

PORT COMMISSION WORKSHOP MEETING – Wednesday, September 9, 2026

The Port of Port Townsend Commission met for a workshop session at the Point Hudson Pavilion Building, 355 Hudson Street, Port Townsend, and also online via Zoom.

Present: Commissioners Petranek, Hasse and Hanke (Virtually)
Executive Director Eron Berg
Deputy Director Eric Toews
Director of Finance and Administration Connie Anderson
Director of Capital Projects and Port Engineer Dave Nakagawara
Lease and Contracts Administrator Heron Scott
Port Recorder Joanna Sanders

I. CALL TO ORDER (Rec. 00:00:00)

Commissioner Petranek called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

II. 2ND DRAFT 2027-2031 FIVE-YEAR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (CIP) (Rec. 00:01:15)

Director of Capital Projects and Port Engineer Dave Nakagawara discussed the list of Boat Haven projects tied to the cultural resources management plan and possible activities that can occur in these areas. Some discussion ensued about the Port Townsend Bay Estuary project. The Boat Haven marina rehabilitation plan will come forward at the next meeting. Staff continued a project overview across all locations. No changes were proposed other than grouping cultural resources-related projects. The Commission asked to meet with the Jefferson County PUD to review the sequence and interconnectedness of project. There was also a desire to convene a forum with City, County and local businesses to discuss the broader economic impacts of American Cruise Line visits to Port Townsend.

III. 2026 AMENDMENTS TO THE PORT COMPREHENSIVE SCHEME (Rec. 01:26:15)

Deputy Director Eric Toews gave an overview of how the adopted budgeted and approved project expenditures also become a compendium of updates to the scheme. A draft scheme will be available in the public hearing materials for the second October meeting.

IV. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (Rec. 01:31:00)

Commissioner Petranek noted the packet included a presentation. She provided an overview and recommended Kris Johnson speak at the ICG meeting as his expertise is relevant to creating an economic framework and strategic plan for the community.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT (Rec. 01:35:38)

There was none.

VI. EXECUTIVE SESSION (Rec. 01:36:00)

At 11:11 a.m., the Commission recessed into Executive Session for 20 minutes pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) discussion with legal counsel about current or potential litigation. No action is planned following.

At 11:32 a.m., the Commission extended the session for five more minutes until 11:37 a.m.

At 11:37 a.m., the Commission came back into regular session.

VII. ADJOURNMENT (Rec. 01:58:41)

At 11:40 a.m., the meeting adjourned there being no further business before the Commission.

ATTEST:



Carol L. Hasse, Secretary