



## **STOCKTON PORT DISTRICT**

Board of Port Commissioners

July 20, 2020

Pursuant to notice duly given, the regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Stockton Port District was held on July 20, 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, Vice Chairman  
Anthony Barkett  
\* Elizabeth (Liz) Blanchard  
Gary Christopherson, Chairman  
Michael Patrick Duffy  
Stephen Griffen  
William R. Trezza

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: None

COMMISSIONERS EXCUSED: None

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  
Juan Villanueva, Director of Development and  
Planning  
Jeff Wingfield, Director of Environmental and  
Public Affairs  
Sylvester Aguilar, Port Real Estate & Properties  
Development Manager  
Steven A. Herum, Port Counsel  
Melanie Rodriguez, Secretary to the Board

A quorum being present, the meeting was called to order by Chairman Gary Christopherson at 3:30 p.m. Chairman Christopherson presided and Melanie Rodriguez, Secretary to the Board, acted as Secretary for the meeting.

\*Commissioner Blanchard joined the meeting by teleconference at 3:35 p.m. during the Port Director's Comments agenda item.

### 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 Duffy moved, to adopt the following resolution:

### MINUTES OF JUNE 15, 2020 MEETING

Resolution #8180: RESOLVED, that the minutes of the REGULAR meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Stockton Port District held on the 15th day of June 2020, as the same are endorsed on Page No. 048 to Page No. 055, inclusive, of Minutes Book No. 62, be and they are hereby approved, as corrected.

Resolution #8180 was passed by the following vote:

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

### CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT CALENDAR

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

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

#### Ad Hoc Committees

- On July 20, 2020, an Ad Hoc Committee comprised of Chairman Christopherson, Commissioners Duffy and Griffen met with Port Director Aschieris, Port staff and

representatives from Eide Bailly the Port's independent auditing firm to discuss the 2019/2020 fiscal year audit process.

- The Director's Annual Performance Evaluation and Total Compensation Ad Hoc Committee is comprised of Vice Chairman Allen and Commissioners Duffy and Trezza.
- The Port's Strategic Plan Ad Hoc Committee is comprised of Vice Chairman Allen and Commissioners Duffy and Trezza and is scheduled to meet in-lieu of the August 3, 2020 Commission Meeting.

### PORT DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS

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

- Current calendar year-to-date shipping reflects 127 ships. Shipping activity for the same period in 2019 reported 141 ships. Since the last Commission meeting, 18 ships have called at the Port.
- Current calendar year-to-date tonnage totaled 2,111,328 metric tons. Tonnage for the same period in 2019 totaled 2,688,380 metric tons. Since the last Commission meeting, 225,118 metric tons of cement/slag from Vietnam and Mexico, food grade oils from Indonesia, sulfuric acid from Japan, fertilizer from Chile, Norway, Trinidad and Estonia, molasses and project cargo from Malaysia, steel from Thailand and Korea, anhydrous ammonia from Trinidad, project cargo from Brazil, bagged rice and bulk beet pellets to Japan have been handled.
- The Port Director provided an update on how the Port is responding to the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) situation.
- The Port Director shared that the Navy Drive Bridge Replacement Project has been selected as the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) 2019 ASCE Sacramento Section Airports and Ports Project of the Year.

### COMMISSION COMMENTS

Chairman Christopherson distributed two articles that he thought the Commissioners might find of interest.

### PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

The following emailed comment was provided to the Commissioners for consideration related to this item:

Emailed Comment as received from Mary Elizabeth with the Delta-Sierra Group:

“Public comments become public when they are read or otherwise become part of the Port Commission’s administrative record. There were electronic comments between Port staff and the public regarding the ability of the members of public to hear the audio feed during the May 6, 2020 Commission meeting. These records are not summarized or provided in total in the minutes of the May 4, 2020 meeting which were recently distributed.

Members of the public shall be allowed to address the legislative body publicly, according to Governor Newsom’s Executive Order N-29-20. The Port of Stockton has determined that verbal public comments are not to be allowed and that the Port of Stockton will only accept written comments limited to 250 words which are read when the Port Commission decides there is enough time. This has changed and become even more restrictive since the March 16, 2020 meeting when Zoom meetings first began and public verbal comments accepted.

The Port of Stockton Policy states: The Board shall make every reasonable effort to keep the public thoroughly informed of Port District operations and will engage, educate, and collaborate with the local community. Listening to the concerns of the public is collaborative and provides an avenue by which the public can engage with the Commission, the legislative body responsible for protecting the community from harmful environmental impacts of District operation. The Port of Stockton must follow it’s own policies regarding community outreach and make improvements to engage the public using the Zoom platform.”

**CLOSED SESSIONS:**

- A. 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 3028 NAVY DRIVE, STOCKTON, CA
- B. 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 302 MCCLOY AVENUE, STOCKTON, CA
- C. 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 906 CROMWELL, STOCKTON, CA

At 3:43 p.m. Chairman Christopherson 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 was excused from the meeting, and the closed sessions commenced at 3:44 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, Director of Development and Planning Villanueva, Director of Environmental and Public Affairs Wingfield, Port Real Estate & Properties Development Manager Aguilar and Attorney Herum remained for the executive session.

At 5:30 p.m., Chairman Christopherson re-opened the meeting in public session. He reported that the Port Commission conferred with legal counsel and took no formal, reportable action during the closed sessions.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 5:32 p.m. by Chairman Christopherson.

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Melanie Rodriguez  
Secretary to the Board

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Chairman Gary Christopherson