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**APPROVED MINUTES  
COMMISSION SPECIAL MEETING APRIL 2, 2013**

The Port of Seattle Commission met in a special meeting Tuesday, April 2, 2013, at Port of Seattle Headquarters, Commission Chambers, 2711 Alaskan Way, Seattle, Washington, for the purpose of holding a town-hall-style public forum related to selection of an appointee to fill a vacancy in the elected office of Port Commission Position No. 3. Commissioners Albro, Bryant, Creighton, and Gregoire were present.

**CALL TO ORDER**

The forum began at 6:03 p.m. with introductory remarks by Tom Albro, Commission President, who introduced the Commissioners present, the moderator for the evening, Bruce Ramsey, editorial writer with the *Seattle Times*, and the following six finalists participating in the forum:

- Stephanie Bowman
- Darrell Bryan;
- Claudia Kauffman;
- Randy Loomans;
- Vicki Orrico; and
- Keith Scully.

Finalist Nancy Wyatt was unable to attend due to prior business commitments. Commissioner Albro read an introductory statement prepared by Ms. Wyatt for the occasion.

The finalists were allowed one minute each for opening statements, one minute to respond to questions, and one minute for closing remarks. Following self-introductions, the questions, directed to all finalists by Mr. Ramsey, included the following:

- What in your previous associations will influence the way in which you look at a Port issue?
- Have you ever run for office; do you know about running for office; are you prepared to defend your seat if you are appointed to it?
- Port CEO Tay Yoshitani plans to retire next year and one of the key jobs of a Port Commissioner will be selecting his successor. Imagine you are going into your first meeting with the Port of Seattle Commissioners to talk about how to do this. What's important; what's on your mind?
- You are on the Port Commission and a proposal comes to you from a developer who says he's heard that Fishermen's Terminal doesn't really make any money for the Port; keeping it for fishing is probably going to be a money loser; and he has a proposal for

redeveloping that for condos and yachts that will guarantee the Port an eight-percent return every year for the next 20 years. How do you respond to that?

- Has the Port made the right decision in being somewhat skeptical about this proposed arena? Do you agree with that or do you come with a more pro-arena point of view?
- Should the Port Commission require tenants and concessionaires at Sea-Tac Airport to pay a wage or benefit package above the legal minimum, and if so why or if not why not and if so how would you decide what that would be?
- Imagine you're a Port Commissioner and your neighbor finds out that a Port Commissioner has taken several trips to Alaska on the Port's dime. He asks what business would an officer of the Seattle Port, which trades with Asia, have going to Alaska. Is there some reason to go there? Is there a reason to go to Eastern Washington?
- As a Port Commissioner, what would you do to advance the Port of Seattle's interests or the interests of the people of King County regarding (the Port of) Tacoma?
- One of the Port's environmental roles is to pay part of the cost of cleaning up the Duwamish waterway. Suppose you're a Port Commissioner and an environmental group comes to you and says, We want the waterway cleaned up to a pre-industrial standard. What's a reasonable standard of cleanliness for the Duwamish waterway or Elliott Bay or any of the waters around here?
- You're a Port Commissioner and you're talking to your neighbor over the fence and your neighbor says, Gee, I just paid my property tax ... and I'm still paying this chunk to the Port. Why am I paying a property tax to the Port? What do you say to the taxpayer of King County about this?
- Should the Port Commissioners have more of their own staff than they have now?
- Thinking about all you remember about the Port Commission and its decisions, can you give me one decision that you thought was a bad one and one decision you thought was an especially good one any time in the last 102 years?
- Fill in the blank: I'm the only one on the Port Commission with the perspective of –
- When the Airport announces its concessions program this summer, workers stand to lose their jobs if their employer loses its lease. Do you support worker retention for Airport retail and food service workers?

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Following closing statements by each finalist, the public forum concluded at 7:50 p.m.

Bill Bryant  
Assistant Secretary  
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