

**PORT OF BREMERTON**  
**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING**

**MINUTES**

October 28, 2025  
10:00 AM

Bill Mahan Conference Room  
Port Administration Offices  
Bremerton Nat'l Airport Terminal Bldg  
8850 SW State Hwy 3, Bremerton  
Remote Option via Zoom

**Commissioners and Staff Present**

Commissioners

Gary Anderson  
Cary Bozeman  
Axel Strakeljahn - Remote

Staff Members

Jim Rothlin  
Arne Bakker  
Aaron Schielke  
James Goodman  
Kathy Garcia - Remote

Erica Filler  
Ginger Waye  
Stephanie Frame  
Anne Montgomery, Atty

**Call to Order**

President Anderson called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Approval of Agenda**

**It was moved by BOZEMAN, seconded by STRAKELJAHN to:**

Approve the Agenda as presented.

**MOTION CARRIES, 3-0**

**Consent Items**

- A. Minutes of the regular business meeting of October 14, 2025.
- B. Payment of checks #E02925 and #87154 through #87173 and #E02926 through #E02942 and #903052 through #903059 and #903060 and #903061 and #87174 through #87184 and #E02943 through #E02964 from the General Fund for \$284,278.15.
- ~~C. Excuse Commissioner Strakeljahn's absence due to personal travel.~~

**It was moved by BOZEMAN, seconded by STRAKELJAHN to:**

Approve Consent Items A and B; and remove Item C (Commissioner Strakeljahn attending remotely).

**MOTION CARRIES, 3-0**

## Information Items

### 1. Abandoned and Derelict Vessel Removal Program – Brittany Gordon, Kitsap County

Ms. Gordon presented an update on Kitsap County's abandoned and derelict vessel program, partially funded by a \$200,000-250,000 EPA grant through the National Estuary Program. The program aims to improve vessel removal processes and prevent new abandonments through legislative changes, tracking databases, and public education. Key proposed changes include shortening the timeline to declare a vessel derelict and removing the requirement for known/located owners. Other local jurisdictions have agreed to sign on to a letter advocating for these legislative changes. The Port of Bremerton Commissioners agreed to also sign on to the letter, although questions remain about long-term funding and tribal vessel concerns.

## Work Study Session

### 1. First Preliminary 2026 Budget Workshop

CFO Aaron Schielke led a PowerPoint presentation providing detail on:

- The Port's mission and vision statements
- The 2026 budget goals

He turned the presentation over to COO Arne Bakker, who reviewed the 2026 capital projects including roll-overs from prior years and new projects.

CFO Schielke continued his portion of the presentation providing detail on:

- 2026 capital reserve activity
- 2026 capital budget summary
- Operating Budget
  - revenue and expense five-year comparisons
  - revenues and expenses by segment
- 2026 budget non-operating
- Levy analysis

CEO Rothlin introduced the 2026 community activities budget and presented a spreadsheet listing previous allocations to community agencies and groups stating a total of \$58,500 has been allocated to the 2026 budget. Following discussion on each line-item, it was determined to finalize the community activities distributions during the 2nd preliminary budget presentation.

Questions and comments from the Board were addressed throughout the presentation.

## Public Comment

John Hanson, President, Bremerton Historic Ships Association

- Spoke to the impact the Tug Dominion sinking had on the USS Turner Joy stating the communication from the Unified Command has been terrific.

- Appreciates the Port's support in implementing a new cathodic protection system for the Turney Joy and will conduct meetings separately to discuss future maintenance needs.
- Will work with Port CEO to schedule a formal Turner Joy presentation.

### **Action Items**

1. Amendment 2 for Airport-Industrial Way Phase 2.2 Final Design with Parametrix, Inc.  
*Presented by Arne Bakker, Chief Operations Officer*

Following presentation and after questions were addressed:

**It was moved by BOZEMAN, seconded by STRAKELJAHN to:**

Approve Amendment 2 for the Airport-Industrial Way Phase 2.2 Agreement with Parametrix, Inc. in the amount of \$20,000 and authorize the Port CEO to execute the amendment.

**MOTION CARRIES, 3-0**

### **Staff Reports**

*Jim Rothlin, Chief Executive Officer, provided updates on the following:*

- Bay Street Remediation project
- Tug Dominion situation
- Hiring of the new Marina Director which is now complete; Tim Petrick, from Crescent City Harbor District, will start on November 3.
- Airport Feasibility Study

### **Commission Reports / New Business**

*Commissioner Bozeman*

- Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC) Transportation Policy Board is working on a regional transportation plan and is holding an open public meeting at the Marvin Williams Center in Bremerton this Thursday to engage the local community regarding transportation priorities.
- Will be attending the Kitsap Economic Development Alliance (KEDA) Fall Forum which will focus on our local area's "fun zone" designation for the 2026 FIFA World Cup.

*Commissioner Strakeljahn*

- Reported on PSRC Executive Board Meeting discussing in detail the regional centers agenda item.

*Commissioner Anderson*

- Spoke to FIFA being top of mind at most community meetings. Discussion ensued regarding stepping up the Port's curb appeal for this event.

CEO Rothlin noted that the Commission's next regular business meeting scheduled for November 11 falls on Veterans Day so the meeting will be held the following day, November 12, 10:00 a.m.

**Executive Session** - None

**Adjournment**

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 12:20 p.m.

Submitted,



Jim Rothlin  
Chief Executive Officer  
November 6, 2025

Approved,



Axel Strakeljahn  
Commission Secretary  
November 12, 2025