



## **STOCKTON PORT DISTRICT**

Board of Port Commissioners

March 1, 2021

Pursuant to notice duly given, the annual re-organizational meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Stockton Port District was held on March 1, 2021, 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  
\* Michael Patrick Duffy  
Gary Christopherson, Chairman  
Stephen Griffen  
William R. Trezza

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: None

COMMISSIONERS EXCUSED: Elizabeth (Liz) Blanchard

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  
Jason Cashman, Environmental and Regulatory  
Affairs Manager  
Pete Grossgart, Marketing Manager  
Steven A. Herum, Port Counsel  
Melanie Rodriguez, Secretary to the Board  
Dana Suntag, Counsel

\*Commissioner Duffy arrived at 3:31 p.m. during Agenda Item #3.

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.

#### PRESENTATION OF THE 2020 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
Daniel Bautista	Shipping and Receiving Clerk	2019

#### *Acknowledgment of Daniel Bautista, 2019 Employee of the Year*

In recognition of his designation as the 2019 Employee of the Year, Port Director Aschieris acknowledged Mr. Bautista.

### Presentation to Janice Dias, 2020 Employee of the Year

On behalf of the Port Commission, Chairman Christopherson honored Janice Dias as the recipient of the Port's Employee of the Year award for 2020. Ms. Dias was presented with a certificate and a gift card.

Janice Dias has been employed by the Port for 14 years. She was hired in October 2006 as the Receptionist Clerk, she transferred to the Port's Police Department to work as a Police Support Technician. She then transferred back to the Receptionist Clerk position to avoid a layoff during the Great Recession. Lastly, she moved into her current department of Development and Planning in 2010 as an Administrative Assistant and promoted her way up to her current role as Development and Planning Specialist I. Janice is being honored for her dedication to the Port. She demonstrated outstanding job performance, going above and beyond expectations and having great initiative with a "can-do" and positive attitude, especially during the current pandemic.

During the challenging times of COVID-19, Janice continued to ensure Port staff had the necessary supplies to work safely, which in turn allowed the Port to remain open and operational. At the onset of the pandemic when masks and hand sanitizer were in low supply, Janice tirelessly called around to find the needed supplies and drove all over Stockton and even out of town to purchase them. She created an inventory system to track stock levels and ensure restocking when needed, while still maintaining her regular duties of working on various Port projects. She did all this with a great attitude and a high level of professionalism. Janice, thank you for your hard work and dedication.

Ms. Dias' name will be engraved on a perpetual plaque and her professional portrait will be displayed in the lobby of the Port Administrative Building throughout 2021. Additionally, Janice will receive special recognition in the Port's 2020 Annual Report.

In addition to Janice Dias, the following Port employees were nominated for the 2020 Employee of the Year award: Accountant Michelle Chavez, Administrative Assistant II Tracy Fanucchi, General Laborer Everardo Mendoza, Maritime Accounts Supervisor Kyle Moutray, Senior Accounting Technician Maria Perez, Accounting Technician III Rick Toledo and Police Support Technician II Darrel Wade.

### 2021 STOCKTON PORT DISTRICT BOARD RE-ORGANIZATION

#### Election of Chairman

Commissioner Griffen nominated Vice Chairman Allen for Chairman of the Board of Port Commissioners for 2021. Commissioner Trezza seconded the motion. The nominations were closed. Vice Chairman Allen was elected to serve as Chairman for the 2021 term 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

2020 Chairman Christopherson continued to preside over the remainder of the meeting.

#### Election of Vice Chairperson

Commissioner Trezza nominated Commissioner Blanchard for Vice Chairperson of the Board of Port Commissioners for 2021. Commissioner Griffen seconded the motion. The nominations were closed. Commissioner Blanchard was elected to serve as Vice Chairperson for the 2021 term 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

Thanks and appreciation were expressed to outgoing Chairman Christopherson for his leadership during the past year and congratulations were extended to newly-elected 2021 Chairman Allen and to newly-elected Vice Chairperson Blanchard.

#### 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.

2021 Chairman Allen moved, to adopt the following resolutions:

MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 1, 2021 MEETING

Resolution #8217: RESOLVED, that the minutes of the REGULAR meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Stockton Port District held on the 1st day of February 2021, as the same are endorsed on Page No. 008 to Page No. 016, inclusive, of Minutes Book No. 63, be and they are hereby approved.

APPROVAL OF PILOT COMMISSION FOR CAPTAIN JOSEPH LONG

Resolution #8218: WHEREAS, Captain Joseph Long has submitted an application and medical forms to the Stockton Port District for appointment as a Commissioned Pilot, it is hereby

RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the Stockton Port District approves the appointment of Captain Joseph Long as a Commissioned Pilot of the Stockton Port District from March 1, 2021 through June 30, 2021.

AUTHORIZATION TO PURCHASE A BLUE STAR 400 KW MOBILE DIESEL GENERATOR FROM VALLEY POWER SYSTEMS NORTH, INC. FOR \$187,180.25

Resolution #8219: RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of the Stockton Port District that the Port Director is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to purchase a Blue Star 400 kw mobile diesel generator from Valley Power Systems North, Inc., for a not-to-exceed amount of \$187,180.25 (One Hundred Eighty-Seven Thousand One Hundred Eighty and 25/100 Dollars); and

RESOLVED FURTHER, that the Port Director is authorized, empowered and directed to ensure that the provisions of this resolution are appropriately effected.

AUTHORIZATION TO PURCHASE AN EMERGENCY BACKUP FIRE SYSTEM FROM THE PATTERSON PUMP COMPANY IN CARE OF THOMAS & ASSOCIATES FOR \$466,520.00

Resolution #8220: WHEREAS, that at the December 19, 2020, regularly noticed meeting of the Stockton Port District Board of Commissioners the Commission adopted a California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) exemption pursuant to Section 15300.2 for the Emergency Backup Fire System and authorized the filing of a Notice of Exemption related thereto with San Joaquin County; and

WHEREAS, that the Board of Commissioners of the Stockton Port District authorized, empowered and directed the Port Director to purchase the Emergency Backup Fire System from The Brown Company for a not-to-

exceed amount of \$322,510.00 (Three Hundred Twenty-Two Thousand Five Hundred Ten and 00/100 Dollars); and

WHEREAS, The Brown Company cancelled their quote as it was deemed beyond the scope of what the company could deliver; and

WHEREAS, the bid from the second quote provided by the Patterson Pump Company in care of Thomas & Associates moved into first position; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of the Stockton Port District that the Port Director is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to purchase the Emergency Backup Fire System from Patterson Pump Company in care of Thomas & Associates for a not-to-exceed amount of \$466,520.00 (Four Hundred Sixty-Six Thousand Five Hundred Twenty and 00/100 Dollars); and

RESOLVED FURTHER, that the Port Director is authorized, empowered and directed to ensure that the provisions of this resolution are appropriately effected.

Resolutions #8217, #8218, #8219 and # 8220 were 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

No items were removed from the Consent Calendar.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

2020 Chairman Christopherson acknowledged that there were no Committee Reports.

## PORT DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS

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

- Since the last Commission meeting, the following short-term lease has been executed:

Lessee: Central Valley Ag Grinding  
Location: East Complex 2.60 acres located at 530 Port Road 23  
Term: 1 year with two-1 year options

- Current calendar year-to-date shipping reflects 46 ships. Shipping activity for the same period in 2020 reported 32 ships. Since the last Commission meeting, 22 ships have called at the Port.
- Current calendar year-to-date tonnage totaled 787,428 metric tons. Tonnage for the same period in 2020 totaled 606,312 metric tons. Since the last Commission meeting, 378,254 metric tons of cement/slag from Vietnam, Mexico, Taiwan and Japan, fertilizer from Trinidad and Belgium, copper concentrate from Canada, steel from Korea and Japan, project cargo from Belgium, anhydrous ammonia from Trinidad, animal feed from China, molasses from El Salvador, food oils from Malaysia, sulfur to Mexico and bagged rice and dry bulk to Japan have been handled.
- The AB 617 Community Steering Committee has been hard at work for about a year identifying measures that will reduce emissions for the local community. Port staff, tenants, local government representatives, local agencies including the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District and the California Air Resources Board and most importantly residents of the area have all been involved with the AB 617 Community Steering Committee. We look forward to the upcoming Community Emissions Reduction Plan and how the Port can continue to work to reduce emissions and continue to build our zero emission fleet.
- On Friday, February 26, 2021 Director of Environmental and Public Affairs Wingfield appeared in three segments on the CW 31 Good Day Sacramento morning program. The first segment showcased the electric railcar mover, the second segment showcased the zero emission electric forklifts that were moving steel products and the last segment showcased the barn owls at the Port.
- It was announced that Commissioner Duffy had been re-appointed to another four-year term by the City of Stockton Council at the February 23, 2021 Council meeting. The Commissioners and Port Director congratulated Commissioner Duffy on his re-appointment.

## COMMISSION COMMENTS

Commissioner Duffy thanked the City of Stockton Council and the City of Stockton citizens for his re-appointment to the Commission. He shared that he continues to have a lot to contribute to the Commission and that he looks forward to the next four years.

2020 Chairman Christopherson congratulated Director of Environmental and Public Affairs Wingfield on a good job on showcasing the barn owls at the Port. He also shared with the Commissioners two articles from the Wall Street Journal that he thought would be of interest.

### PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

2020 Chairman Christopherson acknowledged the emailed comments as received from Dane Wadle with the California Special Districts Association:

“Good afternoon Commissioners, staff, and public. My name is Dane Wadle and I am a Field Coordinator with the California Special Districts Association (CSDA). I serve as CSDA’s liaison to districts in San Joaquin County. CSDA appreciates your membership over the last five years.

I want to provide an update on CSDA’s federal advocacy efforts on behalf of the Port. CSDA is leading national efforts to secure COVID-19 relief funding specifically for special districts through HR 535 and S.91. These bills would:

- Require the state to distribute 5% of future Coronavirus Relief Fund allocations to special districts within 60 days of receiving funds from the U.S. Treasury;
- Require districts applying for funding to submit information to the state demonstrating the degree to which they have experienced COVID-19 related revenue loss or increased expenditures; and
- Establish a definition of “special district” in federal law.

To date, special districts have not received direct access to COVID-19 relief funds. Only 11% of districts in California have received any COVID funding relief. As you know, districts provide critical services to millions in this state. Finally, as of this month, the pandemic has had an estimated \$1.93 billion impact on districts.

Any support the Port can provide for our efforts would be appreciated. CSDA is asking districts to join our coalition in support of these bills and contact their federal representative and Senators to ask for districts to be included.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions.

Thank you!”

2020 Chairman Christopherson acknowledged the emailed comments as received from Kenda Templeton from Puentes:

“On behalf of PUENTES, I would like to thank the Port of Stockton for the generous use of land at 466 S. Ventura Ave and the Port of Stockton’s continued support of the PUENTES organization.



Over the last decade, together we have established Boggs Tract Community Farm as a safe space that helps people to improve health through education, food, and community. With support from the Port of Stockton, the City of Stockton, San Joaquin County, local foundations, residents, and regional organizations such as Rotary, over \$1.5 million has been invested to convert a previously unused space filled with debris into a beautiful location where people can commune. We have used the site for extensive opportunities for education, healthy foods, enhanced environment with trees and other vegetation, and a sense of community involvement and physical wellbeing through volunteer participation in farming and forestry.

As our organization has grown, we find that we are branching out into the community and focusing on multiple neighborhoods within Stockton. Our Founder, Jeremy Terhune, has frequently reminded our board that the farm was created by and for the community, we would like to return management of the established farm to the Port of Stockton with hopes of continued collaboration with the residents of Boggs Tract.

As Executive Director of PUENTES, I would like to express our appreciation of your generosity and our desire to continue working with the Port of Stockton to create a smooth transition as indicated to Mr. Aguilar on February 3, 2021.”

**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 320 MCCLOY AVENUE, 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 906 CROMWELL AVENUE, STOCKTON, CA
- C. PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE §54956.9: CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – POTENTIAL LITIGATION: ONE CASE
- D. 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

At 3:47 p.m. 2020 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 §54958.8 and §54956.9. The general public and other Port staff was excused from the meeting, and the closed session commenced at 3:48 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, Manager of Environmental and Regulatory Affairs Cashman, Marketing Manager Grossgart, Port Counsel Herum and Attorney Suntag remained for the executive session.

At 5:11 p.m., 2020 Chairman Christopherson re-opened the meeting in public session. He reported that the Port Commission took no formal, reportable action during the closed session.

### ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 5:12 p.m. by 2020 Chairman Christopherson.

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Melanie Rodriguez  
Secretary to the Board

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2020 Chairman Gary Christopherson

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2021 Chairman R. Jay Allen