

**MEETING MINUTES
DECEMBER 16, 2025**

**PORT OF ASTORIA
WORKSHOP SESSION
COMMISSION CHAMBERS
422 GATEWAY AVE., SUITE 100
ASTORIA, OR 97103**

Call to Order

Chairman Rohne called the Workshop Session to order at 4:07 PM.

Roll Call

Commissioners Present: Robert Stevens; Thaddeus Fickel; Dirk Rohne; James Campbell; and Tim Hill.

Staff Present: Executive Director Will Isom; Terminal & Customer Support Manager Sue Transue; Office Manager Dianna Delgado.

Port Counsel: Eileen Eakins was not present.

Also Attending: Jay Corella of *The Daily Astorian*.

Pledge of Allegiance

Changes/Additions to the Agenda

No changes were made to the agenda.

Public Comment

No public comment was received.

Consent Calendar

The Consent Calendar consisted of the following:

- Meeting Minutes – Regular Session 11/4/2025; Workshop Session 11/18/2025; Finance Advisory Committee Meeting 11/13/2025.
- Financials – October 2025
- Event Calendar – December 2025

Commissioner Stevens moved to approve the Consent Calendar as presented. Commissioner Hill seconded. The motion carried 5-0 amongst the Commissioners present.

Votes were as follows: Stevens – Aye, Fickel – Aye, Rohne – Aye, Campbell – Aye, Hill – Aye.

Action Items

6a. Team Oregon Motorcycle Safety Program – Use Agreement Amendment 2

Terminal & Customer Support Manager Sue Transue presented Amendment #2 to the use agreement between the Port of Astoria and Oregon State University's Team Oregon Motorcycle Safety Program. The agreement was originally established in 2014, and it covers the use of the north end of the inactive runway at the Astoria Regional Airport. The proposed amendment extends the agreement for an additional two years and increases the usage fee.

*Commissioner Fickel moved to approve Amendment #2 to the Use Agreement between the Port of Astoria and Team Oregon Motorcycle Safety Program as presented. Commissioner Rohne seconded. The motion carried 5-0 amongst the Commissioners present.
Votes were as follows: Stevens – Aye, Fickel – Aye, Rohne – Aye, Campbell – Aye, Hill – Aye.*

Commission Comments

Commissioner Campbell commented on the following:

- Shared information regarding pilings on Pier 1 and inquired about the status of the piling inspection.

Commissioner Stevens commented on the following:

- Delivered donations from the Military Officers Association local chapter to Veterans, along with Former Airport Manager Gary Kobes. Most food and beverages were provided by Van Dusen Beverages.

Commissioner Fickel commented on the following:

- Attended the Col-Pac meeting on December 12. Found it beneficial to hear from neighboring cities, discuss challenges, and share project progress.

Commissioner Rohne did not have any comments.

Commissioner Hill commented on the following:

- Wished all Commissioners, attendees, and Port staff a Merry Christmas.

Executive Director Comments

- No discussion or action items were available for the December 2 agenda, and only one item was listed on this agenda. This is typical for year-end; expect more items early in 2026.
- FEMA reimbursement grant funds were received last week. The receipt of funds is not reflected in the October 2025 financial statements.
- PNWA staff visited the Port last Friday for a property tour and project updates. Deputy Director Matt McGrath also participated in the tour.
- Will join a panel with CEDR Executive Director Kevin Leahy on December 17 to discuss city wage jobs in Clatsop County.
- Significant time has been spent with the development group of the Central Waterfront Redevelopment project on the development agreements and leases—both master leases and sub-leases. The Port is ensuring agreements make sense for both short- and long-term interests. Items will be presented to the Commission when ready.
- Port Holiday Party is scheduled for Friday at 6 PM at Fort George.

Upcoming Meeting Dates

- Regular Session – January 6, 2026, at 4:00 PM
- Airport Advisory Committee – January 12, 2026, at 4:00 PM
- Workshop Session – January 20, 2026, at 4:00 PM

Adjourned:

Chairman Rohne adjourned the meeting at 4:28 PM.



APPROVED:

ATTEST:



Dirk Rohne, Board Chairman
Board of Commissioners



Thaddeus Fickel, Secretary
Board of Commissioners

Respectfully submitted by:
Dianna Delgado
Office Manager

January 6, 2026

Date Approved by Commission