER WITH PORT NEGOTIATOR RICHARD ASCHIERIS REGARDING POTENTIAL REAL PROPERTY TRANSACTION RELATIVE TO 320 MCCLOY AVENUE, STOCKTON, CA

At 4:05 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 §54956.8. The general public and other Port staff were excused from the meeting, and the closed session commenced at 4:06 p.m. Port Director Aschieris, Senior Deputy Port Director Escobar, Director of Finance Bowling, Director of Maritime Operations Katindoy, Director of Human Resources and Administrative Services Miller, Port Real Estate and Properties

Development Manager Aguilar, Marketing Manager Grossgart and Attorney Herum remained for the executive session.

At 4:21 p.m., Chairman Griffen re-opened the meeting in public session. He reported that the Port Commission conferred with legal counsel and took no formal, reportable actions during the closed session.

### ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 4:22 p.m. by Chairman Griffen.

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Melanie Rodriguez  
Secretary to the Board

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Chairman Stephen Griffen