

Commission Announces Process to Appoint Successor to Gael Tarleton

Commission seeks to complete process by mid-March

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At its December 11, 2012 meeting, the Port of Seattle Commission announced the outlines of the process and the timing for identifying and appointing a successor to fill the vacancy on the Port Commission created when Commissioner Gael Tarleton resigns from the Port Commission on Jan. 31, 2013. On Nov. 6, 2012 Tarleton was elected to represent the 36th legislative district in the Washington State House of Representatives.

Under State law, the Commission will have 90 days to appoint a successor. The decision will be taken by majority vote at a Commission meeting. Tarleton's successor will serve until the November 2013 general election when a candidate will be elected to complete her term that expires on Dec. 31, 2015. Applicants must be U.S. and Washington state citizens and eligible to vote in King County. This halftime position pays \$500 a month, with benefits, and requires some travel.

"We are undertaking an ambitiously open process to fill this vacancy and continue the momentum of our Century Agenda," said Tom Albro, Port of Seattle Commission president. "The Commission will alter the schedule if necessary to ensure we have a robust process, but we believe our schedule allows opportunities for public comment and a thoughtful review of interested candidates."

Information about the appointment process, application materials, and information about the Port of Seattle is posted on the commission website at: <http://www.portseattle.org/About/Commission/Pages/default.aspx>

The process and proposed schedule announced by the Commission on December 19:

- Dec. 19, 2012 – Outline of the appointment process was announced.
- Jan. 11, 2013 – Notice of the vacancy issued. Applicants will have until February 1, 2013 at 12 noon to submit their application materials to the Commission.
- Jan. 22, 2013 – Town hall-style meeting at Seattle-Tacoma International Airport for interested individuals or the general public to ask questions about the appointment process and learn more about Port of Seattle, the role of Port of Seattle Commissioner, the Century Agenda and other related topics of interest.
- Jan. 31, 2013 – Commissioner Tarleton's resignation is effective.
- Feb. 1, 2013 – Application materials due by 12, noon. 90-day time period begins for Commission to appoint a successor.
- Feb. 2-3, 2013 – Commissioners will determine a list 20 semi-finalists from the applicants.
- Feb. 4, 2013—Semi-finalists will be notified and announced.
- Feb. 5, 1 pm, 2013 – Semi-finalists will be asked to address the Commissioners for two minutes at the Feb. 5 Commission meeting, or submit a written statement. The meeting begins at 1 p.m. and is held at 2711 Alaskan Way (Pier 69) in Seattle, WA.
- Feb. 12, 2013 – The Commission will announce a slate of up to six finalists.
- Feb. 26, 27, 2013 – Moderated public town hall meetings in King County for finalists to introduce themselves and engage in a Q & A session. All finalists must participate in both sessions.
- March 2013 – The Commission votes to appoint the new Commissioner at one of the scheduled public Commission meetings.

About the Port of Seattle

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