

**MINUTES OF THE PORT OF BELLINGHAM
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2025
REGULAR IN-PERSON/HYBRID MEETING**

Commissioners:

Consent Agenda
Item # B

Bobby Briscoe
Ken Bell
Michael Shepard

President
Vice President
Secretary

Staff:

Tiffany DeSimone
Holly Stafford
Matt Rodriguez
Tamara Sobjack
Tyler Schroeder
Tracy Lewis

Interim Executive Director
Port Legal Counsel
Aviation Director
Chief Financial Officer/Auditor
Director of Economic Development
Executive Assistant

2:30 PM OPEN PUBLIC MEETING, IMMEDIATELY RECESS TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

At approximately 2:30 pm, Commissioner Briscoe opened the public meeting and announced the purpose of the executive session:

- RCW 42.3.110 (c) - To consider the minimum price at which real estate will be offered for sale or lease when public knowledge regarding such consideration would cause a likelihood of decreased price. However, final action selling or leasing public property shall be taken in a meeting open to the public.
- RCW 42.3.110 (g) - To evaluate the qualifications of an applicant for public employment or to review the performance of a public employee.
- RCW 42.30.110 (i) - To discuss with legal counsel representing the agency matters relating to agency enforcement actions, or to discuss with legal counsel representing the agency litigation or potential litigation to which the agency, the governing body, or a member acting in an official capacity is, or is likely to become, a party, when public knowledge regarding the discussion is likely to result in an adverse legal or financial consequence to the agency.

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), September 24th at 6 pm at the Port Admin Office in-person only
- Bellingham International Airport Advisory Committee (BIAAC), October 2nd @ 4 pm at the Airport Rescue Firefighting Station and on Zoom

Commissioner Briscoe opened the meeting with acknowledgment of the loss of Mike Dodd and Kevin Finkbonner who had recently passed and asked for a moment of silence.

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 2 individuals. To access the recording visit [September 9th, 2025 | Port Commission Meeting](#).

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Motion to approve minutes from August 12, 2025 Regular Scheduled Commission Meeting
- B. Motion to approve the Fourth Modification of Lease with I&J Properties LLC for base rent adjustment
- C. Motion to authorize the Interim Executive Director to execute a Standstill Agreement with the U.S. Coast Guard for office and warehouse space in Warehouse 4 and moorage in Fairhaven
- D. Motion to approve a Consent to Assignment of Lease from Lineage BCS, LLC to Lineage Logistics MTC, LLC
- E. Motion to authorize the sale of the storage contents in accordance with Resolution No. 1349
- F. Motion to authorize the sale of a vessel in accordance with Resolution No. 1349
- G. Motion to authorize the sale of a vessel in accordance with Resolution No. 1349

Discussion: None

Motion: Approve Consent Agenda Items A-G

Motion Approved 3-0 Vote

PRESENTATION

1. Tiffany DeSimone recognized Matt Rodriguez for his achievement of the Accredited Airport Executive and presented him with an award.

Discussion: Congratulations and appreciation for Matt's achievements.

2. Tyler Schroeder presented the Whatcom County Industrial Land Study and commented that he has already presented at City Council Meetings for Bellingham, Blaine Planning Commission, and Whatcom Council of Governments and has received good feedback. He has some upcoming presentations scheduled for September at Ferndale, Blaine, Whatcom County Council and Whatcom County Planning Commission, and Whatcom Business and Commerce.

Discussion: Very thorough presentation with discussion regarding the research, report, land uses, wetland mitigation, EDI and CERB grant opportunities, rezoning, job creation, and expanding businesses and bringing new businesses to Whatcom County.

Commission would like the Economic Development team to continue to do the presentations but also get feedback on the following items and come back to the Commission with another presentation.

1. Conversations with Lummi Nation regarding development west of the airport, Slater and Koch Road.
2. Whatcom County Council to review the wetland mitigation opportunities as well as the general expansion of zoning or rezoning, potentially at the west side of the airport.
3. How to bring manufacturing industries to Whatcom County and expansion of reach out to existing businesses for how to grow their current businesses.
4. Investigation into the impacts on neighborhoods and the industrial land development.
5. Expanding freight corridors and possible expansion of I-5. Continued conversations with the City and County on changes to the truck routes and education on the need for freight and truck routes and the impact on the economy.
6. Expansion of rail spurs and access to industrial zoned lands for economic growth.
7. How to change the length and complexity of the City and County permits process to accommodate for businesses to expand in a more straightforward and timely manner.

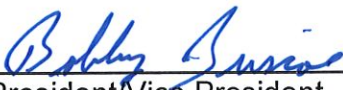
PUBLIC COMMENTS

Commissioner Briscoe called for a final public comment period. Commissioners heard one additional comment.

OTHER BUSINESS

1. Reminder of SeaFeast on September 27th and 28th.
2. Commissioner Briscoe would like Interim Executive Director to reach out to Circle Seafoods to see if there is an opportunity to bring their business to Bellingham.
3. Commissioner Briscoe would like to bring back some protocol and order for the Commission meetings.

COMMISSIONER BRISCOE ADJOURNED THE MEETING AT APPROXIMATELY 6:05 PM



President/Vice President



Secretary