



## **STOCKTON PORT DISTRICT**

Board of Port Commissioners

March 16, 2020

Pursuant to notice duly given, the annual re-organizational meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Stockton Port District was held on March 16, 2020, in Room 18 of the Port of Stockton Administration Building located at 2201 West Washington Street with a remote viewing location in the Portside Room located at 2303 Port Road F in Stockton, California.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: R. Jay Allen, 2020 Vice Chairman  
Anthony Barkett  
\*Elizabeth (Liz) Blanchard  
Gary Christopherson, 2020 Chairman  
Stephen Griffen, 2019 Chairman  
William R. Trezza

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: None

COMMISSIONERS EXCUSED: Michael Patrick Duffy, 2019 Vice Chairman

OTHERS PRESENT: Richard Aschieris, Port Director  
Steve Escobar, Senior Deputy Port Director  
Michelle Bowling, Director of Finance  
Katie Miller, Director of Human Resources and  
Administrative Services  
Sylvester Aguilar, Port Real Estate and 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 Stephen Griffen at 3:37 p.m. Chairman Griffen presided and Melanie Rodriguez, Secretary to the Board, acted as Secretary for the meeting.

\*Commissioner Blanchard joined the meeting by teleconference at 3:45 p.m. during the Port Director's Comments agenda item.

2020 STOCKTON PORT DISTRICT BOARD RE-ORGANIZATIONElection of Chairman and Vice Chairman

Chairman Griffen nominated Commissioner Christopherson for Chairman and Commissioner Allen for Vice Chairman of the Board of Port Commissioners for 2020. Commissioner Barkett seconded the motion to nominate Commissioner Christopherson as Chairman and Commissioner Allen for Vice Chairman. The nominations were closed. Commissioner Christopherson was elected to serve as Chairman and Commissioner Allen was elected to serve as Vice Chairman for the 2020 term by the following vote:

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

Thanks and appreciation were expressed to outgoing Chairman Griffen for his leadership during the past year and congratulations were extended to newly-elected 2020 Chairman Christopherson and to newly-elected Vice Chairman Allen.

2019 Chairman Griffen continued to preside over the remainder of 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 MARCH 2, 2020 MEETING

Resolution #8164: RESOLVED, that the minutes of the REGULAR meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Stockton Port District held on the 2nd day of March 2020, as the same are endorsed on Page No. 014 to Page No. 019, inclusive, of Minutes Book No. 62, be and they are hereby approved.

Resolution #8164 was passed by the following vote:

COMMISSIONERS IN FAVOR: Allen, Barkett, Christopherson, Griffen, Trezza

COMMISSIONERS AGAINST: None

COMMISSIONERS ABSTAINING: None

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: None

COMMISSIONERS EXCUSED: Blanchard, Duffy

CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT CALENDAR

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

ACCEPTANCE OF THE STOCKTON PORT DISTRICT INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS, JUNE 30, 2019, AS PREPARED AND SUBMITTED BY THE INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTING FIRM OF EIDE BAILLY

On March 2, 2020, an Ad Hoc Committee Meeting for the Audit Review comprised of Chairman Griffen and Commissioner Allen met with Port Director Aschieris, Finance Director Bowling, Port staff and management representatives from Eide Bailly to review the independent auditor's report and financial statements. The Ad Hoc Audit Review Committee received thanks from the Commissioners for their time and effort. Port staff was also thanked for their hard work involved with the Port audit.

Eide Bailly Audit Manager Kyle Bartle provided an overview of the audit services provided for the 2018/2019 fiscal year audit.

Chairman Griffen acknowledged that there were no requests to address the Port Commission on this matter.

Commissioner Allen moved, to adopt the following resolution:

Resolution #8165: RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of the Stockton Port District that the *Stockton Port District Independent Auditor's Report and Financial Statements, June 30, 2019*, as prepared and submitted by the independent accounting firm of Eide Bailly, are hereby formally accepted and approved as presented.

Resolution #8165 was passed by the following vote:

COMMISSIONERS IN FAVOR:	<del>Aguilar</del> , Allen, <b>Barkett</b> , Blanchard, Christopherson, Griffen, Trezza
COMMISSIONERS AGAINST:	None
COMMISSIONERS ABSTAINING:	None
COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:	None
COMMISSIONERS EXCUSED:	Duffy

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

#### Ad Hoc Committee Meeting for the Power Purchase Plan and the Rail Master Planning Services Contract

On March 16, 2020, an Ad Hoc Committee Meeting for the Power Purchase Plan and the Rail Master Planning Services Contract comprised of Commissioners Allen, Barkett and Trezza met with Port Director Aschieris, Senior Deputy Port Director Escobar and Port staff to discuss the Power Purchase Plan and the Rail Master Planning Services Contract.

### PORT DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS

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

- Current calendar year-to-date shipping reflects 38 ships. Shipping activity for the same period in 2019 reported 52 ships. Since the last Commission meeting, 6 ships have called at the Port.
- Current calendar year-to-date tonnage totaled 776,812 metric tons. Tonnage for the same period in 2019 totaled 940,636 metric tons. Since the last Commission meeting, 170,500 metric tons of cement/slag from Vietnam and Mexico, food grade oils from Malaysia, bulk beet pellets and dry bulk to Japan have been handled.
- Director of Human Resources and Administrative Services Miller provided an update on how the Port is responding to the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) situation.

### COMMISSION COMMENTS

Chairman Griffen shared information on the changes that are being made to the dispatch procedures for the longshoremen. He also shared that the container ports are starting to unload cargo ships from China.

Commissioner Blanchard shared information from a recent American Association of Port Authorities webinar related to telework opportunities.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Chairman Griffen acknowledged Ms. Mary Elizabeth from the Sierra Club. Ms. Elizabeth shared that a navigational study funded in part by the Port of Stockton was not available on the Port's website.

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 2941 NAVY DRIVE, STOCKTON, CA

At 4:26 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 4:32 p.m. Port Director Aschieris, Senior Deputy Port Director Escobar, Port Real Estate and Properties Development Manager Aguilar and Attorney Herum remained for the executive session.

At 4:55 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 4:59 p.m. by Chairman Griffen.

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Melanie Rodriguez  
Secretary to the Board

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2019 Chairman Stephen Griffen

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2020 Chairman Gary Christopherson