

**MINUTES OF THE PORT OF BELLINGHAM
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING
TUESDAY, APRIL 1, 2025
REGULAR IN-PERSON/HYBRID MEETING**

Commissioners:

Bobby Briscoe
Ken Bell
Michael Shepard

President
Vice President
Secretary

**Consent Agenda
Item # A**

Staff:

Rob Fix
Holly Stafford
Tamara Sobjack
Brian Gouran
Aaron Bisson
Tracy Lewis

Executive Director
Port Legal Counsel
Chief Financial Officer
Director of Environmental and Planning Svcs.
Harbormaster
Executive Assistant

4:00 PM OPENED PUBLIC MEETING

At approximately 4:00 PM, Commissioner Briscoe opened the regular meeting, and announced all Commissioners were present.

READ ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING SCHEDULES

- Marina Advisory Committee (MAC), April 8 @ 6 PM at the Port Admin Office Harbor Center Room, IN-PERSON ONLY.
- Bellingham International Airport Advisory Committee (BIAAC), April 17 @ 4 PM at the Airport Rescue Firefighting Station and on Zoom.

4:00 PM PUBLIC COMMENT

Commissioner Briscoe stated there are two Public Comment periods: One at 4:00 PM and another at the end of the meeting. Out of respect for everyone who attends the Commission meeting, each public comment period may be limited to 15 minutes total. Speakers are asked to keep their comments to less than 3 minutes. Please feel free to submit further comments in writing.

Commissioners heard public comments from six individuals. To access the recording visit, [April 1st, 2025 | Port Commission Meeting](#)

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Motion to approve minutes from March 18, 2025 Regular Scheduled Commission Meeting
- B. Motion to authorize the Executive Director to accept and administer grants, as funds become available, from the Washington State Department of Natural Resources (DNR) for reimbursement of up to 100% of the costs associated with the removal and disposal of an abandoned vessel at Squalicum Harbor which the Port of Bellingham assumed ownership of on March 20, 2024
- C. Motion to approve Commercial Lease with Guardian Northwest Title & Escrow Company, Bayview Center Building, Suite 211

- D. Motion to authorize the Executive Director to execute an agreement to modify Bellingham Aviation Services General Aviation Tie-Down, T-Hangar and Landing Fee Collection Management Agreement

Discussion: None

Motion: Approve Consent Agenda Items A-D

Motion approved 3-0 Vote

ACTION ITEMS:

1. Motion to authorize Resolution No. 1420 for the 2025 Comprehensive Scheme of Harbor Improvement Plan
a. Brian Gouran presented the Resolution.

Discussion: None

Motion approved 3-0 Vote

2. Motion authorizing the Executive Director to execute a Consent Decree for cleanup actions at the Harris Avenue Shipyard site
a. Brian Gouran presented the Consent Decree.

Discussion: Commissioners asked questions about the clean-up and impacts

Motion approved 3-0 Vote

PRESENTATION

Commissioners received a presentation by Maritime WA National Heritage Area presented by Alex Gradwohl (MWNHA) and Dan Tucker (WWC).

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Commissioner Briscoe called for a second public comment period. There were three individuals that provided comments.

OTHER BUSINESS

Commissioners discussed and responded to some of the public comments provided and they discussed the morning BLI Work Study meeting. It was requested that the topics of Blaine Harbor and Boardmill be brought forward to a future meeting for discussion.

COMMISSIONER BRISCOE ADJOURNED THE MEETING AT APPROXIMATELY 5:40 PM



President/Vice President



Secretary