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[00:00:27] This is Commission President Hamdi Mohamed  
[00:00:33] convening the regular meeting of February  
[00:00:35] 27, 2024. The time is  
[00:00:39] now 10:31. We're meeting in person today  
[00:00:42] at SEA Conference Center and virtually on  
[00:00:45] Microsoft Teams. Presented with me today  
[00:00:48] are Commissioners Calkins, Cho, Felleman  
[00:00:51] and Commissioner Hasegawa may be joining  
[00:00:53] us virtually, and we are currently  
[00:00:56] gathering in the executive session room  
[00:00:59] awaiting the opening of the public  
[00:01:00] meeting. We'll now recess into the  
[00:01:03] executive session to discuss three items  
[00:01:07] that will take approximately 60 minutes.  
[00:01:09] Two items are related to litigation,  
[00:01:12] potential litigation, legal risk per RCW  
[00:01:16] 32 31 ten, section one  
[00:01:20] I, and the third item is related to  
[00:01:23] acquisitions of real estate per RCW 42  
[00:01:27] 31 ten, section one b.  
[00:01:31] We'll reconvene into public session at  
[00:01:34] 12:00 p.m. Thank you.  
[00:01:38] We are in recess.  
[00:01:41] You. You.  
[00:01:46] This is Commission President Hamdi Mohamed  
[00:01:49] convening the regular meeting of February  
[00:01:51] 27, 2024. The time is now twelve  
[00:01:56] 02:00 p.m. We're meeting in person today  
[00:01:59] at SEA Conference center and virtually via  
[00:02:02] Microsoft Teams. Clerk Hart, please call  
[00:02:05] the roll of commissioners who are in  
[00:02:07] attendance. Thank you. Beginning with  
[00:02:09] Commissioner Calkins here. Thank you.  
[00:02:12] Commissioner Cho present. Thank you.  
[00:02:15] Commissioner Felleman, present. Thank you.  
[00:02:18] Commissioner Hasegawa,  
[00:02:21] present. Thank you. Commissioner Mohamed  
[00:02:24] present. Thank you. We do have a full  
[00:02:26] commission here today. Great. Thank you.  
[00:02:28] A few housekeeping items before we begin.  
[00:02:31] For everyone in the meeting room, please  
[00:02:34] turn off your cell phones to silent. For  
[00:02:37] anyone participating on Microsoft Teams,  
[00:02:40] please mute your speakers when not  
[00:02:42] actively speaking or presenting. Please  
[00:02:45] keep your cameras off unless you are a  
[00:02:47] member of the commission or the Executive  
[00:02:49] Director participating virtually or you  
[00:02:52] are a member of staff in a presentation  
[00:02:55] mode and addressing the commission.  
[00:02:57] Members of the public addressing the  
[00:02:59] commission during public comment may turn  
[00:03:01] on their cameras when their names are  
[00:03:03] called to speak and will turn them back  
[00:03:06] off again at the conclusion of their  
[00:03:09] remarks. For anyone at the dais here  
[00:03:11] today, please turn off the speakers on any  
[00:03:15] computers and silence your devices.  
[00:03:17] Please also remember to address your  
[00:03:19] request to be recognized, to speak through  
[00:03:22] the chair. Please wait to speak until you

[00:03:25] have been recognized. You'll turn on your  
[00:03:27] microphones on and off as needed. All the  
[00:03:30] items noted here will ensure a smoother  
[00:03:33] meeting. Thank you. All votes today will  
[00:03:36] be taken by the roll call method so that  
[00:03:39] it is clear for anyone participating  
[00:03:41] virtually how votes are casted.  
[00:03:45] Commissioners will say aye or nay when  
[00:03:47] their names are called. We are meeting on  
[00:03:51] the ancestral lands and waters of the  
[00:03:53] Coast Salish people with whom we share a  
[00:03:56] commitment to steward these natural  
[00:03:59] resources for generations to come.  
[00:04:02] This meeting is being digitally recorded  
[00:04:04] and may be viewed or heard at any time on  
[00:04:06] the port's website and may be  
[00:04:08] rebroadcasted by King county television.  
[00:04:11] Please stand or join us for the pledge of  
[00:04:13] allegiance. Now I pledge  
[00:04:17] allegiance to the flag of the United  
[00:04:19] States of America republic, for which.  
[00:04:35] Thank you all. The first item of business  
[00:04:38] today is approval of the agenda. As a  
[00:04:41] reminder, if a commissioner wishes to  
[00:04:42] comment for or against any items on the  
[00:04:45] consent agenda, it is not necessary to  
[00:04:48] pull the item off of the consent agenda.  
[00:04:50] Rather, a commissioner may offer  
[00:04:51] supporting or opposing comments later in  
[00:04:54] the meeting. Once we get to that part of  
[00:04:56] the agenda, please wait until the motion  
[00:04:58] to approve the agenda is on the floor for  
[00:05:00] these comments. However, it is appropriate  
[00:05:02] at this time if a commissioner wants to  
[00:05:05] ask questions of staff or wishes to have a  
[00:05:07] dialogue on a consent agenda item to  
[00:05:09] request the item be pulled for separate  
[00:05:11] discussions. Are there any items to be  
[00:05:14] pulled from the consent agenda or any  
[00:05:16] motions to rearrange the order of today's  
[00:05:19] meeting? Great. Hearing? None.  
[00:05:23] We'll move forward. Commissioners, the  
[00:05:24] question is now on approval of the agenda.  
[00:05:27] Is there a motion to approve the agenda as  
[00:05:30] presented? So moved. Second.  
[00:05:34] The motion has been made and seconded. Is  
[00:05:37] there any objections to approval of the  
[00:05:38] agenda as presented? Hearing none. The  
[00:05:42] agenda is approved as presented.  
[00:05:45] We do have one special order of the day  
[00:05:48] today, and that is our proclamation  
[00:05:51] honoring February as Black History Month.  
[00:05:55] This is agenda item number four. A senior  
[00:05:59] commission Executive assistant, Mr.  
[00:06:01] Preston Tucker, will be introducing the  
[00:06:04] proclamation reading and joined by members  
[00:06:07] of the Port Employee Resource Group,  
[00:06:10] blacks in government, who will read the  
[00:06:12] proclamation. Preston,  
[00:06:16] you have the floor. Good afternoon,  
[00:06:18] commissioners. My name again is Preston  
[00:06:20] Tucker and I serve as senior Commissioner  
[00:06:22] Executive assistant. It is an honor to

[00:06:24] introduce special order item for a a  
[00:06:27] proclamation honoring Black History Month  
[00:06:29] alongside with readers from the Port of  
[00:06:31] Seattle chapter of Blackson government.  
[00:06:34] It is a proud moment for me as a black  
[00:06:36] member of the commission staff to  
[00:06:38] introduce this item to the commission.  
[00:06:40] The following representatives from  
[00:06:41] Blackson government will be reading the  
[00:06:43] proclamation today. Marie Bell, Blackson  
[00:06:46] Government chapter president, and Carlina  
[00:06:48] Smith, Blackson Government chapter  
[00:06:49] Secretary, Marie will begin the reading  
[00:06:51] today. Good afternoon.  
[00:06:55] Whereas black history is American history,  
[00:06:58] and throughout every stage of the US,  
[00:07:01] black Americans have led the fight for  
[00:07:03] equity and justice, reshaping culture and  
[00:07:07] laws towards a multiracial democracy that  
[00:07:11] was promised at the founding of this  
[00:07:13] country, and whereas centering racial  
[00:07:16] equity and specifically our  
[00:07:20] commitment to confronting anti black  
[00:07:22] racism at the Port of Seattle sets an  
[00:07:25] intentional strategic focus that  
[00:07:28] will allow us to develop structural  
[00:07:31] approaches to address all forms of  
[00:07:34] oppression and to advance our inclusion  
[00:07:37] and belonging values as a public agency  
[00:07:41] and whereas, our vision is to develop a  
[00:07:45] port that mirrors throughout its breadth  
[00:07:48] of operations and services and within  
[00:07:52] its leadership structure, the diversity of  
[00:07:55] our community instills principles of  
[00:07:58] equity in its culture and ensures a fair  
[00:08:02] and intentional distribution of  
[00:08:05] opportunities with the goal of expanding  
[00:08:08] economic development and quality of life  
[00:08:11] for all. And whereas, the Port of Seattle  
[00:08:15] acknowledges the profound impact of black  
[00:08:18] leaders on the legacy, history, art and  
[00:08:22] economic fabric of King county,  
[00:08:25] recognizing their invaluable contributions  
[00:08:29] remains paramount, with a special focus  
[00:08:32] during this black History Month on  
[00:08:34] prioritizing the elevation of these local  
[00:08:38] heroes and whereas,  
[00:08:41] established in 1993 at the Port of  
[00:08:43] Seattle, Blacks in government big is an  
[00:08:47] employee resource group, ERG,  
[00:08:50] dedicated to advocating for equal  
[00:08:53] opportunity, eliminating racism and  
[00:08:57] discrimination, and promoting professional  
[00:09:00] development for blacks in government  
[00:09:02] during black history month and throughout  
[00:09:04] the year and whereas, in 2005,  
[00:09:08] the Washington State Legislature House of  
[00:09:11] Representatives renamed the county to  
[00:09:14] Martin Luther King county, and in 2007,  
[00:09:19] council member gossip led the campaign to  
[00:09:22] adopt the King county logo featuring  
[00:09:25] Martin Luther King county, making it the  
[00:09:28] sole governmental entity in the nation to

[00:09:31] showcase Dr. King's likeness in its logo  
[00:09:35] and whereas, the Port of Seattle  
[00:09:37] Commission took action in November of 2020  
[00:09:41] to establish Juneteenth as a Port paid  
[00:09:44] holiday cementing the importance of  
[00:09:47] Juneteenth, otherwise known as Black  
[00:09:50] Independence Day and celebrated by the  
[00:09:52] port under the leadership of big since  
[00:09:55] 2003 and whereas, the theme  
[00:09:58] for Black History Month, 2024, is African  
[00:10:02] Americans and the arts, this theme  
[00:10:05] highlights the influence and innovation of  
[00:10:07] African Americans in all fields of art,  
[00:10:11] including music, dance, theater, visual  
[00:10:13] arts and literature and whereas,  
[00:10:17] the arts have and continue to provide an  
[00:10:19] avenue for expression and visibility for  
[00:10:21] black voices of those who have  
[00:10:23] historically and currently been  
[00:10:25] underrepresented, unseen, diminished in  
[00:10:28] silence and whereas, our region boasts  
[00:10:31] world renowned artists like musicians such  
[00:10:33] as Jimi Hendrix, the Black Tones, jazz and  
[00:10:37] blues singer Ernestine Anderson, musician  
[00:10:39] and producer Quincy Jones, painters James  
[00:10:42] W. Washington Jr. And Jacob Lawrence,  
[00:10:45] artists Barbara Earl Thomas and Marita  
[00:10:47] Dingus, photographer Al Smith, writer  
[00:10:52] Ejioma Eluo, culinary artist,  
[00:10:55] chefs chef Christy Brown and Ariel Bangs  
[00:10:59] and home to the Langston Hughes Performing  
[00:11:01] Arts Institute and the Black and Tan hall  
[00:11:04] and whereas, in 2024, Hamdi Mohammed's  
[00:11:07] election as commissioner President marks  
[00:11:10] the first time in the port's 112 year  
[00:11:12] history that a woman of color,  
[00:11:15] specifically a black woman and immigrant,  
[00:11:17] holds this position and whereas, the Port  
[00:11:20] Commission and big are proud to present  
[00:11:22] Eddie Rye with a lifetime achievement  
[00:11:24] award to recognize Mr. Rye's inspiring,  
[00:11:28] decades long track record of activism and  
[00:11:31] community organizing on behalf of black  
[00:11:33] people in Washington state and beyond.  
[00:11:36] And whereas, the Port of Commissioner and  
[00:11:38] Brig are proud to present Christy Brown  
[00:11:41] with a Business Excellence Award for her  
[00:11:43] business's outstanding community impact  
[00:11:46] and inclusive business practices, and  
[00:11:48] whereas, the Office of Equity, Diversity  
[00:11:52] and Inclusion was established in 2019 to  
[00:11:54] recognize the cultural shift at the Port  
[00:11:57] of Seattle by identifying and addressing  
[00:11:58] the root causes of inequities and to  
[00:12:01] promote fairness towards equity and anti  
[00:12:04] racism, and does so in partnership with  
[00:12:06] big and other and my  
[00:12:10] whereas is just going too far. Excuse me.  
[00:12:12] And now, therefore, the Port of Seattle  
[00:12:15] Commission hereby proclaimed February as  
[00:12:17] Black History Month honors and commends  
[00:12:20] the recipients of the lifetime achievement  
[00:12:22] and Business excellent awards for their

[00:12:24] commitment to advancing equity for all.  
[00:12:28] Proclaimed by this by the Port of Seattle  
[00:12:31] this 27th day of February, 2024.  
[00:12:45] Thank you, Ms. Marie and Shayla and Mr.  
[00:12:48] Preston, for the reading. We appreciate  
[00:12:51] you being here and the important work that  
[00:12:54] you all are doing to recognize Black  
[00:12:56] History Month. I will now open it up to my  
[00:12:58] colleagues for any comments. Really  
[00:13:01] quickly. Shayla is on her way. You'll see  
[00:13:03] her later. I'm Carlina. Carlina. Oh, see,  
[00:13:06] I'm reading off my script. No ferries.  
[00:13:08] Carlina, thank you so much for being here,  
[00:13:11] and I hope that Shayla can also join us in  
[00:13:14] person or virtually. I will open  
[00:13:17] it up for any. Let's make the motion  
[00:13:19] first. Is there a motion? And a second so  
[00:13:22] that we can open up for comments and  
[00:13:25] discussions. So, moved. Second.  
[00:13:28] Great. The motion was made and seconded,  
[00:13:30] so I will open it up for any commissioner  
[00:13:32] comments at this time.  
[00:13:38] All right, so which of these guys are  
[00:13:40] going to go first? I just want to really  
[00:13:42] thank you. It's quite a few, whereas it's  
[00:13:45] a very educational effort, and it's one of  
[00:13:48] the things I really love about these  
[00:13:49] resolutions. It cements the importance of  
[00:13:52] these recognitions so that we all can  
[00:13:54] better appreciate the contributions all of  
[00:13:57] our communities make to this area. And  
[00:13:59] I've really appreciated the contributions  
[00:14:01] Preston has made to our office most  
[00:14:03] directly. But the fact is that  
[00:14:06] contributions of Black America has been  
[00:14:08] huge, and I think finally, well  
[00:14:10] recognized, and I appreciate the port  
[00:14:12] being part of that. So thank you very  
[00:14:14] much. Thank you, Commissioner Felleman.  
[00:14:19] Commissioner Cho? Yeah, I just want to  
[00:14:21] echo those sentiments. First and foremost,  
[00:14:23] I want to thank our senior executive,  
[00:14:26] Preston Tucker, for all the work that you  
[00:14:27] do in our office. It came to my attention  
[00:14:30] recently that I think Preston is actually  
[00:14:31] the first black person to serve in the  
[00:14:33] commission office in a full time staff  
[00:14:35] capacity. And so I appreciate you setting  
[00:14:38] that precedence for us and breaking  
[00:14:40] barriers really, really do appreciate you,  
[00:14:42] Preston. And I know my colleagues join me  
[00:14:44] in my appreciation. And also, lastly, to  
[00:14:47] bi g, one of our strongest and best ergs  
[00:14:51] at the port. You all lead our organization  
[00:14:54] in so many ways. Every year, you step up  
[00:14:57] to provide us with these amazing  
[00:14:59] proclamations. But not only that, I know  
[00:15:02] that you are leaders amongst the ergs as  
[00:15:04] well, and that speaks volumes, given the  
[00:15:08] many ergs that we have here.  
[00:15:11] I always enjoy participating in your  
[00:15:13] annual MLK junior ball. Had the honor of  
[00:15:16] speaking at that a few years ago, and I

[00:15:19] just love to see the continued growth of  
[00:15:21] the community, and I certainly hope that  
[00:15:24] we can continue to see that going forward.  
[00:15:26] Happy Black History Month. Very proud of  
[00:15:28] this organization and all we've done to  
[00:15:30] promote equity, diversity, and inclusion.  
[00:15:33] And this is really just one small piece of  
[00:15:35] that. And so thank you for all your work  
[00:15:37] and your advocacy. Thank you to all the  
[00:15:39] port employees and, quite frankly, all  
[00:15:41] those who are part of the port ecosystem  
[00:15:43] that may not be directly employed by us,  
[00:15:45] but continue to contribute to the great  
[00:15:47] work that we do as an organization, as an  
[00:15:49] institution. We're all very proud. Thank  
[00:15:50] you. Thank you, Commissioner Cho.  
[00:15:53] Commissioner Calkins. I know that  
[00:15:58] proclamations like this tend to be  
[00:16:01] celebratory and positive. I also  
[00:16:05] think of these as moments where we're  
[00:16:07] creating bulwark against backsliding.  
[00:16:11] I think we're in a moment right now where  
[00:16:14] rights are being removed from people in  
[00:16:16] our society, and so we  
[00:16:19] need to think about ways that we can  
[00:16:21] prevent that kind of backsliding from  
[00:16:23] happening, and whether that's for black  
[00:16:26] Americans or women or for LGBTQ members.  
[00:16:29] And part of it is just education and  
[00:16:33] acknowledgment. And so we sit up here and  
[00:16:35] we learn these things through these  
[00:16:37] proclamations, and we highlight aspects of  
[00:16:40] our history, positive and negative, in  
[00:16:43] part because we don't want to forget. And  
[00:16:44] so I think it's really important we do  
[00:16:46] these proclamations around black History  
[00:16:48] Month and other notable elements  
[00:16:52] in the year so that my kids  
[00:16:55] don't ever think they can stop fighting  
[00:16:58] for this stuff. So I'm strongly supportive  
[00:17:01] of this. Really grateful for President  
[00:17:03] Mohammed's leadership, and I'm going to  
[00:17:06] resoundingly vote yes on this.  
[00:17:09] Commissioner Hasagawa. Then I'll come back  
[00:17:11] to you, Commissioner Hasagawa. Thank you  
[00:17:14] all so much. I'm hoping that my audio is  
[00:17:17] coming through right now, but I'll keep it  
[00:17:19] short and sweet. Thank you to everyone  
[00:17:23] that put in work on this proclamation,  
[00:17:26] and thank you to Preston for that amazing  
[00:17:28] introduction. Thank you to both of our  
[00:17:30] presenters for that beautiful reading,  
[00:17:32] and thank you to President Mohamed for  
[00:17:34] your leadership. Each year I look forward  
[00:17:37] to the reading of the Black History Month  
[00:17:39] proclamation, and it's truly a joy to be  
[00:17:41] in this work alongside all of you.  
[00:17:45] Happy Black History Month. I look forward  
[00:17:47] to being in person soon. Thank you.  
[00:17:49] Commissioner Hasegawa, it's good to see  
[00:17:51] you. Commissioner Felleman, you had an  
[00:17:53] additional comment. Well, I did feel it  
[00:17:56] was important to recognize our president a

[00:17:59] little bit more directly and the  
[00:18:00] contributions that she's been making and  
[00:18:02] making sure that this proclamation  
[00:18:04] received the attention it did. But since  
[00:18:06] it's focused on art and music,  
[00:18:10] I just wanted to impart a quick personal  
[00:18:12] connection. So when I was in  
[00:18:16] graduate school, I bartended at night to  
[00:18:19] pay for the school a bit. And so Ernestine  
[00:18:22] Anderson opened up her own little bar. It  
[00:18:25] was very short lived, but it was like a  
[00:18:27] living room type setting. And to have  
[00:18:30] Ernestine Anderson, the fact that I got  
[00:18:32] paid to work for her was like out of this  
[00:18:34] world. But one night, Richie Havens played  
[00:18:39] at the bar. And so I just thought I died  
[00:18:41] and went to heaven. And the fact that they  
[00:18:43] paid me to do it was one of the greatest  
[00:18:45] pride moments of mine. So thank you for  
[00:18:48] black history allowing me such a  
[00:18:50] privilege, and I just want to share that  
[00:18:52] moment with you. Thank you. That's a  
[00:18:55] great story. Executive Director Metruck,  
[00:18:57] do you have any comments? Thank you,  
[00:19:00] President Mohamed. I'm going to recognize  
[00:19:02] your leadership on this and all the  
[00:19:04] commissioners for doing this, and Preston  
[00:19:06] for bringing the proclamation forward for  
[00:19:08] Marie and Carlina for that incredible  
[00:19:10] reading of that. And I think going through  
[00:19:12] those items to say so great in the  
[00:19:14] proclamation to cover all those things and  
[00:19:16] the contributions of black know, from  
[00:19:19] inventors to scholars, artists to actors,  
[00:19:21] business leaders to presidents and other  
[00:19:23] political leaders and advocates of equity  
[00:19:25] and social justice, African Americans have  
[00:19:27] made history for our country and enriched  
[00:19:29] our society. Black History Month is an  
[00:19:32] opportunity for us to honor these  
[00:19:33] experiences and the roles of African  
[00:19:34] Americans have made in shaping our nation.  
[00:19:38] The port continues to strive to become a  
[00:19:40] model for equity, diversity, inclusion,  
[00:19:42] and to achieve that goal, we must  
[00:19:44] acknowledge the racial oppression and  
[00:19:46] deeply rooted racism in our nation's  
[00:19:48] history and continue to work every day to  
[00:19:50] combat systemic racism in all  
[00:19:54] of its forms. And I look forward to  
[00:19:56] joining you in the reception later  
[00:19:58] celebrating Black History month here at  
[00:20:00] the airport conference center following  
[00:20:03] today's commission meeting. So thank you  
[00:20:05] for the opportunity to speak to that.  
[00:20:08] Thank you, Executive Director Metruck, and  
[00:20:10] thank you to all of my colleagues. And I  
[00:20:12] echo those same sentiments. And I just  
[00:20:14] want to specifically say thank you to big  
[00:20:17] blacks in government. As an organization,  
[00:20:20] it's been inspiring to see your leadership  
[00:20:24] at the port of Seattle and the work that  
[00:20:26] you all have been doing has paved the way

[00:20:29] for people like me to be here. And I will  
[00:20:31] also give a lot of credit to my  
[00:20:32] colleagues. When Juneteenth was adopted as  
[00:20:35] a paid holiday, I was not on the Port  
[00:20:38] Commission. That was done before I joined  
[00:20:41] the port. And so there has been a  
[00:20:43] commitment from this organization, from  
[00:20:45] this particular commission, to making sure  
[00:20:48] that we're uplifting the voices of all  
[00:20:50] people and that we're an organization that  
[00:20:52] is inclusive and welcoming. And I love  
[00:20:55] this year's theme. The Harlem Renaissance  
[00:20:58] is the one that comes to mind for me,  
[00:21:00] being able to see what happened in the,  
[00:21:03] how music has evolved and then seeing how,  
[00:21:05] where renaissance is today with anyone  
[00:21:08] that knows me, knows I'm a big Beyonce  
[00:21:10] fan. And the Renaissance tour happened  
[00:21:12] this year. You know what it did for our  
[00:21:13] airport. It was a record breaking year for  
[00:21:16] the airport, and it was a record breaking  
[00:21:18] year for the region when it came to the  
[00:21:20] amount of people that traveled here,  
[00:21:22] stayed at hotels locally, and were coming  
[00:21:27] together, enjoying her music in  
[00:21:30] particular. And it contributed to our  
[00:21:33] nation's economy. It's \$4.5 billion that  
[00:21:36] that tour alone contributed to. And that's  
[00:21:39] just another moment where we talk about  
[00:21:41] black history, black artists, from Jimi  
[00:21:43] Hendrix to today's artists like Beyonce,  
[00:21:46] Knowles, Carter. And again, I thank you  
[00:21:49] all for your leadership and the work that  
[00:21:51] you're doing and uplifting the voices and  
[00:21:53] the stories of black people. With that  
[00:21:57] said, I will now ask clerk Hart  
[00:22:01] to please call the roll for the vote. And  
[00:22:03] commissioners, please say aye or nay when  
[00:22:05] your names are called. Thank you.  
[00:22:07] Beginning with Commissioner Mohamed.  
[00:22:10] Aye. Thank you. Commissioner Calkins.  
[00:22:12] Aye. Thank you. Commissioner Cho. Aye.  
[00:22:16] Thank you. Commissioner Felleman. Aye.  
[00:22:18] Thank you. And Commissioner Hasegawa.  
[00:22:21] Aye. Thank you. Five ayes, zero nays for  
[00:22:24] this item. The motion passes. Thank you  
[00:22:27] again so much. Thank you.  
[00:22:36] Great. So next on our agenda is the  
[00:22:40] Executive Director's report. Executive  
[00:22:42] Director Metruck, you have the floor. Good  
[00:22:44] afternoon, commissioners. It's hard to  
[00:22:46] believe, but this is the last meeting of  
[00:22:48] February, but here we are. It's here  
[00:22:50] already. I want to begin by thanking you  
[00:22:53] and the port employees who supported black  
[00:22:55] History Month proclamation and the many  
[00:22:57] events that our port chapter, blacks in  
[00:23:00] government, hosted this month and  
[00:23:02] including the reception to follow here.  
[00:23:03] I'm looking forward to the reception this  
[00:23:06] afternoon and thank you, President  
[00:23:08] Mohammed, for helping lead this effort  
[00:23:09] along with big. I have a few updates this



[00:23:13] afternoon before moving today's business  
[00:23:15] meeting last week, along with Commissioner  
[00:23:18] Felleman, I had the opportunity to attend  
[00:23:20] the ribbon cutting for the Coast Guard  
[00:23:21] Cetacean desk for the Puget Sound region  
[00:23:24] at the Coast Guard base here in Seattle.  
[00:23:26] Thanks in part to the advocacy of  
[00:23:28] Commissioner Felleman, our work for the  
[00:23:29] Northwest Seaport alliance and our state's  
[00:23:31] congressional delegation funding was  
[00:23:33] secured in the 2023 National Defense  
[00:23:36] Authorization act, the NDAA to expand the  
[00:23:39] capacity of the Coast Guard's vessel  
[00:23:40] traffic service to inform mariners of ways  
[00:23:43] to avoid conflicts with whales. That is  
[00:23:46] what the staff at the Cetacean desk does.  
[00:23:48] It's not just a desk that sits there,  
[00:23:49] it's a desk that does work. So it's nice  
[00:23:52] to see those efforts pay off in a tangible  
[00:23:54] way to help protect our orcas, humpbacks  
[00:23:56] and other whales in the region. Also last  
[00:24:00] week, many of you may have saw it, the  
[00:24:01] local news media highlighted the great  
[00:24:03] work of our Port of Seattle Police  
[00:24:05] Department drug interdiction team the Port  
[00:24:08] of Seattle Police Department drug  
[00:24:09] interdiction detectives focus on domestic  
[00:24:11] and international narcotics traffickers  
[00:24:14] connected to the airport and the seaport.  
[00:24:17] Recently, the interdiction team followed  
[00:24:19] up on a tip and, working with a highly  
[00:24:21] trained canine, were able to find 150,000  
[00:24:24] fentanyl pills in a traveler's checked  
[00:24:27] bag. And if you saw the photo, the video  
[00:24:29] of it, it was amazing to see that in its  
[00:24:31] work, the team has found dozens of pounds  
[00:24:34] of fentanyl, methamphetamines and more.  
[00:24:37] Our police department is working on the  
[00:24:39] front line in the efforts to protect our  
[00:24:40] community from these dangerous drugs. We  
[00:24:42] appreciate the opportunity to highlight  
[00:24:44] their important work on the operation  
[00:24:47] side. Last week, the airport managed the  
[00:24:49] busy conclusion to President's day in the  
[00:24:51] midwinter break travel between  
[00:24:55] February 15 and the 20th. We managed five  
[00:24:58] days with higher year over year volume  
[00:25:01] than 2023, which tracks with our forecast  
[00:25:04] for 2024 to likely be the busiest year in  
[00:25:07] our airport's history. In our airport's 75  
[00:25:10] year history, as a matter of fact. As a  
[00:25:13] reminder, volume is a measurement of  
[00:25:15] economic activity. Every traveler supports  
[00:25:17] jobs on and off the airport and in the  
[00:25:19] region. I'd also like to remind the public  
[00:25:21] that airport operations is a team sport.  
[00:25:24] Delivering that five star level of service  
[00:25:26] takes partnership with airlines, federal  
[00:25:27] agencies, dining and retail and  
[00:25:29] transportation providers, and the  
[00:25:32] employees at the port. So thank you to  
[00:25:34] everyone who helped make this first busy  
[00:25:35] weekend of 2024 such a success. We look

[00:25:38] for more as we move forward through the  
[00:25:40] year. Moving to today's commission  
[00:25:42] meeting. Our primary focus today will be  
[00:25:44] the commission order related to sound  
[00:25:46] insulation. And I'll have more to say  
[00:25:48] about that during the introduction of that  
[00:25:50] item. So thank you, President Mohamed.  
[00:25:53] Thank you, Executive Director Metruck, for  
[00:25:55] your report. Any comments from my  
[00:25:57] colleagues? Okay,  
[00:26:00] hearing, none. We will move on to the next  
[00:26:02] item. We are at the committee report at  
[00:26:05] this time. Commission strategic Advisor  
[00:26:07] Erica Chung will be providing that report.  
[00:26:09] Erica, you have the floor. Good afternoon,  
[00:26:12] President Mohammed, commissioners and  
[00:26:14] Executive Director Metruck. I have three  
[00:26:16] committee reports for you. They're all  
[00:26:18] from February 20. Aviation committee was  
[00:26:22] convened by Commissioner Hasegawa and Cho,  
[00:26:25] where they were briefed on the FAA  
[00:26:27] reauthorization under consideration by  
[00:26:29] Congress, including items relating to  
[00:26:31] airport operations and impacts on  
[00:26:33] neighboring communities important to local  
[00:26:36] issues. On February 28th also,  
[00:26:39] commissioners Cho and Felleman convened the  
[00:26:40] sustainability, Environment and Climate  
[00:26:43] Committee, where the committee was briefed  
[00:26:45] on the community inputs received with  
[00:26:47] regards to the FCA Tree replacement  
[00:26:50] standards and SEA land stewardship plan,  
[00:26:52] and how staff have responded to and  
[00:26:55] incorporated those requests, including  
[00:26:57] public input period, role of equity, and  
[00:27:00] annual metrics. The committee also  
[00:27:02] received a briefing on what will be  
[00:27:04] included in the port's first  
[00:27:05] sustainability report for 2023 that  
[00:27:08] demonstrates progress, successes and  
[00:27:11] strategies towards achieving objectives  
[00:27:13] and goals and benefits for the public.  
[00:27:16] The performance metrics are tightly  
[00:27:18] aligned with the port's vision, sentry  
[00:27:20] agenda, goals and the UN Sustainable  
[00:27:23] Development Goals. Staff are currently  
[00:27:26] gathering data and hope to publish the  
[00:27:27] report by June of 2024. The committee then  
[00:27:31] reviewed the 2024 committee work plan and  
[00:27:34] discussed how work in the committee will  
[00:27:36] be prioritized given the breadth of work  
[00:27:39] proposed for the year. Also on February  
[00:27:41] 20, the Portwide Arts and Culture  
[00:27:43] Board met with Commissioner Felleman  
[00:27:45] participating. The board was introduced to  
[00:27:48] new public board members and discussed the  
[00:27:50] vacant public board member position that  
[00:27:52] needs to be filled. The board received a  
[00:27:54] recap of 2023 and reviewed the work plan  
[00:27:57] for 2024. The board also discussed  
[00:28:00] continued funding for capital projects,  
[00:28:02] including two concepts provided by Ralph  
[00:28:05] Helmick for future board consideration.

[00:28:08] This concludes my report. Thank you.  
[00:28:11] Thank you, Erica, for that report out.  
[00:28:14] Are there any comments or questions from  
[00:28:16] my colleagues? Okay, great. Thank you  
[00:28:20] again, Erica. I'll move us along. We are  
[00:28:22] now at the public comment section of our  
[00:28:25] agenda. The Port of Seattle welcomes and  
[00:28:28] Commissioner welcomes public comment as an  
[00:28:31] important part of the public process.  
[00:28:34] Comments are received and considered by  
[00:28:36] the commissioner in its deliberations.  
[00:28:38] Before we take public comment, let's  
[00:28:40] review our rules for in person and virtual  
[00:28:43] public comments. Clerk Hart, please play  
[00:28:46] the recording.  
[00:29:28] Give me just one moment. I'll tie it from  
[00:29:30] my computer.  
[00:29:56] Part of the public process and the Port of  
[00:29:59] Seattle Commission thanks you for joining  
[00:30:01] us for the efficient operation of meetings  
[00:30:03] and in order to maintain decorum in the  
[00:30:05] meeting room, the commission has adopted  
[00:30:07] rules of procedure governing public  
[00:30:09] comment and audience attendance. Before  
[00:30:12] proceeding, we will overview those rules  
[00:30:14] for your general information. Each speaker  
[00:30:17] will have two minutes to speak unless  
[00:30:18] otherwise revised by the presiding officer  
[00:30:21] for the purposes of meeting efficiency,  
[00:30:22] and the speaker shall keep their remarks  
[00:30:24] within the allotted period of time,  
[00:30:26] provided a timer will appear on the screen  
[00:30:28] and a buzzer will sound at the end of the  
[00:30:30] speaker's comment period. The commission  
[00:30:32] limits comments specifically to items on  
[00:30:34] its agenda and items related to the  
[00:30:36] conduct of port business. If comments are  
[00:30:38] not related to these topics, the presiding  
[00:30:40] officer will stop the speaker and ask that  
[00:30:42] comments be kept to those topics. This  
[00:30:44] rule applies to both introductory and  
[00:30:46] concluding remarks. All remarks should be  
[00:30:49] addressed to the commission as body and  
[00:30:51] not to individual commissioner outside of  
[00:30:53] the context of action taken in their  
[00:30:55] official port capacity. Disruptions of  
[00:30:58] commissioner public meetings are  
[00:30:59] prohibited disruptions include, but are  
[00:31:02] not limited to the following speaking when  
[00:31:04] not recognized to speak by the presiding  
[00:31:06] officer holding or placing banners and  
[00:31:08] signs in the meeting room in a way that  
[00:31:10] endangers others or obstructs the flow of  
[00:31:12] people or view of others at the meeting  
[00:31:14] intentionally disrupting, disturbing or  
[00:31:16] otherwise impeding attendance or  
[00:31:18] participation at a meeting refusing to  
[00:31:20] follow the direction of the presiding  
[00:31:22] officer or security personnel speaking on  
[00:31:25] matters other than items on the agenda or  
[00:31:26] topics related to the conduct of the port  
[00:31:28] business attempting to use the comment  
[00:31:30] time for purposeful delay, including

[00:31:32] remaining silent or engaging in other  
[00:31:34] activity without conveying a discernible  
[00:31:36] message using the comment period for the  
[00:31:38] purpose of assisting in a campaign for  
[00:31:39] election of any person to any office or  
[00:31:42] for the promotion of or opposition to any  
[00:31:44] ballot proposition, except when addressing  
[00:31:46] action being considered or taken by the  
[00:31:48] commission on a ballot proposition  
[00:31:50] appearing on its agenda directing public  
[00:31:52] comments to the audience engaging in  
[00:31:55] abusive or harassing behavior, including,  
[00:31:57] but not limited to, derogatory remarks  
[00:31:59] based on age, race, color, national  
[00:32:02] origin, ancestry, religion, disability,  
[00:32:05] pregnancy, sex, gender, sexual  
[00:32:07] orientation, transgender status, marital  
[00:32:09] status, or any other category protected by  
[00:32:12] law, the use of obscene or profane  
[00:32:14] language and gestures, assaults or other  
[00:32:17] threatening behavior and sexual misconduct  
[00:32:19] or sexual harassment for safety purposes  
[00:32:21] individuals are asked not to physically  
[00:32:23] approach commissioner or staff at the  
[00:32:25] meeting table during the meeting.  
[00:32:27] Individuals may provide written public  
[00:32:28] comment before or after the meeting and in  
[00:32:31] addition, speakers may offer written  
[00:32:32] material to the commission clerk for  
[00:32:34] distribution during their testimony to the  
[00:32:36] commission. If a meeting is disrupted by  
[00:32:38] an individual in attendance in the meeting  
[00:32:40] room or by an individual providing public  
[00:32:42] comment in person or virtually, the  
[00:32:44] following procedures are adopted. A first  
[00:32:47] disruption will result in the presiding  
[00:32:48] officer warning the individual that the  
[00:32:50] disruptive conduct is out of order and  
[00:32:52] that a further disruption will result in  
[00:32:54] the speaker's loss of speaking privileges.  
[00:32:56] A second disruption at the same meeting or  
[00:32:58] within 90 days after the first disruption  
[00:33:01] will result in a loss of speaker's  
[00:33:02] privileges. The presiding officer will end  
[00:33:04] the individual's comment period and will  
[00:33:06] announce that any further disruption by  
[00:33:08] the individual within the next 180 days  
[00:33:10] will be grounds for exclusion from  
[00:33:12] commission meetings. If additional  
[00:33:14] disruptions occur within 180 days from the  
[00:33:16] loss of speaking privileges, the  
[00:33:18] individual shall lose attendance  
[00:33:19] privileges for commission meetings for 180  
[00:33:22] days thereafter. This applies to  
[00:33:24] individuals who are in person or attending  
[00:33:26] virtually. If, during the three years  
[00:33:28] following a 180 day period of exclusion  
[00:33:30] from commission meetings, an individual  
[00:33:32] engages in another disruption, the  
[00:33:34] individual shall lose attendance  
[00:33:35] privileges for the commission meeting for  
[00:33:37] a one year period. Thereafter, written  
[00:33:40] materials provided to the clerk will be

[00:33:42] included in today's meeting record. The  
[00:33:44] clerk has a list of those prepared to  
[00:33:46] speak. We are taking comments from anyone  
[00:33:48] who has signed up to speak virtually, as  
[00:33:50] well as from anyone who has joined us in  
[00:33:52] the chambers. When your name is called,  
[00:33:55] if you are joining virtually, please  
[00:33:57] unmute yourself. Then please repeat your  
[00:34:00] name for the record and state your topic  
[00:34:02] related to an item on the agenda or  
[00:34:04] related to the conduct of port business.  
[00:34:06] If you're on the team's meeting and at the  
[00:34:08] same time streaming the meeting on the  
[00:34:10] website, please muted the website stream  
[00:34:13] to avoid feedback. When you have concluded  
[00:34:16] your remarks, you may again turn off your  
[00:34:18] camera and mute your speaker. If you are  
[00:34:21] speaking from the room, please come to the  
[00:34:23] testimony table, repeat your name for the  
[00:34:25] record and state your topic related to an  
[00:34:28] item on the agenda or related to the  
[00:34:30] conduct of port business. Our public  
[00:34:32] comment period will now commence. Thank  
[00:34:35] you again for joining us today.  
[00:34:40] Great. Clerk Hart, please call our first  
[00:34:43] speaker. Thank you. One moment. I need to  
[00:34:45] pull up in the timer for us here. Okay.  
[00:35:03] Madam Commissioner, President, members of  
[00:35:05] the commission, we have about 13 people  
[00:35:08] who have signed up today to our virtual.  
[00:35:10] So I'm actually going to take them first  
[00:35:12] before we go into the room, if that's all  
[00:35:15] right. That works great. Thank you. So,  
[00:35:17] our first speaker joining us virtually is  
[00:35:19] Anne Croker. Anne, please restate your  
[00:35:22] name for the record and your agenda item  
[00:35:25] or topic related to the conduct of port  
[00:35:26] business, please.  
[00:35:32] Anne, I think you're muted.  
[00:35:45] We still can't hear you. Anne.  
[00:35:52] It may be your speaker settings.  
[00:36:03] We still can't hear you. Anne. I will come  
[00:36:06] back to you. Okay.  
[00:36:11] Okay. Moving to our next speaker, we have  
[00:36:15] Karen Valoria joining us. Also virtually  
[00:36:22] Karen, please restate your name for the  
[00:36:23] record and your agenda item or topic  
[00:36:26] related to the conduct of port business,  
[00:36:27] please. My name is Karen Valoria.  
[00:36:31] I am commenting in favor of passing  
[00:36:34] resolution 20240 four.  
[00:36:37] Thank you. Thank you, commissioners for  
[00:36:39] your time here today. I've lived in the  
[00:36:41] North Highline Burien area for over 25  
[00:36:44] years. I bring my sons here. I love my  
[00:36:47] neighbors and the easy access to the city  
[00:36:50] and the airport. I would have been there  
[00:36:52] in person because this is such a pressing  
[00:36:54] matter for so many of us were it not for  
[00:36:56] these cold symptoms I have. As an  
[00:36:59] immigrant and a single mother, I was  
[00:37:01] ecstatic about being able to finally  
[00:37:04] afford a home for my family in the

[00:37:06] Boulevard park area of Burien over 20  
[00:37:09] years ago. I knew I was buying a house  
[00:37:12] under the flight path, but I was told I  
[00:37:15] have a port package. But the house was  
[00:37:17] what I could afford and I was told the  
[00:37:19] noise inside my home would be minimal. In  
[00:37:22] the last ten years or so, I've noticed  
[00:37:24] condensation starting between my double  
[00:37:27] pane windows. That condensation is now  
[00:37:30] turning into mold and because of the  
[00:37:32] construction of the windows, I cannot  
[00:37:34] clean between the panes. I also hear  
[00:37:38] planes constantly, just as if I were  
[00:37:40] standing outside. I am planning on  
[00:37:43] spending my retirement years in my home  
[00:37:45] where I deserve to be comfortable and  
[00:37:47] healthy. I do not want to watch the mold  
[00:37:50] slowly creeping and growing inside my own  
[00:37:53] living room. Those of us who live here do  
[00:37:56] not have the discretionary funds to get  
[00:37:58] new window and insulation treatments.  
[00:38:00] Please pass this resolution. It is for the  
[00:38:03] health and safety for those of us living  
[00:38:05] so close to the airport. Thank you for  
[00:38:08] your time.  
[00:38:12] Thank you for your comments. Clerk Hart,  
[00:38:14] please call the next speaker. Thank you.  
[00:38:16] I'm going to try to go back to Anne.  
[00:38:18] Anne, I'm not sure if you were able to  
[00:38:21] resolve your speaker issues.  
[00:38:25] If you want to come on camera, if you're  
[00:38:27] still with us, Anne, we can test that.  
[00:38:33] And she may have disconnected from the  
[00:38:35] meeting. So we will turn to the room  
[00:38:38] starting with Mayor Mohamed Igal.  
[00:38:45] And Mr. Mayor, if you could repeat your  
[00:38:47] name for the record and your agenda item,  
[00:38:50] please. My name  
[00:38:53] is Mohamed Igal. Is the mic on? It is,  
[00:38:56] yes. Okay. Good afternoon, commission  
[00:38:59] president Mohammed both commissioners.  
[00:39:03] My name is Mohammed Igal. I'm the mayor of  
[00:39:06] the City of Sea-Tac. I'm also  
[00:39:09] here to force my support for the order  
[00:39:13] or achieve the item 2020 414  
[00:39:18] which will establish the sound  
[00:39:21] installation, repair and replacement  
[00:39:25] ballot program at the board in  
[00:39:28] 2021. I have knocked on almost 10,000  
[00:39:33] doors in the city of Sea-Tac.  
[00:39:36] I have heard from our residences,  
[00:39:40] especially those who live in the  
[00:39:43] west and north Sea-Tac area.  
[00:39:47] They told me that they are passionate,  
[00:39:51] passionate about and want a  
[00:39:55] solution for the airplane noise and  
[00:39:58] sound installation and repair program.  
[00:40:02] Commission president Mohammed Commissioner,  
[00:40:06] Sea-Tac irobot cities 40%  
[00:40:10] of our land mass we are small city,  
[00:40:13] 10 miles wide. Four out  
[00:40:17] of ten person who live in our city  
[00:40:20] work in the irobot

[00:40:24] or irobot related jobs.  
[00:40:29] These are restaurant worker,  
[00:40:32] warehouse workers, lift and overdrive.  
[00:40:35] Most of them live in this area. A healthy  
[00:40:39] and well rested worker is a good business  
[00:40:44] and investment for the board.  
[00:40:50] An order 2020 414 will  
[00:40:53] help workers and residences to be  
[00:40:57] healthy and productive.  
[00:41:01] I now I report is a business  
[00:41:05] and business. They wanted productive  
[00:41:09] staff. Thank you for your time. I will  
[00:41:12] save two minutes for you. Thank you. 2  
[00:41:14] seconds. Thank you,  
[00:41:17] Mayor Agal, thanks for being here. And I  
[00:41:19] also know that you have a city council  
[00:41:21] meeting today, so I really appreciate you  
[00:41:22] being here. Clerk Hart, please call our  
[00:41:25] next speaker.  
[00:41:31] Thank you. And pardon me, I'm actually.  
[00:41:34] Yes, Anne, we can hear you.  
[00:41:38] Oh, you can? We can. Please restate your  
[00:41:40] name for the record and your topic related  
[00:41:42] to the conduct of port business or your  
[00:41:44] agenda item. Oh, I'm very excited.  
[00:41:48] My name is Anne Craig and I'm commenting  
[00:41:53] on agenda item ten a, which is the  
[00:41:56] order for the proposed order for the sound  
[00:41:58] insulation and repair and replacement.  
[00:42:01] And I was going to say that as a resident  
[00:42:05] that has moved to Des Moines Redondo beach  
[00:42:08] in the last ten years, coming from  
[00:42:10] Bellevue, so we weren't aware of the South  
[00:42:13] King county issues before then. It has  
[00:42:16] gotten so loud and low for us there that  
[00:42:19] we are actually physically looking at  
[00:42:22] moving because we've reached the age of 70  
[00:42:24] and we need to have our last ten years be  
[00:42:27] better ones. But this resolution isn't  
[00:42:29] about it because we understand how bad it  
[00:42:32] can be. And we haven't been here all our  
[00:42:35] lives. We were able to have triple pane  
[00:42:37] windows and they haven't failed. And to  
[00:42:39] not have these advantages, to be able to  
[00:42:42] move possibly, or to afford the loss  
[00:42:45] of an unsaleable home seems  
[00:42:49] particularly unthinkable as harm that's  
[00:42:52] been caused. And to not have the federal,  
[00:42:54] state, cities or ports step up for decades  
[00:42:57] and fix these failed insulation packages  
[00:43:00] seems particularly egregious. Adding salt  
[00:43:03] to the wound. So to have a solution in  
[00:43:07] sight now with this proposed order and  
[00:43:10] brought to the fore by a current port  
[00:43:12] commissioner is actually relieving to  
[00:43:15] many of us and restores a little of my  
[00:43:17] faith in our shared humanity for this  
[00:43:20] extremely untenable situation. So,  
[00:43:24] please do pass this resolution as it  
[00:43:27] stands unanimously. And thank you very  
[00:43:31] much for allowing me to comment,  
[00:43:32] especially when I was having technical  
[00:43:34] difficulties. Thank you, Anne. We were

[00:43:37] glad that we could hear you. Clerk Hart,  
[00:43:39] please call the next speaker. Thank you.  
[00:43:42] Our next speaker is Mayor Tracy Beckston.  
[00:43:49] Madam Mayor, if you would please repeat  
[00:43:51] your name for the record and your topic,  
[00:43:53] please. Thank you. Well, first, I want to  
[00:43:54] make a joke. Beyonce. That's why you've  
[00:43:56] been wearing cowboy boots all week.  
[00:43:58] That's right.  
[00:44:01] So, Tracy Buxton, mayor of Des Moines.  
[00:44:04] I'm here to support order 20240 four asks  
[00:44:09] for sound insulation and repair for  
[00:44:11] residents in my community. So, I'm here  
[00:44:13] because I care about my community. I'm  
[00:44:15] here because even though many people, I  
[00:44:18] included, choose to live here, we're still  
[00:44:21] being challenged by increasing airport  
[00:44:23] impacts. Right. Of different kinds. So  
[00:44:25] some people say the planes are quieter,  
[00:44:27] but there's more of them. Some people say  
[00:44:29] the planes are safer, but now we know that  
[00:44:32] there's dangerous particles coming from  
[00:44:34] them. So I'm here because the people in my  
[00:44:37] city also take the lion's share of the  
[00:44:40] impacts in bringing a vibrant economy to  
[00:44:42] the whole county. And we receive  
[00:44:44] relatively little for it in the  
[00:44:46] comparison. So I want to say I appreciate  
[00:44:49] Commissioner Mohammed's response to the  
[00:44:51] community and bringing this forward. And I  
[00:44:54] also appreciate that she worked hard to  
[00:44:57] create a listening session to get some  
[00:44:59] more just to refine this ask. And ask for  
[00:45:01] more input from the community. Very  
[00:45:03] conscientious. Appreciate that this order  
[00:45:06] also works in tandem with legislation  
[00:45:08] that's actively being brought forward in  
[00:45:09] Olympia, working with the advocacy we're  
[00:45:13] feeling from our legislative coalitions in  
[00:45:15] the 30th and the 33rd. So, most  
[00:45:18] importantly, though, it's particularly  
[00:45:19] responsive to the needs of our diverse  
[00:45:22] community in my city. So thank you,  
[00:45:24] Commissioner Mohammed, for bringing this  
[00:45:26] forward, and I hope that your colleagues  
[00:45:28] agree with you today. Thank you.  
[00:45:31] Thank you, Mayor Buxton. And I do  
[00:45:35] wear cowboy boots, and I'm so glad Beyonce  
[00:45:37] went number one for two country songs.  
[00:45:41] Clerk Hart, please do call the next  
[00:45:44] speaker. Thank you. That's a council  
[00:45:46] member, JC Harris.  
[00:46:00] JC, if you would please repeat your name  
[00:46:02] for the record and your topic, please.  
[00:46:06] Good afternoon, my name is JC Harris. I'm  
[00:46:09] here on behalf of SEATAC Noise.  
[00:46:12] So this is actually a  
[00:46:16] historic day.  
[00:46:20] You're going to like this. This is the  
[00:46:23] first time in decades the port has  
[00:46:26] spent its own money without compulsion  
[00:46:31] to do something for airport communities.  
[00:46:35] The straight line to the concerns that



[00:46:38] they have most. The noise and the  
[00:46:42] pollution could have been done by previous  
[00:46:46] commissions. You're doing it.  
[00:46:50] Take the w. Not kidding here.  
[00:46:53] Doing this voluntarily is  
[00:46:58] a big deal. We like the  
[00:47:01] language in 24 four,  
[00:47:04] and I want to, before we all get swelled  
[00:47:08] heads, point out one, the key  
[00:47:11] word is pilot. This is a tryout.  
[00:47:16] Okay? We all know that there is a bigger  
[00:47:20] issue and think  
[00:47:24] of this as the startup capital and we  
[00:47:27] are all well motivated to make this  
[00:47:31] a really good audition so that the  
[00:47:35] problem can be addressed by you know who.  
[00:47:40] So we'll all work together and that's why  
[00:47:43] we will continue to nag a bit on the  
[00:47:45] technical implementation. And one detail  
[00:47:49] on that, because we bust a lot of myths.  
[00:47:54] I've heard from congressmen on down about  
[00:47:57] these things wear out. Give me a couple of  
[00:48:00] seconds here. You're also going to like  
[00:48:02] this. They don't wear out.  
[00:48:06] A quality port package should  
[00:48:11] last many decades,  
[00:48:14] full stop. If your windows  
[00:48:18] broke down in ten years or whatever,  
[00:48:22] you got the wrong system from the wrong  
[00:48:24] people. And I'm telling you this because  
[00:48:27] the port now does a really good  
[00:48:30] job. So by supporting this,  
[00:48:33] you can be sure that the updates  
[00:48:37] that you provide are going to provide  
[00:48:39] excellent service for many generations  
[00:48:44] of future homeowners in the most diverse  
[00:48:47] and heavily impacted area of South  
[00:48:51] King county. This is the equity and  
[00:48:56] you should feel really good  
[00:49:00] about this. Thank you. Thank you.  
[00:49:02] Council member J. C. Harris.  
[00:49:05] Clerk Hart, please call the next speaker.  
[00:49:07] Thank you. Madam Commissioner, president,  
[00:49:09] apologies. I'm not sure why that I shared  
[00:49:11] with sound. It just didn't sound, so I  
[00:49:13] tried to share again. Hopefully it'll work  
[00:49:15] this time. Our next speaker is Denise  
[00:49:18] Etle. Denise, please repeat  
[00:49:22] your name for the record and your agenda  
[00:49:24] item or topic related to the conduct of  
[00:49:26] port business. Thank you. My name  
[00:49:29] is Denise Atley and I'm here to speak with  
[00:49:32] regard to 2024, the Seattle  
[00:49:36] Port noise remedy program. And if I may,  
[00:49:39] before you start my clock, I just want to  
[00:49:41] draw to your attention that I'm the one  
[00:49:42] that has spammed your email with a longer  
[00:49:44] version of my prepared comments. And I  
[00:49:48] only draw it to your attention because  
[00:49:49] there's photographs in there that I'll be  
[00:49:51] happy for you to see since we are not able  
[00:49:53] to show them in here today.  
[00:49:57] Excuse me. My port package was installed

[00:50:00] in February of the year 2000. My home was  
[00:50:03] built in 1959. For the record, the port at  
[00:50:07] that time paid \$44,000 for my port  
[00:50:09] package. The port contracted window  
[00:50:12] manufacturer at that time for myself and  
[00:50:14] for hundreds of us was a company called  
[00:50:15] Alpine Windows. Five months after my  
[00:50:19] installation in July of 2000,  
[00:50:22] Alpine windows declared bankruptcy and our  
[00:50:25] warranty on our wonderful, expensive  
[00:50:27] windows was gone. \$44,000 for  
[00:50:31] one home. My windows began failing within  
[00:50:34] three years. The failure included fogged  
[00:50:37] glass, mold, leaking water and water  
[00:50:40] damage to my wood framing and my drywall.  
[00:50:43] This is not to be considered normal wear  
[00:50:45] and tear. By the year 2007,  
[00:50:49] this issue had blown up enough that  
[00:50:51] several of us and our windows were even  
[00:50:53] featured on King five evening news in a  
[00:50:56] segment titled Port under Fire and again  
[00:50:59] on King five's upfront with Robert mag  
[00:51:01] show. In summary, the port contracted  
[00:51:05] these manufacturers. The port picked the  
[00:51:07] list of contractors. The port paid \$44,000  
[00:51:11] of someone's money for this, for just my  
[00:51:13] home, but the port unfortunately didn't  
[00:51:16] stand behind any of it. I have now had to  
[00:51:19] pay out of pocket to have several of my  
[00:51:21] port windows replaced, and the  
[00:51:23] replacement, I would note, is downgraded  
[00:51:25] because I can't afford the special noise  
[00:51:27] rated glass that these windows were made  
[00:51:29] out of. Nor is it easy to get windows made  
[00:51:31] with that glass. I still have many more  
[00:51:35] windows to go that I can't even see out  
[00:51:36] of. Again, I refer you to those pictures I  
[00:51:38] sent you. I do understand that the  
[00:51:42] program's quality and oversight has  
[00:51:44] evolved greatly since then and is much  
[00:51:46] improved. Your support will finally  
[00:51:48] provide help to all of us who weren't so  
[00:51:50] lucky way back then by rectifying the  
[00:51:53] damage done to our homes, and it will  
[00:51:55] enable the port to finally make this bad  
[00:51:57] situation right for us. Thank you.  
[00:52:00] Thank you so much for your comments.  
[00:52:03] Clark Hart, please call the next speaker.  
[00:52:05] Thank you. Our next speaker is Barbara  
[00:52:07] McMichael.  
[00:52:13] Barbara, if you would repeat your name for  
[00:52:15] the record and your topic, please. Thank  
[00:52:17] you. My name is Barbara McMichael. I'm  
[00:52:20] going to be speaking about the port  
[00:52:21] package 2024.  
[00:52:25] I'm a resident of Des Moines. I grew up in  
[00:52:28] what eventually incorporated as the city  
[00:52:30] of Sea-Tac. So I'm a longtime committed  
[00:52:33] community resident. I do have a port  
[00:52:36] package and it's just beginning  
[00:52:39] to fail. But I'm here to thank you today  
[00:52:42] for taking the issue of failing port  
[00:52:44] packages seriously. And I think that we

[00:52:47] all understand that the package that is in  
[00:52:49] the legislature right now won't be enough  
[00:52:52] to cover all of the window issues that  
[00:52:53] need to be attended to. But I appreciate  
[00:52:56] your acknowledgement of the problem and I  
[00:52:58] think all of us working together is going  
[00:53:01] to be a good first step in the right  
[00:53:02] direction to address what has been an  
[00:53:04] ongoing problem for many of my neighbors.  
[00:53:08] President Mohammed, I have four sentences  
[00:53:11] about the North Sea-Tac park issue. I'd  
[00:53:14] request your permission so I don't have to  
[00:53:16] go down to the pier to speak on them.  
[00:53:19] Sure. Thank you kindly. Okay. Even though  
[00:53:22] I live south of SEATAC airport I joined the  
[00:53:25] defenders of North SEATAC park shortly after  
[00:53:28] it formed and became a member of the  
[00:53:29] steering committee. We're still determined  
[00:53:32] to see a positive outcome regarding  
[00:53:35] preserving that important parcel of  
[00:53:37] forested land and the essential bob called  
[00:53:39] Tub Lake. But my colleagues in that group  
[00:53:42] agreed with me that the mission needs to  
[00:53:44] expand tree canopy in all of our airport  
[00:53:47] adjacent communities has been decimated by  
[00:53:50] airport related developments as well as  
[00:53:53] airport specific developments. So we have  
[00:53:56] transformed into defenders of Highline  
[00:53:58] forests. So I wanted you to know that  
[00:54:01] we're interested in a robust land  
[00:54:02] stewardship plan. We're interested in  
[00:54:05] prioritizing healthy forest restoration  
[00:54:09] as well as just tree replacement. And we  
[00:54:11] remain very concerned about the stamp  
[00:54:14] there. All in under two minutes. Thank  
[00:54:16] you. Kind of. You did excellent. Thank you  
[00:54:18] so much. Clerk Hart, please call the next  
[00:54:20] speaker. Thank you. Our next speaker is  
[00:54:23] Michelle Escara. Michelle,  
[00:54:27] if you would please repeat your name for  
[00:54:28] the record and your agenda item or topic  
[00:54:30] related to the conduct of port business,  
[00:54:32] please. Okay. Can you hear me? Okay. Oh,  
[00:54:35] good. Yes. All right. A lot to say. I  
[00:54:38] didn't make sure. I'm Michelle Sagaram  
[00:54:41] Dacia, foreman for the Port of Seattle's  
[00:54:42] aviation electric shop. I'm here in port  
[00:54:44] business to discuss port business around  
[00:54:46] contract negotiations. Our electricians  
[00:54:49] are being paid less than fifth year  
[00:54:51] apprentices. And I'm wondering why the  
[00:54:52] port thinks that my 20 years of experience  
[00:54:54] as an electrical worker is worth less than  
[00:54:55] someone who doesn't even have an  
[00:54:56] electrical license. Please pay me what  
[00:54:58] I've earned. Few, if any, other airports  
[00:55:00] ask their electricians to be immersed in  
[00:55:02] as many systems as we are demanded to be  
[00:55:05] due to the port's aggressive expansion and  
[00:55:06] race to be the first to adopt new  
[00:55:08] innovations. We have complicated systems  
[00:55:09] that sometimes do not exist anywhere else  
[00:55:11] on the planet. Yet our electricians are

[00:55:13] expect to know how to run them, how to fix  
[00:55:15] them and how to keep them from destroying  
[00:55:16] the efficiency of our trade and travel.  
[00:55:18] Sometimes with an adequate trainer, no  
[00:55:19] training at all. And we have to teach  
[00:55:21] ourselves on your behalf. So pay us what  
[00:55:23] we've earned. Electricians outside are  
[00:55:25] being paid a package of 20 plus more an  
[00:55:27] hour than we are. And they're not even  
[00:55:29] really outside. They're here within our  
[00:55:30] perimeter gates working on the airport's  
[00:55:32] endless expansion. You pay electrical  
[00:55:34] contractors, which means you pay other  
[00:55:36] electricians at this port. A package of 20  
[00:55:38] plus more an hour more than us. And having  
[00:55:40] an one license is what determines their  
[00:55:42] base pay. We all in the electrical  
[00:55:45] maintenance shop have one licenses. Where  
[00:55:48] is our base pay? Pay us what we've earned.  
[00:55:51] We are spread too thin because staffing is  
[00:55:52] not matching the expansion. And we are  
[00:55:54] still expected to maintain millions of  
[00:55:56] pieces of equipment worth billions. We are  
[00:55:58] the experts you depend on. Our livelihoods  
[00:56:01] are worth more than technological  
[00:56:03] progress. Our families are worth more than  
[00:56:05] risking our safety for the looming danger  
[00:56:07] that understaffing fosters. Our workers  
[00:56:09] are worth more than IAF monuments or other  
[00:56:12] public displays of wealth that the port is  
[00:56:14] constantly pushing out. Pay us what we've  
[00:56:16] earned. Commissioners Director, I implore  
[00:56:19] you to listen. Please hear us. Can you  
[00:56:22] hear the field crews boilers, Lampard's  
[00:56:23] conveyor, jetbridge, OE's, painters,  
[00:56:25] carpenters, ets, electricians? We are the  
[00:56:28] port. We are your community. We are your  
[00:56:31] greatest asset. Please invest in us. Pay  
[00:56:34] us what we've earned. Thank you. Thank you  
[00:56:38] so much for your comments.  
[00:56:46] Clerk Hart. Next speaker, please. Thank  
[00:56:48] you. Our next speaker is Maria Batiola.  
[00:56:55] Maria, if you would please restate your  
[00:56:57] name for the record and your agenda item  
[00:56:58] or topic related to the conduct of port  
[00:57:00] business, please. It's so  
[00:57:04] wonderful to see the commissioner in  
[00:57:06] person. We miss you. My name is Maria  
[00:57:09] Bateola, and I'm here to speak on  
[00:57:12] Resolution order 2024. Number four.  
[00:57:17] It is a breath of fresh air to see you  
[00:57:20] take this initiative to collaborate with  
[00:57:23] Washington state to establish a port  
[00:57:27] mitigation and equity fund.  
[00:57:30] I chair Beacon Hill Council, and our  
[00:57:33] community is so supportive of what you're  
[00:57:35] doing to be able to help those most in  
[00:57:38] need, particularly with the use of the  
[00:57:40] equity index. We're also very happy  
[00:57:43] and want to tell you about the meaning and  
[00:57:46] significance, particularly in February,  
[00:57:48] which is black history month, that the  
[00:57:52] word equity isn't just for those who've

[00:57:55] had it to be fixed, but the people who are  
[00:57:57] impacted. As you well know, there's  
[00:58:00] considerable majority of people of color  
[00:58:03] residents. This is where they can buy.  
[00:58:05] This is where they can create home, raise  
[00:58:07] their families. And those families have  
[00:58:09] children. Those families have elders.  
[00:58:11] Those families have people with asthma.  
[00:58:14] So this port package is beyond a  
[00:58:17] contractual assistance. It comes from a  
[00:58:20] place of compassion for the health and  
[00:58:23] lives of the people most impacted. We  
[00:58:26] support you. Please pass this unanimously.  
[00:58:29] I know Commissioner Hasegawa is online.  
[00:58:32] I'm just so delighted that she is going to  
[00:58:34] be part of this historic moment. Thank you  
[00:58:37] so much. Thank you so much, Maria, for  
[00:58:40] your comments. Clerk Hart,  
[00:58:44] please call the next speaker. Yes, our  
[00:58:47] next speaker is Megan Slade.  
[00:58:55] Megan, if you would repeat your name for  
[00:58:57] the record and your topic related to the  
[00:58:58] conduct of port business or your agenda  
[00:59:00] item, and hopefully I pronounced your name  
[00:59:02] properly. You did just great. Thank you.  
[00:59:04] Hi, my name is Megan Slade. I'm here to  
[00:59:07] support neighbors with the passage of  
[00:59:10] 2024. I am a resident  
[00:59:13] in Beacon Hill. I live under the flight  
[00:59:16] path and have children who experience  
[00:59:19] respiratory and neurodevelopmental  
[00:59:21] challenges. I'm here today with my own  
[00:59:23] respiratory challenges, and many families  
[00:59:26] in my neighborhood have health concerns  
[00:59:29] that are important professionally.  
[00:59:33] I'm a licensed mental health counselor. I  
[00:59:35] work in perinatal mental health with  
[00:59:36] families with pregnancies, babies, young  
[00:59:39] children. I'm especially concerned about  
[00:59:41] the unique vulnerability of these growing  
[00:59:43] minds and bodies, the information we have  
[00:59:46] about aircraft, air and noise pollution,  
[00:59:49] on respiratory health, cardiovascular,  
[00:59:51] neurodevelopment, developmental and  
[00:59:53] adverse berth outcomes, including preterm  
[00:59:55] berth and low berth weight. Our airport  
[00:59:59] impacted communities want and deserve to  
[01:00:01] be in healthy environments,  
[01:00:06] and those who are most vulnerable,  
[01:00:07] especially, are dependent on our leaders  
[01:00:10] and the port to provide the resources that  
[01:00:13] address those health inequities. So thank  
[01:00:15] you so much for bringing this important  
[01:00:18] resolution 2024, so we had the opportunity  
[01:00:22] to do so. Thank you. Thank you so much for  
[01:00:25] your comments. Clerk Hart, please call the  
[01:00:28] next speaker. Yes, our next speaker is  
[01:00:30] Geraldine Chambers.  
[01:00:33] Geraldine, if you would, please repeat  
[01:00:34] your name for the record and your topic  
[01:00:36] related to the conduct of port business or  
[01:00:38] your agenda item. My name is Geraldine  
[01:00:42] Chambers.

[01:00:44] I'm speaking in sport of Resolution  
[01:00:49] 2024. I'm a 42 year  
[01:00:52] resident of Beacon Hill, which has a very  
[01:00:56] diverse demographic group,  
[01:01:00] and I think this is a matter of fairness,  
[01:01:04] and we get the flight path not just from  
[01:01:07] SEATAC, but in my area, also from King  
[01:01:10] county airport. So we're pretty impacted,  
[01:01:13] and I just want to  
[01:01:16] express my support on behalf of many of my  
[01:01:19] neighbors who might not have been able to  
[01:01:21] come to a daytime meeting. Thank you very  
[01:01:24] much. Thank you for your comments as  
[01:01:27] well. Clerk Hart, please call the next  
[01:01:30] speaker. Thank you. Our next speaker is  
[01:01:32] Linda Wong.  
[01:01:35] Linda, please repeat your name for your  
[01:01:37] record and your topic related to the  
[01:01:38] conduct of port business or the agenda  
[01:01:40] item. Thank you. Hello. My name is Linda  
[01:01:43] Wong. I am here to show support for 2024.  
[01:01:47] A  
[01:01:50] long term resident of Beacon Hill. Both my  
[01:01:53] parents and I own older homes, so we  
[01:01:55] understand what it's like to live  
[01:01:56] underneath the flight path and the impacts  
[01:01:59] of. So, which is why I'm here to show  
[01:02:02] support for my neighbors. That's it.  
[01:02:05] Thank you so much for your comments.  
[01:02:08] Clerk Hart, please call the next speaker.  
[01:02:11] Thank you. Our last speaker signed up  
[01:02:13] today is Heather Morton.  
[01:02:19] Heather, I'm sure you've heard me say it  
[01:02:21] 13 times, but please go ahead and repeat  
[01:02:24] your name for the record and your topic  
[01:02:25] related to the conduct of port business or  
[01:02:27] your agenda item. Hi, Heather Morton.  
[01:02:30] Flight paths and noise pollution.  
[01:02:33] Hi. I live in Maple Leaf area, and I  
[01:02:37] am calling for the port of Seattle and the  
[01:02:39] commissioners and would all work together  
[01:02:41] to change the flight paths to consult with  
[01:02:44] the FAA, to change the flight paths. I  
[01:02:48] think we all know that SEATAC is too small  
[01:02:51] for the amount of airlines and air  
[01:02:53] capacity coming into these three runways  
[01:02:55] that only go north and south.  
[01:02:58] So if we want to look for solutions here  
[01:03:01] and be proactive about these things in the  
[01:03:03] future, going into the future, as well as  
[01:03:06] the airport future, which is going to be  
[01:03:08] increasing capacity, I think there's a  
[01:03:11] lopsided amount of investment going on  
[01:03:13] here with international wing and the  
[01:03:15] airport malls, but not the runways.  
[01:03:19] And I think that the port of Seattle  
[01:03:21] should look at the runway construction.  
[01:03:24] And if I could just show the port, these  
[01:03:26] are the approach patterns right now. And  
[01:03:29] with just the runways going north and  
[01:03:32] south and with the no fly zone over this  
[01:03:35] area here. I was in communication  
[01:03:38] with Mr. Tom Fegerstrom, and I talked to

[01:03:42] an Alaska airline pilot, and my  
[01:03:44] understanding is that they have a no fly  
[01:03:46] zone over. They are not to turn south of  
[01:03:49] the 520 bridge on this side of Seattle,  
[01:03:51] but they do over here. And so I live up  
[01:03:54] here in Maple Leaf area, and no matter  
[01:03:56] which direction the airplanes come, they  
[01:03:58] come over the northeast. Seattle, the  
[01:04:00] corridor of 15th Avenue northeast gets.  
[01:04:03] Sometimes I've had three or four planes,  
[01:04:05] three planes over my house at the same  
[01:04:06] time. They come every four minutes, and I  
[01:04:10] don't have a port package, but obviously,  
[01:04:12] it needs to pass because this factory is  
[01:04:14] getting too big and it's increasing  
[01:04:16] capacity beyond its capacity.  
[01:04:19] And so we need to get solutions here  
[01:04:23] from the ground up. Either build another  
[01:04:25] airport or change these flight paths. If a  
[01:04:27] Runway would be constructed to go north  
[01:04:29] south by Boeing field, they could approach  
[01:04:31] over Elliott Bay, and I think you could  
[01:04:35] exponentially reduce the noise and impact  
[01:04:37] over neighborhoods. Think about other  
[01:04:40] solutions. Thank you for your comments.  
[01:04:43] Thank you. Clerk Hart. You said  
[01:04:46] that was our last comment. So that  
[01:04:48] concludes our signups for today. Is there  
[01:04:51] anyone else present on the team's  
[01:04:54] call or present in the room today who did  
[01:04:58] not sign up but wishes to address the  
[01:05:00] commissioner at this time.  
[01:05:07] Okay, hearing none, I'll move us along at  
[01:05:10] this time. I'll ask Clerk Hart to please  
[01:05:12] give a synopsis of any written comments  
[01:05:14] that we have received. Thank you, Madam  
[01:05:17] Commissioner, president, members of the  
[01:05:18] commission, Executive Director Metruck, we  
[01:05:20] have received eleven written comments for  
[01:05:22] the meeting today. These have been  
[01:05:24] previously distributed to your emails and  
[01:05:26] will become a part of this meeting's  
[01:05:28] record. The first comment comes from Brian  
[01:05:30] Davis, vice chair of the bureau and  
[01:05:32] airport committee supporting the adoption  
[01:05:34] of order number 2024-04. Derek  
[01:05:38] Dexheimer also writes in support of order  
[01:05:41] number 2024-04, noting the benefits that  
[01:05:44] will provide for disadvantaged families in  
[01:05:46] near airport communities who suffer  
[01:05:48] disproportionate impacts. Laura Gibbons  
[01:05:51] writes also supporting order number 2024-04  
[01:05:53] to begin to address the harms caused  
[01:05:56] by planes flying in and out of SEATAC. Brie  
[01:06:00] Glinklid writes in support of Order 2024-04,  
[01:06:04] noting the impacts they feel regarding  
[01:06:07] airplane noise living in the central  
[01:06:08] district in Seattle and noting the  
[01:06:10] increased impacts to those living closer  
[01:06:12] to SEA.  
[01:06:15] Rosemary Moore also writes in support of  
[01:06:17] Order 2024-04, noting efforts of support  
[01:06:21] toward mitigating severe noise and air

[01:06:23] pollution and other harms to local  
[01:06:24] communities caused by airplanes in and out  
[01:06:27] of SEA. Janet Quinn writes to support port  
[01:06:31] Economic Development grant funding for  
[01:06:33] 2024-04, noting that the funds are a huge  
[01:06:36] help to cities as they seek to grow their  
[01:06:37] business communities. Julie Saul writes to  
[01:06:40] urge adoption of Order 2024-04, noting  
[01:06:43] harmful impacts to those living under the  
[01:06:45] flight path. Zanaya Nagusi, council member  
[01:06:49] for the City of seatac, writes to support  
[01:06:51] Order 2024 four, speaking to the noise and  
[01:06:54] air quality impacts the flights felt by  
[01:06:56] the concentrated group of residents near  
[01:06:59] the airport, stating that this is an  
[01:07:01] equity issue, she writes that the pilot  
[01:07:04] program will improve the health and  
[01:07:06] quality of life for some of the most  
[01:07:07] diverse communities in the state of  
[01:07:09] Washington, and then Denise Atley,  
[01:07:12] Mohamed Egal and J. C. Harris all  
[01:07:14] submitted written comments supporting  
[01:07:16] their spoken comments here today, and that  
[01:07:18] concludes the written comments received.  
[01:07:20] Thank you, clerk Hart. Hearing no further  
[01:07:23] public testimony, we'll move on to the  
[01:07:26] consent agenda. At this time, items on  
[01:07:29] the consent agenda are considered routine  
[01:07:31] and will be adopted by one motion. Items  
[01:07:35] removed from the consent agenda will be  
[01:07:36] considered separately immediately after  
[01:07:39] adoption of the remaining consent agenda  
[01:07:41] items. At this time, the chair will  
[01:07:44] entertain a motion to approve the consent  
[01:07:46] agenda covering items eight a,  
[01:07:50] eight b and eight c.  
[01:07:54] Do I have a motion? So moved. Second  
[01:07:58] great. The motion has been made and  
[01:08:00] seconded. Commissioners, please say aye or  
[01:08:03] nay when your name is called for approval  
[01:08:05] of the consent agenda, beginning with  
[01:08:07] Commissioner Calkins. Aye. Thank you,  
[01:08:10] commissioner Cho. Aye. Thank you.  
[01:08:12] Commissioner Felleman. Aye. Thank you.  
[01:08:15] Commissioner Hasegawa. Aye. Thank you.  
[01:08:18] Commissioner Mohammed.  
[01:08:20] Aye. Thank you. Five ayes, zero nays for  
[01:08:23] this item. The motion passes. Thank you.  
[01:08:26] Moving on in the agenda, we have two new  
[01:08:29] business items today. Clerk Hart, please  
[01:08:32] read the first item into the record. Then  
[01:08:34] Executive Director Metruck will introduce  
[01:08:36] the item. Thank you. This is agenda item  
[01:08:39] ten. A order number 2024-04.  
[01:08:42] An order setting a timeline for the  
[01:08:44] completion of the assessment of prior  
[01:08:46] sound insulated properties, creating a  
[01:08:49] sound insulation repair and replacement  
[01:08:51] pilot program, and setting equity  
[01:08:53] guidelines for this program.  
[01:08:56] Commissioners as part of the Port of  
[01:08:58] Seattle's long term commitment to  
[01:08:59] communities surrounding the airport, the



[01:09:01] port offers sound insulation for eligible  
[01:09:03] properties within the current FAA approved  
[01:09:06] noise remedy boundary. Commissioner  
[01:09:09] adopted motion 2024-04 to accelerate  
[01:09:13] and complete this work by the end of 2026.  
[01:09:16] The pilot program created by this order  
[01:09:19] will assess prior insulated properties and  
[01:09:22] commit funding for construction,  
[01:09:24] planning, repair and replacement of sound  
[01:09:26] insulation in homes identified and  
[01:09:29] prioritized through the port's equity  
[01:09:30] driven process. Upon completion of the  
[01:09:32] pilot program, a comprehensive report  
[01:09:35] shall be presented to commissioners,  
[01:09:36] Washington state and federal legislators  
[01:09:38] for evaluation and further action.  
[01:09:41] Presenters on this are Tyler Emsky,  
[01:09:44] Commission strategic advisor, and Aaron  
[01:09:46] Pritchard, chief of staff for the  
[01:09:48] commission, is available as well. I'll  
[01:09:50] turn over to Tyler. Thank you, Executive  
[01:09:53] Director Metruck, and good afternoon,  
[01:09:54] commissioners. My name is Tyler Emsky,  
[01:09:57] and I have the pleasure of serving as a  
[01:09:59] strategic advisor in the commission  
[01:10:00] office. I'm honored to play a small role  
[01:10:02] today and potentially making a little  
[01:10:04] history as I read the text of this order  
[01:10:06] for your consideration. I should note that  
[01:10:09] since this order was brought to the  
[01:10:10] February 13 Commission meeting, we  
[01:10:12] conducted a listening session and made  
[01:10:14] changes to this order in response to  
[01:10:15] community and stakeholder input. So,  
[01:10:17] without further ado, here is the current  
[01:10:19] text of the order. The Port Commission  
[01:10:22] hereby orders an assessment regarding the  
[01:10:24] effectiveness of previously installed Port  
[01:10:26] of Seattle funded noise insulation  
[01:10:28] packages be conducted and concluded by the  
[01:10:30] end of the year 2024. The assessment will  
[01:10:33] involve extensive outreach, collection of  
[01:10:35] information from property owners, and  
[01:10:37] analysis of that information. Results of  
[01:10:39] that assessment shall be delivered to the  
[01:10:41] commission by January 21, 2025.  
[01:10:44] The Commission also directs the  
[01:10:46] establishment of a sound insulation repair  
[01:10:48] and replacement pilot program at the Port  
[01:10:50] of Seattle to identify the issues involved  
[01:10:52] in the repair and reinstallation of  
[01:10:54] prioritized homes. Effective immediately,  
[01:10:56] the Commission authorizes an initial  
[01:10:58] commitment of up to \$5 million to be used  
[01:11:00] exclusively for the costs of administering  
[01:11:02] the program to carry out the activities  
[01:11:03] related to the construction, planning and  
[01:11:05] construction, repair and replacement of  
[01:11:07] sound insulation in homes identified and  
[01:11:09] prioritized through the port's process.  
[01:11:11] The port will seek state matching funds  
[01:11:14] and federal grant funding, if available as  
[01:11:16] well. The commission hereby sets the goal

[01:11:19] of completing the assessment phase and  
[01:11:20] beginning the construction, planning and  
[01:11:22] or construction phase of this pilot  
[01:11:23] program in the year 2025.  
[01:11:26] The commission also authorizes the  
[01:11:28] Executive Director to execute any and all  
[01:11:30] contracts and documents necessary for the  
[01:11:32] assessment directed by this order and the  
[01:11:34] sound installation, repair and replacement  
[01:11:36] pilot program, including, but not limited  
[01:11:39] to, the use of existing job order  
[01:11:40] contracts, port crews purchasing  
[01:11:43] contracts, service agreements,  
[01:11:45] construction contracts agreements with  
[01:11:47] private property owners, and the  
[01:11:49] acquisition of any property rights  
[01:11:50] associated with the sound insulation  
[01:11:52] repair and replacement pilot program. The  
[01:11:55] total budget authorized by this order is  
[01:11:58] \$6.5 million. For the assessment directed  
[01:12:02] by this order and the Sound Insulation  
[01:12:03] Repair and replacement pilot program, the  
[01:12:06] port shall use its equity index or other  
[01:12:08] data driven tool developed by the port's  
[01:12:11] Office of Equity Diversity and Inclusion,  
[01:12:13] as well as other program criteria to  
[01:12:16] identify and prioritize properties that  
[01:12:17] will be part of this limited pilot  
[01:12:19] program. The equity index shall help  
[01:12:21] determine who should receive priority  
[01:12:23] consideration for repair and or  
[01:12:25] replacement of their noise insulation  
[01:12:26] during the pilot. Upon completion of the  
[01:12:29] pilot program, a comprehensive report  
[01:12:31] shall be presented to commissioners,  
[01:12:32] Washington state and federal legislators  
[01:12:35] for evaluation and further action.  
[01:12:38] That concludes the text of the order. So  
[01:12:40] there was a lot of very long sentences in  
[01:12:42] there, but I'll just go ahead and go back  
[01:12:43] there and summarize. This order basically  
[01:12:46] does five things, all for the first time  
[01:12:48] in the port's history. One, it requires an  
[01:12:51] assessment of the effectiveness of noise  
[01:12:52] insulation in homes that previously  
[01:12:54] received port funded noise insulation  
[01:12:56] packages. Two, it creates a pilot program  
[01:12:59] that funds the actual repair and  
[01:13:01] replacement of insulation in homes that  
[01:13:03] are determined to need this work. Three,  
[01:13:06] it fast tracks the program by setting  
[01:13:07] ambitious deadlines and pre authorizing  
[01:13:10] the Executive Director to enter into any  
[01:13:12] contracts needed to do this work. Four,  
[01:13:14] it directs staff to use an equity driven  
[01:13:16] process to prioritize homes for  
[01:13:18] reinstallation. And finally, it calls for  
[01:13:21] a report which will be to be compiled at  
[01:13:23] the completion of the pilot program,  
[01:13:24] which will be presented to federal and  
[01:13:26] state partners so they can better  
[01:13:28] understand the needs of this population.  
[01:13:30] And with that summary, I will hand it back

[01:13:33] over to commission President Mohamed thank  
[01:13:35] you, Mr. Emsky, for reading the text into  
[01:13:37] the record. And thank you, Mr. Metruck,  
[01:13:40] for also introducing the item. Is there a  
[01:13:43] motion and a second to adopt item ten a so  
[01:13:45] that we can open up the floor for  
[01:13:47] discussion? So moved, second. So moved,  
[01:13:50] seconded. That one totally  
[01:13:54] goes to me we'll give you both.  
[01:13:58] The motion was made and seconded.  
[01:14:01] I'll open up the floor for discussion at  
[01:14:04] this time. Commissioner Hasegawa, do you  
[01:14:06] want to start?  
[01:14:09] Sure. Thank you so much. Well, I'm really  
[01:14:12] excited about this for a number of  
[01:14:15] reasons, and I guess I'll speak first  
[01:14:19] and foremost on the study and  
[01:14:23] how. I'm so glad to hear that we're going  
[01:14:25] to finally get an actual assessment and  
[01:14:28] understanding of sort of the scope of  
[01:14:32] the impact. And I feel like it really  
[01:14:35] positions us to have that information, to  
[01:14:38] be able to lead, to lead in being able to  
[01:14:40] go back to our partners at the state and  
[01:14:42] let them know exactly what it is that it's  
[01:14:45] going to take in order to get all of this  
[01:14:49] resolved and to be able to lead our  
[01:14:51] partners in the federal government also to  
[01:14:54] be able to be part of the solution. So I'm  
[01:14:59] really excited about the study. I'm really  
[01:15:01] excited about the funding itself, the 5  
[01:15:04] million towards beginning to address this.  
[01:15:06] And, yes, as a pilot, I couldn't agree  
[01:15:09] with council member Harris more when  
[01:15:13] he says a pilot signals that this is the  
[01:15:16] first step, but that there's going to be  
[01:15:18] subsequent action. And so I think that  
[01:15:20] this resolution actually nods  
[01:15:23] towards the need for subsequent action.  
[01:15:25] And as a first step, this is something  
[01:15:27] that all of us can be incredibly proud of.  
[01:15:30] President Mohamed, your leadership on this  
[01:15:33] has been exceptional. Thank you so much  
[01:15:36] for the work that you've done to make sure  
[01:15:39] that this resolution is in the place that  
[01:15:42] it needs to be, to be as strong as  
[01:15:44] possible. Because at the end of the day,  
[01:15:46] this is about the impacted community  
[01:15:48] members who deserve more from all of us.  
[01:15:50] So as somebody who lives under the flight  
[01:15:53] path but does not experience it, to the  
[01:15:55] extremity that those in Sea-Tac and the most  
[01:15:59] extreme conditions, and according to DNL,  
[01:16:03] my experience doesn't compare to that.  
[01:16:06] I'm really glad to see this action come  
[01:16:08] before the commissioner. And so thank you  
[01:16:10] all so much. And thank you to my  
[01:16:11] colleagues for the thought partnership.  
[01:16:13] Thank you so much to the commission staff  
[01:16:15] to make sure that I was kept in the loop  
[01:16:18] while I'm still on leave and making sure  
[01:16:22] that all of us are being proactive  
[01:16:23] contributors towards this problem and the

[01:16:26] solution. Thank you. Thank you,  
[01:16:29] Commissioner Hasagawa, for your comments.  
[01:16:31] Since they beat you to the motion in the  
[01:16:33] second, I figured I'd start with you. So  
[01:16:35] thank you for those comments. Any  
[01:16:37] additional comments or discussions from my  
[01:16:40] colleagues? Commissioner Felleman?  
[01:16:44] Well, I appreciate very much the  
[01:16:46] leadership of our president and also of  
[01:16:49] the citizens of the communities that  
[01:16:51] surround the airport. We certainly have  
[01:16:54] heard for a long time about this, but  
[01:16:57] Commissioner Mohamed was trying to get  
[01:16:59] this done in previous year. But the issue  
[01:17:02] has been going on for a long time. And  
[01:17:04] while JC might catch a little flak for  
[01:17:08] aye. persistence, he definitely reminds me  
[01:17:11] as when I sat on that side of the table  
[01:17:13] and it's the only way things get done  
[01:17:15] sometimes. But you're more than just  
[01:17:17] complaining. You are helping us identify  
[01:17:19] houses and appreciate the work that you've  
[01:17:21] done. I do also appreciate staff trying to  
[01:17:24] rise to this occasion and trying to deal  
[01:17:26] with this challenge that we've had. And I  
[01:17:29] don't envy you. I don't consider this a  
[01:17:33] small task, but I think it is one that's  
[01:17:35] worthy of our effort and appreciate the  
[01:17:39] funding that's necessary to get it done.  
[01:17:41] And Tyler, for your ongoing help in  
[01:17:44] getting it over the finish line. And yes,  
[01:17:47] it'll be some portion of president setting  
[01:17:49] moment here that I'm glad that you can  
[01:17:52] share with us. So once again, thank you  
[01:17:54] for your leadership and look forward to  
[01:17:56] passing this resolution. Thank you,  
[01:17:57] Commissioner Felleman.  
[01:18:01] Commissioner, a couple of questions.  
[01:18:06] Tyler. Do you know, and maybe we could  
[01:18:09] refer to some of our SMEs here as well,  
[01:18:14] roughly how much it costs to install a new  
[01:18:18] package? Let's say there's a single family  
[01:18:21] home somewhere in the 65 DNL,  
[01:18:24] and I know there's a few out there.  
[01:18:27] We're still working, negotiating with the  
[01:18:29] homeowner. Roughly how much does it cost  
[01:18:32] to do the initial installation of  
[01:18:36] the house? So currently to conduct the.  
[01:18:38] Please introduce yourself. Thank you. Is  
[01:18:40] your mic on to just make sure. I believe  
[01:18:42] it's on. Sarah Cox, director of aviation  
[01:18:45] environment sustainability currently,  
[01:18:48] it costs between 100 and \$150,000 per home  
[01:18:52] to conduct the full range of acoustic  
[01:18:54] analysis because it does require design  
[01:18:58] going through the building department. So  
[01:19:00] it is an extensive effort and also the  
[01:19:06] time that it takes to go through that  
[01:19:07] process as well.  
[01:19:14] One of the things as we're conducting  
[01:19:16] these assessments that I want staff to be  
[01:19:19] thinking about and engaging in  
[01:19:22] conversations with the community about is,

[01:19:25] is repair and replacement the only option?  
[01:19:27] Or could a homeowner choose, for instance,  
[01:19:31] similar to, say, like an insurance claim,  
[01:19:33] to take a cash payout and choose to do  
[01:19:35] something, say, you know, with their  
[01:19:39] house? Let's say it's older housing stock,  
[01:19:41] and they want to use that to finance the  
[01:19:45] reconstruction of an entire home with  
[01:19:46] triple pane windows and insulation? I'd  
[01:19:49] be really interested, council member  
[01:19:50] Harris, in your perspective on this,  
[01:19:52] providing a potential beneficiary of  
[01:19:56] this program. More options than simply  
[01:20:00] reinstallation of installation  
[01:20:04] package. I know our legal department is  
[01:20:07] screaming. Yeah. As we look at the  
[01:20:11] different funding mechanisms and  
[01:20:13] implementation approaches, we're looking  
[01:20:16] at all of those options, and it will be  
[01:20:19] vetted with the different legal and other  
[01:20:22] departments.  
[01:20:28] I think it's important to kind of step  
[01:20:30] back and say there's an opportunity  
[01:20:32] actually here to create real value for  
[01:20:35] that homeowner in a way that if we  
[01:20:37] constrain it to a very limited repair and  
[01:20:39] replacement program, they could get a  
[01:20:42] better overall outcome given  
[01:20:46] the right circumstances, while at the same  
[01:20:48] time not stranding people with a sort of  
[01:20:53] very difficult to manage process if  
[01:20:55] they're not interested in that. Thank you  
[01:20:57] for that feedback. The reason I asked the  
[01:21:00] question is \$150,000.  
[01:21:03] It could represent, in some of these  
[01:21:05] cases, a third or 40% of the value of the  
[01:21:08] house currently on the market right now.  
[01:21:10] So I want us to think about what that can  
[01:21:13] mean if it were not just limited to  
[01:21:17] a contractor coming in that is overseen by  
[01:21:19] the air. Yeah. And I would like to note  
[01:21:22] that it extends beyond the windows and  
[01:21:24] doors often. It includes heating and  
[01:21:27] ventilation upgrades, as well as  
[01:21:28] electrical panel upgrades, because they're  
[01:21:33] integrated as we go through the  
[01:21:37] evaluation of what is needed to meet the  
[01:21:40] sound insulation requirements. Thank you,  
[01:21:47] Commissioner Toad. Commissioner Felleman.  
[01:21:51] I did want to just clarify that the  
[01:21:54] question was, I just want to make sure the  
[01:21:58] full package replacement is what you  
[01:22:00] suggested. The assessment and the  
[01:22:02] replacement, not just the assessment.  
[01:22:04] Right. That's a full. Yeah.  
[01:22:09] This part, we're just trying to figure out  
[01:22:10] how big a problem is it? Right. So the  
[01:22:12] initial cost to doing the acoustic  
[01:22:15] assessment, do you have a ballpark on what  
[01:22:17] that would be? Currently? I believe  
[01:22:21] it is to do the acoustic assessments.  
[01:22:23] It's between 4000, \$5,000 per home. Thank  
[01:22:26] you. And it's conceivable also that

[01:22:30] starting from scratch, which is what we  
[01:22:32] still have some homes to do, with the FAA  
[01:22:34] paying 80% of it,  
[01:22:37] whatever failures may occur would not be  
[01:22:41] the whole home. So the 120 to 150,000 is  
[01:22:44] unlikely to be the cost for a fix versus  
[01:22:48] a brand new thing. But also, just as you  
[01:22:50] pointed out, and I think it's a very  
[01:22:52] important point, but in aviation, to the  
[01:22:54] quieting, obviously, it's also heating  
[01:22:57] reduction, it's a greenhouse gas benefit.  
[01:23:00] But also because the HVAC is involved,  
[01:23:03] you get the concomitant benefits of air  
[01:23:06] quality conceivable as part of that thing.  
[01:23:09] So really, the holistic benefit to the  
[01:23:11] community could be more than just  
[01:23:15] the noise and the cost to the port and  
[01:23:20] or whoever we can get to leverage matches  
[01:23:22] with is unlikely to be 120 per  
[01:23:25] home, but that will have to be assessed on  
[01:23:28] a case by case basis. Exactly. Thank you.  
[01:23:30] Thank you.  
[01:23:33] Okay, so, hearing no further questions or  
[01:23:37] comments from my colleagues, I do want to  
[01:23:38] provide a couple of comments myself. I'm  
[01:23:41] really excited to be moving this item  
[01:23:44] forward today. I joined the port about  
[01:23:49] two years ago, a little over two years,  
[01:23:52] and sound installation has been a top  
[01:23:55] priority for me. I live in South King  
[01:23:57] County. I have firsthand understandings of  
[01:24:01] the challenges of living near not only an  
[01:24:03] airport, but also lots of transportation  
[01:24:06] facilities, highways, and understand how  
[01:24:10] that can create a lot of compounded issues  
[01:24:12] for community members who live in those  
[01:24:15] particular communities. And so this has  
[01:24:18] been a top priority issue. I also just  
[01:24:21] want to give credit where credit is due.  
[01:24:24] Before I even joined the port of Seattle,  
[01:24:26] there has been a tremendous amount of good  
[01:24:28] work that has happened at the port of  
[01:24:31] Seattle to help be a good neighbor to the  
[01:24:35] residents of South King. Obviously,  
[01:24:37] there's a lot of progress that has been  
[01:24:39] made, and there still is room to make more  
[01:24:41] improvements, which I think this  
[01:24:43] particular order today exemplifies.  
[01:24:48] You know, I think for me today, this is a  
[01:24:51] bold statement. It is us putting further  
[01:24:55] actions into being the best neighbor that  
[01:24:58] we can be at the port of Seattle. And I  
[01:25:01] want to say thank you to the staff that  
[01:25:03] will be taking on this new order. And I  
[01:25:06] also recognize that it is challenging.  
[01:25:09] The \$5 million is exclusively for  
[01:25:12] construction, repair and replacement.  
[01:25:14] That is something that I heard clearly  
[01:25:16] from the community members who  
[01:25:18] participated in our listening sessions.  
[01:25:20] For us to be explicit in that way, that  
[01:25:22] was always the goal and the intent. And so  
[01:25:25] I was happy that we could update that

[01:25:27] language and include it in the order and  
[01:25:30] be very specific. I also just want  
[01:25:33] to express gratitude to both our  
[01:25:37] federal partners as well. Senator Patty  
[01:25:41] Murray, Congressman Adam Smith. They both  
[01:25:43] have a treatment, sound installation,  
[01:25:46] repair and replacement act on the federal  
[01:25:48] level. We have signed on to that. We've  
[01:25:51] supported it, and this order actually  
[01:25:54] mirrors that legislation. And they've  
[01:25:57] provided comments in support of our order  
[01:25:59] today. Last summer, I did travel to  
[01:26:03] April of 2023 to DC, and we advocated  
[01:26:08] to our legislators and even  
[01:26:11] the FAA leadership as well. In fact,  
[01:26:15] most recently, we had the FAA  
[01:26:17] administrator, Michael, aye. last name  
[01:26:20] I'm blanking on now, Michael Whitaker,  
[01:26:25] who came down to Seattle and visited the  
[01:26:28] airport. And this was one of the issues  
[01:26:31] that we also brought to aye. attention. As  
[01:26:34] you know, I think for me, this is an issue  
[01:26:38] that we are obviously taking a proactive  
[01:26:40] step in addressing, but it is one that we  
[01:26:43] really do need leadership and partnership  
[01:26:45] at the federal level, at the state level.  
[01:26:48] And it needs also the commission to also  
[01:26:51] take it on and be supportive. And we're  
[01:26:53] showing that. But it really does need  
[01:26:55] collaborative work for us to be able to  
[01:26:57] work as a collective to help address some  
[01:27:00] of the most pressing issues that we hear  
[01:27:02] from residents who are closest to the  
[01:27:05] airport. And so again, I just want to  
[01:27:08] thank staff, I want to thank the residents  
[01:27:10] of South King county who have voiced their  
[01:27:12] concerns for many years, even before I  
[01:27:14] joined the commission, and appreciate  
[01:27:18] them being a part of the public process.  
[01:27:21] And that concludes my comments. And so I  
[01:27:24] will move us along and we can proceed to  
[01:27:28] the vote. Clerk Hart, please call the roll  
[01:27:30] for the vote. Commissioners say aye or nay  
[01:27:32] when your name is called. Thank you. I'm  
[01:27:35] going to start this one with Commissioner  
[01:27:36] Mohammed as well. Aye, thank you.  
[01:27:39] Commissioner Calkins. Aye, thank you.  
[01:27:42] Commissioner Cho. Aye, thank you.  
[01:27:44] Commissioner Felleman. Aye, thank you.  
[01:27:46] And Commissioner Hasegawa. Aye.  
[01:27:50] Thank you. Five I zero nays for this item.  
[01:27:53] Wonderful. The motion passes.  
[01:28:01] Thank you. Clerk Hart, please read the  
[01:28:04] next item into the record. Executive  
[01:28:07] Director Metruck will then introduce the  
[01:28:09] item. Thank you. This is agenda item ten  
[01:28:11] b, introduction of resolution number 30  
[01:28:14] 819, a resolution adopting the 2021  
[01:28:17] editions of the International Building  
[01:28:19] Mechanical Fire, energy conservation and  
[01:28:23] fuel gas codes, the 2021 edition of the  
[01:28:26] Uniform Plumbing Code and the editorial  
[01:28:28] changes made to the state building code by

[01:28:30] the Washington State Legislature and  
[01:28:33] repealing resolution number 37 83, as  
[01:28:35] amended. Commissioners the Washington  
[01:28:38] State Building code is usually updated on  
[01:28:40] a three year cycle, but the pandemic and  
[01:28:42] other issues delayed the 2021 adoption.  
[01:28:45] Some changes to the code include matters  
[01:28:47] related to accessibility, mass timber and  
[01:28:50] various definitions. Staff will highlight  
[01:28:53] some of the changes in the process for  
[01:28:54] development during this presentation and  
[01:28:56] will seek adoption on the consent agenda  
[01:28:58] at the March 12th meeting. So we have  
[01:29:01] Pat Lawler, senior manager, airport  
[01:29:03] Building department. Pat, you have a short  
[01:29:05] presentation, I believe, right? I do.  
[01:29:08] Thank you. Thank you, Commissioner Mohamed  
[01:29:11] or commissioner, President Mohammed,  
[01:29:13] commissioners and Executive Director Steve  
[01:29:16] Metruck. So, yes, what we have is  
[01:29:19] something fairly simple. I come before you  
[01:29:21] for the aviation of the 2021 international  
[01:29:23] building codes with the Washington state  
[01:29:26] amendments. Those are also known as the  
[01:29:30] Washington State Building codes.  
[01:29:33] So the codes are part of the international  
[01:29:36] family of codes and standards to  
[01:29:39] be adopted by the commission with an  
[01:29:41] implementation date of March 15,  
[01:29:44] 2024, which is in line with the state's  
[01:29:48] requirements. So we don't really have an  
[01:29:50] option on put  
[01:29:54] it like this. If we want to continue to  
[01:29:55] have our own building department, we have  
[01:29:57] to adopt the state's building codes,  
[01:30:01] it's a requirement, not an option, and not  
[01:30:03] optional. So what the building codes are,  
[01:30:06] they're the best practices, modern  
[01:30:08] technology and lessons learned that are  
[01:30:11] incorporated into new cycles of the  
[01:30:13] building codes that normally occur every  
[01:30:15] three years. With the pandemic and with  
[01:30:17] some lawsuits that occurred, it's about  
[01:30:22] almost five years. We're almost two years  
[01:30:23] later than it would normally occur. So I  
[01:30:27] strongly encourage the commission to give  
[01:30:30] any feedback that they'd like to, but also  
[01:30:32] to adopt and incorporate the code  
[01:30:36] into our system. So the building codes,  
[01:30:40] there's a number of them. They're listed  
[01:30:41] on the PowerPoint. I don't think I got to  
[01:30:43] mention each one to you, but I certainly  
[01:30:45] can if you'd like. But they're standard.  
[01:30:49] The resolution you have before you is just  
[01:30:52] a continuation of about seven or eight  
[01:30:54] resolutions that came before with each new  
[01:30:57] adoption for the different building code  
[01:30:59] cycles. The state building code is  
[01:31:03] developed by the state Building Code  
[01:31:04] Council, which is a group of people  
[01:31:08] that volunteer and are appointed by state  
[01:31:11] legislature. There's architects,  
[01:31:13] engineers, code enforcement people,



[01:31:16] jurisdictions, manufacturers,  
[01:31:18] contractors. So a lot of different people  
[01:31:20] have a lot of different say, and they roll  
[01:31:23] up their sleeves, and they have technical  
[01:31:27] advisory groups that discuss and  
[01:31:30] go over the different items that are maybe  
[01:31:32] a little more specific to the state that  
[01:31:34] they'd like to see tweaked. The state has  
[01:31:38] basically the most stringent energy code  
[01:31:40] in the whole United States, and the  
[01:31:44] recent international codes have kind of  
[01:31:47] used some of our modeling and some of our  
[01:31:51] requirements that we have. We're still  
[01:31:53] stricter by our state amendments than the  
[01:31:55] International Energy Conservation code,  
[01:31:57] but it's something that we can see every  
[01:32:00] month on our utility bills, and it helps  
[01:32:03] with the type of construction for the  
[01:32:06] area that we're in.  
[01:32:11] We also are involved with an interlocal  
[01:32:13] agreement with the city of Sea-Tac. So the  
[01:32:17] state gives the power to the  
[01:32:18] municipalities and the city of Sea-Tac,  
[01:32:21] through the interlocal agreement, gives us  
[01:32:23] the power to be able to have what we call  
[01:32:26] our own authority having jurisdiction,  
[01:32:28] which is the building department and the  
[01:32:30] fire department. And so we are tasked not  
[01:32:33] only by the state, but with our agreement  
[01:32:36] with the city of Sea-Tac to enforce the  
[01:32:38] building and fire codes that are listed in  
[01:32:42] our resolution.  
[01:32:46] So Steve had mentioned a couple of  
[01:32:49] examples of what might have happened  
[01:32:52] to the new building code, the 2021 codes,  
[01:32:55] because a lot of times you'll hear  
[01:32:56] designers say, oh, that's going to cost a  
[01:32:58] lot more money when we go through this  
[01:32:59] code cycle change, this one not so much.  
[01:33:02] There's a few things like 88 turning  
[01:33:04] radius and a little more room for the  
[01:33:07] powered wheelchairs that  
[01:33:10] they need. Just a little more room. So  
[01:33:12] newer buildings, say existing buildings,  
[01:33:14] we don't have to change it. But as we  
[01:33:16] build newer buildings or remodel, you  
[01:33:18] touch it, you bring it up to code. So then  
[01:33:19] we'll have these new standards and codes.  
[01:33:22] But one of the things that the IBC  
[01:33:25] includes is mass timber as a code  
[01:33:28] provision, and the state had  
[01:33:31] it in last cycle as an amendment. Now it's  
[01:33:34] straight in the ICC. So it's a generally  
[01:33:37] accepted standard. And who knows? If we  
[01:33:39] build a new building, we might want to  
[01:33:41] consider the mass timber, which is massive  
[01:33:43] wood buildings that can go up to 14  
[01:33:46] stories tall.  
[01:33:49] Well, I think that pretty much covers it.  
[01:33:52] Short and sweet. Thank you for the  
[01:33:55] presentation. This is an important item,  
[01:33:58] and while it's maybe routine, it's really  
[01:34:01] important that you're bringing this

[01:34:03] forward to the commission. Are there any  
[01:34:04] questions to staff from commissioners at  
[01:34:07] this time? Just a comment to say  
[01:34:11] I've learned that if I have a dinner party  
[01:34:13] and I want my guests to leave, I'll just  
[01:34:14] bring up the building code. Everybody  
[01:34:16] cleared out?  
[01:34:19] No. I think it's fascinating. No, the one  
[01:34:22] thing I was going to say is, in my day  
[01:34:25] job, I work at one of the national  
[01:34:28] laboratories, and there's an entire  
[01:34:30] section of our lab that focuses on  
[01:34:33] building code changes because of how  
[01:34:35] impactful they are and working with groups  
[01:34:38] like the technical advisory group to put  
[01:34:40] together these incredibly complex science  
[01:34:43] based guidelines for  
[01:34:47] how we build buildings. I know it seems,  
[01:34:50] like, insignificant, but these changes can  
[01:34:52] mean enormous cost savings, enormous  
[01:34:55] safety and security improvements, things  
[01:34:58] like just, you wouldn't even notice. But  
[01:35:00] that make things so much easier, whether  
[01:35:02] it's in terms of accessibility or building  
[01:35:05] maintenance or up to things like fire and  
[01:35:09] earthquakes. So I'm really appreciative of  
[01:35:11] this work. I know it's a perfunctory thing  
[01:35:15] we're doing, but I do like to highlight  
[01:35:17] that it is very important work. Thank you  
[01:35:20] for that, Commissioner Felleman.  
[01:35:24] I always thought it was interesting that  
[01:35:25] we had greater installation requirements  
[01:35:28] in Alaska. When you say we set the  
[01:35:30] nation's standards, I think that's. We're  
[01:35:32] proud of that. But what I don't understand  
[01:35:34] is why do we have to adopt it? If the  
[01:35:36] state has a building code, why isn't  
[01:35:40] it just a requirement that we have to live  
[01:35:42] with? That's a good question. I asked that  
[01:35:45] when I started here. The fire guy said, I  
[01:35:47] don't think we need to. But legal was the  
[01:35:49] one that said, yeah, even though the state  
[01:35:51] requires it. And our interlocal agreement  
[01:35:54] with the city of Sea-Tac makes us do it  
[01:35:56] anyway. It seemed like the right thing to  
[01:35:59] do, and it's been done for the last 20  
[01:36:00] years here. Legal probably can comment. I  
[01:36:03] can add in just. There's some risk there.  
[01:36:05] No, there's no risk if we don't adopt it.  
[01:36:08] Go for it. Yeah, give the floor. Local  
[01:36:11] jurisdictions have control over. Is your  
[01:36:12] mic on? I thought it was on. I think it  
[01:36:14] is. No.  
[01:36:19] Pete Rambles, general counsel. Local  
[01:36:21] jurisdictions have control of their own  
[01:36:23] land use and building codes, and so they  
[01:36:25] each have to adopt their own, even if it's  
[01:36:27] mandated by state. And they have ability  
[01:36:29] to change things a little bit as well, so  
[01:36:31] there is some discretion.  
[01:36:35] Can I point out that the changes that we  
[01:36:38] could do as a local building department  
[01:36:40] usually are administrative, but if we

[01:36:43] wanted to make something more serious,  
[01:36:45] we'd have to go to the state building code  
[01:36:47] of council for approval of that. And you  
[01:36:48] can never make it less restrictive than  
[01:36:50] what the building code is.  
[01:36:56] Great. Okay. So, hearing no further  
[01:36:59] discussions. Thank you for the  
[01:37:00] presentation. Again, thank you for your  
[01:37:02] time. Absolutely. Hearing no further  
[01:37:04] questions for this item. Is there a motion  
[01:37:06] and a second to adopt agenda item ten b?  
[01:37:11] Toshiko, you want this one? So moved.  
[01:37:15] So moved. Second.  
[01:37:20] The motion has been made and seconded.  
[01:37:22] Clerk Hart, please call the. I got this  
[01:37:24] five second delay working against me, I  
[01:37:27] think. Commissioner,  
[01:37:30] Hasegawa, I still gave that one to  
[01:37:32] you as the maker of the motion beginning  
[01:37:35] with Commissioner Calkins. Aye. Thank you.  
[01:37:37] Aye. Thank you, Commissioner Cho.  
[01:37:41] Aye. Thank you. Commissioner Felleman.  
[01:37:44] Aye. Thank you. Commissioner Hasagawa.  
[01:37:48] Aye. Thank you. Commissioner Mohammed.  
[01:37:50] Aye. Thank you. Five ayes, zero nays for  
[01:37:52] this item. The motion passes. Well, that  
[01:37:56] was a short agenda. That concludes our  
[01:37:58] business meeting agenda for the day. Are  
[01:38:01] there any closing comments at this time or  
[01:38:03] motions related to committee referrals  
[01:38:06] from commissioners at this time?  
[01:38:10] Commissioner Felleman, I just wanted to  
[01:38:14] speak to briefly, the one item we had on  
[01:38:16] consent was the adoption of the  
[01:38:19] international agenda. And I'm  
[01:38:23] very fond of the fact that we now include  
[01:38:25] this in our program. But one of the things  
[01:38:27] that I'm always sensitive to is not  
[01:38:31] to be totally deferring to international  
[01:38:34] standards. International standards are  
[01:38:35] very often the least common denominator.  
[01:38:39] What can you get a developing nation to  
[01:38:42] adopt? And certainly it's very clear in  
[01:38:43] the IMO this is a great challenge in  
[01:38:45] having port states and flag states trying  
[01:38:49] to all agree on something. And so one of  
[01:38:52] the things I'm very proud, while we have  
[01:38:53] to be cognizant that that's the pool that  
[01:38:55] we play in. One of the things I'm very  
[01:38:57] proud about the port is that we have been  
[01:38:59] very clever in the ways in which we have  
[01:39:01] leveraged our position as a business. And  
[01:39:04] having a client, a tenant, like a ship,  
[01:39:07] calling on our port, having cruise ships  
[01:39:10] being required to plug in, these are  
[01:39:12] things that are not an obligation at  
[01:39:15] the world level, but things that we do.  
[01:39:17] So I just think it's important to note  
[01:39:20] that we are participants in the  
[01:39:22] international arena, but we are not  
[01:39:25] limited to what they're calling for. And  
[01:39:28] so I think there was one sentence here.  
[01:39:31] We have limited control over the

[01:39:32] commercial aircraft and maritime vessels  
[01:39:34] that utilize our gateway. Yes, we have  
[01:39:37] limited, but we are not excluded.  
[01:39:40] So I appreciate the ability to adopt this  
[01:39:43] agenda. I just don't want it to be too  
[01:39:46] deferential. Thank you.  
[01:39:49] I figured that's noted. Any additional  
[01:39:54] comments? Executive Director Metruck, do  
[01:39:56] you have any closing comments for the  
[01:39:58] evening or the day? President? I do not.  
[01:40:00] Prisma, thank you. So, hearing no further  
[01:40:04] comments and having no further business.  
[01:40:06] If there is no objections, we are  
[01:40:10] adjourned at this time. And the time is  
[01:40:12] 1:40. Thank you all.

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