

**PORT OF SEATTLE**  
**MEMORANDUM**

**COMMISSION AGENDA**  
**ACTION ITEM**

**Item No.** 6b  
**Date of Meeting** January 22, 2013

**DATE:** January 16, 2013

**TO:** Tay Yoshitani, Chief Executive Officer

**FROM:** Mary Gin Kennedy, Director of Commission Services

**SUBJECT:** Resolution No. 3673: Second Reading and Final Passage to Amend Article III, Section 4, of the Seattle Port Commission Bylaws related to Vacancies on the Commission

**ACTION REQUESTED:**

Request Second Reading and Final Passage of Resolution No. 3673: A Resolution of the Port Commission of the Port of Seattle amending Resolution No. 3611, as amended by Resolution No. 3672, the Seattle Port Commission Bylaws, regarding the appointment of an interim Port Commissioner in the event of a vacancy in the office of Port Commissioner.

**SYNOPSIS:**

The Commission officially noticed the resignation of Commissioner Gael Tarleton on January 10, 2013, although her resignation will not be effective until January 31, 2013. This resolution will amend Article III, Section 4, of the Commission Bylaws, which outlines the process for appointing a “qualified person” as an interim Commissioner to fill a vacant seat until the next general election.

The Bylaws need to be brought up to date to reflect the appointment process the Commission plans to follow to appoint a successor to Commissioner Tarleton. The resolution will also extend the length of time from 60 days to 90 days, to accord with state law, during which time the Commission must make the appointment. If the Commission fails to appoint an interim Commissioner within 90 days, RCW 42.12.070(4) provides that the King County Council shall appoint a “qualified person” to fill the vacancy.

**PREVIOUS COMMISSION ACTIONS OR BRIEFINGS:**

- January 8, 2013, First Reading of Resolution No. 3673.

**OTHER DOCUMENTS ASSOCIATED WITH THIS REQUEST:**

- Resolution No. 3673, Amendment of Article III, Section 4, of the Commission Bylaws.
- Redline version of Resolution No. 3673, Amendment of Article III, Section 4, of the Commission Bylaws.
- January 16, 2013, press release and associated materials regarding the process to appoint a successor to Gael Tarleton.