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[00:00:27] This is Commission President Hamdi Mohamed
[00:00:33] convening the regular meeting of January
[00:00:35] 23, 2024. The time is now 12:01.
[00:00:40] We are meeting in person today at the Sea
[00:00:43] Conference center and virtually via
[00:00:45] Microsoft Teams. Clerk Hart, please call
[00:00:47] the call roll of all commissioners in
[00:00:49] attendance. Thank you. Beginning with
[00:00:51] Commissioner Calkins here. Thank you.
[00:00:54] Commissioner Cho present. Thank you.
[00:00:56] Commissioner Felleman, present. Thank you.
[00:00:59] Commissioner Hasegawa is not present for
[00:01:01] this meeting and is excused. Commissioner
[00:01:03] Mohamed, present. Thank you. We do have a
[00:01:06] quorum established. Wonderful. A few
[00:01:09] housekeeping items before we begin. For
[00:01:12] everyone in the meeting room, please turn
[00:01:14] your cell phones to silent. For anyone
[00:01:17] participating on Microsoft Teams, please
[00:01:20] mute your speakers when not actively
[00:01:23] speaking or presenting. Please keep your
[00:01:25] cameras off unless you are a member of the
[00:01:28] commissioner or the executive director
[00:01:30] participating virtually, or you are a
[00:01:33] member of the staff in presentation and
[00:01:36] are actively addressing the commission.
[00:01:42] Members of the public addressing the
[00:01:44] commission during public comment,
[00:01:48] they may turn on their cameras when their
[00:01:50] name is called to speak and will turn them
[00:01:53] back off again at the conclusion of their
[00:01:56] remarks. For anyone at the dais here
[00:01:59] today, please turn off the speakers on any
[00:02:02] computers and silence your devices.
[00:02:05] Please also remember to address your
[00:02:08] request to be recognized, to speak through
[00:02:10] the chair, and to wait to speak until
[00:02:14] you have been recognized. You'll turn your
[00:02:16] microphones on and off as needed.
[00:02:21] All of the items noted here will ensure a
[00:02:24] smooth meeting today. All the votes today
[00:02:26] will be taken by a roll call method so it
[00:02:29] is clear for anyone participating
[00:02:31] virtually how votes are casted.
[00:02:34] Commissioner will say aye or nay when
[00:02:36] their names is called.
[00:02:39] We are meeting here today on the ancestral
[00:02:42] lands and waters of the Coast Salish
[00:02:44] people with whom we share a commitment to
[00:02:47] steward these natural resources for future
[00:02:50] generations. This meeting is being
[00:02:54] digitally recorded and may be viewed or
[00:02:56] heard at any time on the port's website
[00:02:59] and may be rebroadcast by King county
[00:03:02] television. Now please stand and join us
[00:03:05] for the pledge of Allegiance.
[00:03:11] I pledge allegiance to the flag of the
[00:03:13] United States of America and to the
[00:03:16] Republic for which it stands, one nation
[00:03:19] under God, indivisible one, liberty and
[00:03:21] justice for all.

[00:03:25] Thank you all. The first item today
[00:03:28] is approval of the agenda. As a reminder,
[00:03:32] if a commissioner wishes to comment for or
[00:03:35] against an item on the consent agenda, it
[00:03:38] is not necessary to pull the item from the
[00:03:41] consent agenda. Rather, a commissioner may
[00:03:43] offer supporting or opposing comments
[00:03:45] later in the meeting. Once we get to the
[00:03:47] consent agenda, please wait until the
[00:03:50] motion is approved. The consent agenda is
[00:03:53] on the floor for these comments, if any.
[00:03:56] However, it is appropriate at this time.
[00:03:58] If a commissioner wants to ask questions
[00:04:01] of staff or wishes to have a dialogue on a
[00:04:04] consent agenda item to request the item be
[00:04:07] pulled for a separate discussions. Are
[00:04:09] there any items to be pulled from the
[00:04:10] consent agenda or any motions to rearrange
[00:04:13] the meeting?
[00:04:18] Commissioners, the question is now on
[00:04:20] approval of the agenda. Is there a motion
[00:04:22] to approve the agenda as present? So
[00:04:26] moved. Second. Wonderful.
[00:04:29] The motion has been made and seconded.
[00:04:31] Are there any objections to the approval
[00:04:33] of the agenda as presented? Hearing none.
[00:04:38] The agenda is approved as presented.
[00:04:41] Okay, we have no
[00:04:44] special order scheduled for today. Next on
[00:04:48] our agenda is the executive director's
[00:04:50] report. Director Metruck, you have the
[00:04:52] floor. President Mohamed Good
[00:04:56] afternoon, commissioners. It seems like
[00:04:58] the beginning of every new year brings
[00:05:00] with it some weather challenges for us
[00:05:03] here at the port. This year is no
[00:05:04] different. So I'd like to begin by
[00:05:07] acknowledging the heroic efforts by our
[00:05:10] colleagues and partners who responded to a
[00:05:12] barrage of freezing weather related
[00:05:14] emergencies over the past several days
[00:05:16] across the port's numerous facilities.
[00:05:18] I'd like to thank them all. Every part of
[00:05:21] the airport was impacted during this
[00:05:23] freezing weather incident, including every
[00:05:25] concourse, the airport office building,
[00:05:27] the parking garage and tenant locations in
[00:05:29] and out of the airport. On the maritime
[00:05:32] side, crews responded to 50 incidents,
[00:05:34] burst pipes and valves at 14 different
[00:05:36] locations throughout our facilities.
[00:05:39] Thank you to all of our professionals who
[00:05:40] monitored facilities, assessed damage
[00:05:43] under challenging conditions, made
[00:05:45] repairs, worked on emergency declarations,
[00:05:48] reviewed agreements, supported customers
[00:05:51] and put our facilities back into service.
[00:05:54] Staff and contractors continue working on
[00:05:56] emergency repairs even today, including
[00:05:58] ongoing work at our airport office
[00:06:01] building, where many staff have been
[00:06:03] displaced. I note that these efforts are
[00:06:06] on top of everyone's normally busy

[00:06:08] workload, continuing challenges in our
[00:06:11] aviation sector and increasing
[00:06:13] construction here at the airport.
[00:06:16] Speaking of construction and the progress
[00:06:18] that it brings, employees and visitors to
[00:06:20] SEA will notice new construction
[00:06:22] barricades and changes this week in the
[00:06:25] SEA concourse. The SEA Concourse expansion
[00:06:28] project adds a new four story building
[00:06:31] with additional room for operations,
[00:06:34] tenants and customer service amenities,
[00:06:36] including 13 new restaurant and retail
[00:06:39] spaces. Coming this month, a new
[00:06:41] construction barricade went up near gates
[00:06:44] c two and c three. We published a blog in
[00:06:46] our newsroom to help passengers find
[00:06:48] favorite locations that may have moved
[00:06:50] around the airport and to find the closest
[00:06:52] restroom or water refill station.
[00:06:56] The SEA concourse expansion is one of the
[00:06:58] projects we're working on to be ready for
[00:07:00] the world when it comes for the FIFA World
[00:07:02] cup in 2026. In other
[00:07:05] project news, I also want to share that
[00:07:07] our shore power project for Pier 66 aye. a
[00:07:10] major milestone this month. Despite the
[00:07:13] freezing temperatures, a crew successfully
[00:07:15] laid the shore power marine cable from
[00:07:17] Pier 66 under the floor of Elliott Bay and
[00:07:21] over to terminal 46. The work will now
[00:07:24] focus on making electrical connections at
[00:07:26] Pier 66 in preparation for the transformer
[00:07:29] to arrive. We are still on track to
[00:07:31] commission the shore power connection with
[00:07:33] Norwegian Cruise Lines this summer. This
[00:07:37] project will make us one of the few cruise
[00:07:39] home ports in the world to offer shore
[00:07:41] power at all of its births, an
[00:07:43] accomplishment that we're very proud of.
[00:07:46] Something else that we're proud of are our
[00:07:49] ongoing efforts supporting antihuman
[00:07:51] trafficking. January 11 was Human
[00:07:54] Trafficking Awareness Day, and I'm proud
[00:07:55] to have joined commission president Hamdi
[00:07:58] Mohamed and Commissioner Sam Cho at the
[00:08:00] press conference announcing new maritime
[00:08:02] and aviation signatories to our pledge
[00:08:04] against human trafficking. This was the
[00:08:07] first year the cruise lines calling on the
[00:08:08] port signed our pledge. We were pleased to
[00:08:12] have Robert Morgenstern, Carnival
[00:08:14] Corporation senior vice president,
[00:08:16] represent the cruise industry, and Kirsten
[00:08:19] Foote, the new executive director and
[00:08:21] chief executive officer for the businesses
[00:08:25] ending slavery and trafficking, best
[00:08:27] represent advocates and survivors. I'm
[00:08:30] also pleased to participate in an
[00:08:33] impressive and well attended employee
[00:08:35] recognition and awareness event organized
[00:08:38] by our anti human trafficking working
[00:08:40] group with a special shout out to Wendy
[00:08:42] Ryder and Delmas Whittaker, who mc'd that

[00:08:44] great event. I'm deeply impressed by the
[00:08:47] commitment of our staff and proud to see
[00:08:49] port employees showcase their effective
[00:08:51] organizational efforts and national
[00:08:54] leadership to end human trafficking.
[00:08:56] Thank you to everyone on the working
[00:08:58] group, especially those who recruited new
[00:09:00] signatories to our pledge and those that
[00:09:02] put together the employee recognition and
[00:09:04] awareness event and also looking ahead
[00:09:08] next month, I'd like to note that February
[00:09:10] upcoming is Black History Month, an
[00:09:12] important time, and I look forward to
[00:09:13] sharing more details about the many events
[00:09:16] and programming we're planned to have
[00:09:17] throughout the month as they are finalized
[00:09:19] in the time that's left here in January.
[00:09:24] Moving to today's commission meeting, I
[00:09:26] like to highlight a few items. Under new
[00:09:28] business today, there is a commission
[00:09:30] order related to our diversity and
[00:09:32] contracting goals for 2024. While it is
[00:09:35] not typical to comment on commission
[00:09:37] orders, I will say that I'm supportive of
[00:09:40] this order and this is a priority of mine
[00:09:42] to make significant progress on these
[00:09:46] goals by the end of the year. Other items
[00:09:49] on the agenda today include our annual
[00:09:51] briefing on tourism and our local
[00:09:55] government regional community engagement
[00:09:57] priorities. Commissioners, this concludes
[00:09:59] my remarks. Thank you.
[00:10:02] Thank you executive director Metruck for
[00:10:04] that information. And I also want to echo
[00:10:07] your sentiment in thanking our port staff
[00:10:09] and those who work on our facilities
[00:10:11] during the challenging weather challenges
[00:10:13] that we've seen. So I'll move us on to
[00:10:17] agenda item number six, committee reports.
[00:10:20] I understand that we do not have any
[00:10:22] committee reports for today's meeting, so
[00:10:25] we'll move on to our next order of
[00:10:27] business item number seven. We are
[00:10:30] now at the public comment section of the
[00:10:33] agenda. The port welcomes public comment
[00:10:36] from the public as an important part of
[00:10:39] the commission's public process. Comments
[00:10:41] are received and considered by the
[00:10:44] commission in its deliberation. Before we
[00:10:47] take public comment, let's review our
[00:10:49] rules for in person and virtual public
[00:10:51] comments. Clerk Hart, please play the
[00:10:53] recording of the rules.
[00:11:01] The Port of Seattle Commission welcomes
[00:11:03] you to our meeting today. As noted,
[00:11:06] public comment is an important part of the
[00:11:08] public process, and the Port of Seattle
[00:11:10] Commission thanks you for joining us. The
[00:11:12] commission accepts in person, virtual and
[00:11:16] written public comment regarding matters
[00:11:18] related to the conduct of port business.
[00:11:21] Before we proceed, here are the
[00:11:23] commission's public comment rules of

[00:11:25] Procedure. For your information, each
[00:11:28] commenter will have two minutes to speak
[00:11:30] and should stay within the allotted time.
[00:11:33] A timer will appear on the screen and a
[00:11:35] buzzer will sound at the end of the two
[00:11:37] minute period for each speaker. The
[00:11:40] commission reserves the right to receive
[00:11:42] comments specifically related to the
[00:11:44] conduct of court business. If comments are
[00:11:46] not related to the conduct of court
[00:11:48] business, the presiding officer will stop
[00:11:50] the speaker and ask that comments be kept
[00:11:53] to matters related to the conduct of port
[00:11:55] business. This rule applies to both
[00:11:58] introductory and concluding remarks.
[00:12:01] All remarks should be addressed to the
[00:12:03] commission as a body and not to individual
[00:12:05] commissioner.
[00:12:08] Disruptions of commission public meetings
[00:12:10] are prohibited. Disruptions include, but
[00:12:13] are not limited to, the following refusal
[00:12:16] of a speaker to limit remarks to topics
[00:12:18] related to the conduct of court business
[00:12:21] threats and abusive or harassing behavior
[00:12:24] and language, obscene language and
[00:12:27] gestures refusal of a speaker to comply
[00:12:30] with the allotted time set for the
[00:12:32] individual speaker's public comment
[00:12:35] leaving the podium or testimony table to
[00:12:38] physically approach commissioner or staff
[00:12:40] during one's public comment provided
[00:12:43] speakers may author written materials to
[00:12:46] the commission clerk and any behavior that
[00:12:49] disrupts, disturbs, or otherwise impedes
[00:12:52] the meeting. Any disruption will result in
[00:12:56] a speaker's microphone being immediately
[00:12:58] shut off by the presiding officer and a
[00:13:01] warning or loss of speaking privileges or
[00:13:03] removal from the meeting room may occur as
[00:13:06] provided in the commission's bylaw.
[00:13:09] Written materials provided to the clerk
[00:13:11] will be included in today's meeting
[00:13:13] record. The clerk has a list of those
[00:13:16] prepared to speak. We are taking comments
[00:13:19] from anyone who has signed up to speak
[00:13:20] virtually, as well as from anyone who has
[00:13:23] joined us today here in the meeting room.
[00:13:25] When your name is called. If you are
[00:13:27] joining virtually, please unmute yourself.
[00:13:31] Then please repeat your name for the
[00:13:33] record and state your topic related to the
[00:13:35] conduct of sport business. You may turn on
[00:13:38] your camera at this time. The two minute
[00:13:41] timer will then begin. If you're on the
[00:13:43] team's meeting and at the same time
[00:13:45] streaming the meeting on the website,
[00:13:48] please muted the website stream to avoid
[00:13:50] feedback. When you have concluded your
[00:13:52] remarks, you may again turn off your
[00:13:54] camera and mute your speaker. If you are
[00:13:57] speaking from the meeting room, please
[00:13:59] come to the testimony table, repeat your
[00:14:02] name for the record and state your topic

[00:14:04] related to the conduct of port business.
[00:14:06] Our public comment period will now
[00:14:08] commence. Thank you again for joining us
[00:14:11] today, clerk Hart,
[00:14:14] please call our first speaker. Thank you.
[00:14:17] Madam Commissioner, president. Give me
[00:14:18] just one moment to get our timer up here.
[00:14:32] There we go. I have two signup sheets
[00:14:34] today, one virtual and one for in the
[00:14:36] room. We'll start with our virtual signups
[00:14:39] and I will rotate between them, beginning
[00:14:41] with Joe Kunsler. Joe, please go ahead and
[00:14:44] state your name for the record and your
[00:14:45] topic related to the conduct of port
[00:14:47] business, please.
[00:14:50] Thank you. Clerk Joe Kunsler here.
[00:14:53] I'm speaking on I of ten a. I'm speaking
[00:14:57] only for me and I'm presuming that you can
[00:15:00] hear me. I will speak on I of ten
[00:15:03] a and ask, could it be passed without
[00:15:05] amendment? Because when we have a MAGA
[00:15:07] monster committed to hurling hate, I will
[00:15:09] put down my press pass and pick up the
[00:15:12] necessary weapons and defend my nation,
[00:15:14] my state, and the world's best
[00:15:15] international airport. Period. Because
[00:15:18] it's going to be SIA that's going to lead
[00:15:21] in staff. It's going to be SIA that leads
[00:15:23] the world through a moral reckoning in how
[00:15:24] flight attendants are treated, and it's
[00:15:26] going to be SIA that leads in and abuse of
[00:15:28] public comment. I have already asked
[00:15:30] Bellevue and Redmond to adopt the public
[00:15:32] comment rules of ten a. Soon after today's
[00:15:35] victory, I will ask sound transit and King
[00:15:37] county council and others to do so as
[00:15:40] well. This will be the end. We're going to
[00:15:42] end this guy Zimmerman going after you.
[00:15:44] Not just because we've prayed for peace,
[00:15:46] because inside of each American is a
[00:15:48] yearning to be free from hate. Hate
[00:15:50] oppresses and divides. Hate silences and
[00:15:53] destroys democracies. Hate is also on the
[00:15:56] side of climate denial and hiding campaign
[00:15:58] finances. So I would leave the port
[00:16:00] commission with this recent Zelensky
[00:16:03] quotation. Increasingly, the world hears
[00:16:06] and realizes that more wars may be ahead,
[00:16:09] but we have the strif to stop it. We have
[00:16:11] the strif to defend normal life. The
[00:16:13] world has strif . End quote. Honestly
[00:16:17] passing item ten a is exhibiting that
[00:16:19] strife to defend our commons as much as
[00:16:22] gifting south korean arterial Roy shells
[00:16:24] and American Patriot service to air
[00:16:26] missiles to Ukraine to defend normal life.
[00:16:29] And I really hope that you will pass these
[00:16:32] rules because this troubled
[00:16:35] individual who comes before you and
[00:16:37] interbodies I find extremely concerning.
[00:16:40] And so I ask you, please pass to item ten
[00:16:42] a. And I want to thank all of you for your
[00:16:44] public service. And I also want to. If I

[00:16:46] may, I want to say that the Seattle
[00:16:49] International Airport is the world's best
[00:16:51] international airport. And I fly from
[00:16:52] there when I can. Thank you for your
[00:16:54] public service.

[00:17:00] Clerk Hart, please call the next speaker.
[00:17:03] Thank you. Thank you, Joe. Moving to our
[00:17:05] in house speakers beginning with David
[00:17:07] Blanford. David, please come to the
[00:17:09] testimony table. Restate your name for the
[00:17:11] record and your topic related to the
[00:17:13] conduct of port business, please.

[00:17:17] President Mohammed, Commissioner,
[00:17:20] Director Metruck. I'm David Blanford. I'm
[00:17:22] CEO of State of Washington Tourism here
[00:17:24] today to speak on the importance of the
[00:17:26] Port of Seattle's tourism development
[00:17:28] program and the support it provides
[00:17:30] statewide to the tourism industry. Thank
[00:17:33] you for your continued tourism leadership
[00:17:35] throughout the state. The port's direct
[00:17:37] investment in tourism development,
[00:17:39] statewide industry grants and programs
[00:17:42] that bolster our state tourism program
[00:17:44] have sped industry recovery and are
[00:17:46] helping position Washington for future
[00:17:48] success. We have more work to do.

[00:17:51] According to research just released from
[00:17:53] the US travel Aviation, Washington's
[00:17:55] tourism expenditures and tax revenues are
[00:17:58] down 7% respectively year over
[00:18:02] year through November. These compare with
[00:18:05] us averages of 3% and 2.5%
[00:18:09] or in the case of neighboring Oregon,
[00:18:12] they're up 11%.

[00:18:14] State of Washington Tourism's promotional
[00:18:16] budget is still one 10th of Oregon's and
[00:18:20] similar to many other western states.
[00:18:22] We'll work in 2024 to incrementally
[00:18:25] increase program budget and greatly
[00:18:27] appreciate the ongoing support of the Port
[00:18:29] of Seattle. Meantime, the port's
[00:18:32] international marketing agreement with
[00:18:33] State of Washington Tourism is seminal.
[00:18:36] Staff at both the port and SWT are working
[00:18:40] together seamlessly, carefully aligning
[00:18:42] priorities and priority markets,
[00:18:44] operating in market reps, sales missions,
[00:18:47] and other destination programming. A
[00:18:50] special thanks to Nick Leonti, tourism
[00:18:52] director for aye. leadership and to newly
[00:18:55] hired industry veteran Chantel Lusbrink.

[00:18:58] Finally, I want to acknowledge
[00:19:00] Commissioner Felleman and the port's
[00:19:03] direction toward responsible travel and
[00:19:06] tourism education and attracting visitors
[00:19:09] who share that vision. We look forward to
[00:19:11] continuing that program with you. Thank
[00:19:14] you. Thank you, David.

[00:19:17] Clerk Hart, please call the next speaker.
[00:19:19] Thank you. Our next speaker is John
[00:19:22] Worthington. Joining us virtually. John,
[00:19:24] please go ahead and restate your name for

[00:19:26] the record and your topic related to the
[00:19:27] conduct of port business, please.
[00:19:37] John, can you hear us?
[00:19:42] The five mile radius issued the lawsuit.
[00:19:45] John, I'm going to go ahead and stop you.
[00:19:47] Can you please restate your name for the
[00:19:49] record and your topic related to the
[00:19:51] conduct of port business, please? Thank
[00:19:53] you.
[00:19:57] John Worthington. Sequim,
[00:20:01] I'm making comments on the five mile
[00:20:04] radius lawsuit.
[00:20:08] Go ahead, please. Against the port and the
[00:20:11] airlines.
[00:20:16] Can you hear me? Am I ready to go? We can
[00:20:18] hear you, Don. Please go ahead.
[00:20:23] The public was given adequate notice
[00:20:28] of the issues surrounding SEATAC airport.
[00:20:32] In the believe officially in,
[00:20:35] the EPA gave a warning. That's why Senator
[00:20:39] Julia Patterson requested the Department
[00:20:42] of Health look at the issue. The city of
[00:20:45] Tukwilla Burien, Sea-Tac and Des Moines were
[00:20:49] given ample public notice of a problem.
[00:20:53] Yet they continued to move people in there
[00:20:56] to take advantage of their densities,
[00:20:58] pursuits under the Growth Management act.
[00:21:01] Then later, the University of Washington
[00:21:04] came out with a study after the fact.
[00:21:07] I believe it's the Washington State
[00:21:09] Department of Health that is the true
[00:21:12] party of interest. Along with the cities
[00:21:14] of Tukwilla Burien and Sea-Tac and Des Moines,
[00:21:18] rather than the port and the airlines.
[00:21:22] They had plenty of opportunity to zone
[00:21:26] out residential development. And that was
[00:21:29] before the third Runway. They knew.
[00:21:33] But they just had to take advantage of
[00:21:35] their density pursuits. I believe because
[00:21:38] sound transit was coming in and they
[00:21:40] wanted to develop it. And they put the
[00:21:43] public at peril. I don't believe it was
[00:21:46] the port that did. So I don't know where
[00:21:48] you stand in your lawsuit, but it
[00:21:52] was pretty clear by the record. The
[00:21:55] Seattle Times, Highline Times, the Seattle
[00:21:58] PI. The media warned the public and
[00:22:02] Julia Patterson decided to do the study
[00:22:05] and they decided to fill in. So that's
[00:22:09] my comment. And I hope you can act in time
[00:22:13] to make arguments that those are the true
[00:22:16] parties of interest, not the port and the
[00:22:18] airlines. Thank you.
[00:22:27] Thank you, John. Clerk Hart, please call
[00:22:29] the next speaker. Thank you. Our next
[00:22:32] speaker is Jesse Welton from the room.
[00:22:35] Jesse, please restate your name for the
[00:22:37] record and your topic related to the
[00:22:38] conduct of port business, please. Okay,
[00:22:40] thank you.
[00:22:46] My name is Jesse Welton. I'm here as an
[00:22:48] individual only representing myself right
[00:22:50] now. And your

[00:22:54] topic, Jesse? Oh, my topic is collective
[00:22:57] bargaining agreements. Sorry. Thank you.
[00:23:01] First, I wanted to congratulate Ms.
[00:23:03] Mohamed on your new position as president.
[00:23:07] And Mr. Metruck, you mentioned there's a
[00:23:09] lot of large projects coming up. It's
[00:23:11] definitely an exciting time to be here at
[00:23:13] the port. It's made a lot of changes. So
[00:23:15] what brings me here today is the topic of
[00:23:18] collective bargaining agreements. Per the
[00:23:20] port's public website, you have 24
[00:23:22] different collective bargaining agreements
[00:23:26] that the port employees work under. Of
[00:23:28] those 24 CBAs, seven are currently
[00:23:30] expired. That is 30% of all your CBAs. It
[00:23:34] also represents a large number of port
[00:23:36] employees currently working under expired
[00:23:39] contracts. Majority of those contracts are
[00:23:41] eight months expired and not much progress
[00:23:45] in those negotiations. In the next eleven
[00:23:47] months, you'll see seven more contracts
[00:23:49] expiring. That will bring the total of 14
[00:23:51] of 24 contracts expired. That's roughly
[00:23:53] 60% of all contracts expired. That
[00:23:56] represents a vast number of port
[00:23:58] employees. In the last four years, all the
[00:24:02] contracts were eventually ratified. The
[00:24:04] average contract was expired for nine and
[00:24:06] a half months at the time of ratification.
[00:24:11] Some of those were as long as 24 months.
[00:24:14] I really hope that your current labor
[00:24:15] relations team makes a change for the
[00:24:18] better and starts getting these contracts
[00:24:19] negotiated in a timely manner and also
[00:24:22] bringing a fair and equitable offer to the
[00:24:25] table to all your collective bargaining
[00:24:28] teams. Thank you.
[00:24:32] Thank you, Jesse. Clerk Hart, please call
[00:24:35] our next speaker. Yes, our next speaker is
[00:24:37] council member JC Harris.
[00:24:47] And JC, if you can restate your name for
[00:24:49] the record and your topic related to the
[00:24:51] conduct of port business, please.
[00:24:54] Good afternoon, my name is JC Harris and I
[00:24:57] represent SEATAC noise info. The topic
[00:25:01] is SB 59 55, HB 21
[00:25:05] three the port package update bill.
[00:25:09] The port's opposition to SB 59 55
[00:25:12] is shameful. Since 2017, you've set
[00:25:16] aside millions of our property taxes for
[00:25:19] various community grant programs that
[00:25:22] never get fully spent. This is a chance to
[00:25:25] spend those dollars fruitfully. The port
[00:25:29] package program has not made a single new
[00:25:31] building eligible since 1996.
[00:25:35] Anytime you talk about projects that
[00:25:37] you're doing, you're simply playing catch
[00:25:40] up from 30 years ago.
[00:25:43] Shame. For five years, you've had a chance
[00:25:46] to do something voluntarily, simply
[00:25:48] emulating what SFO has already been doing.
[00:25:52] You should support SB 59 55 and join SFO
[00:25:56] simply to show Congress that you can

[00:25:58] actually do this right. That is the path
[00:26:02] to the larger federal program. By not
[00:26:05] supporting this bill, you're confirming
[00:26:08] what the public has long suspected. It was
[00:26:11] never about need. It's always been in your
[00:26:13] financial interest to delay any sound
[00:26:16] installation, programs, new or updates.
[00:26:20] And by delaying so long, by forcing people
[00:26:23] to replace these systems out of their own
[00:26:25] pockets, you then take all those homes
[00:26:28] permanently off the table. This is
[00:26:31] something our communities deserve to get
[00:26:33] right the first time in exchange for the
[00:26:36] permanent benefit of having 1000 planes
[00:26:39] fly over their homes every day. And given
[00:26:42] that there was no second chance, it's just
[00:26:45] bad form to not take responsibility for
[00:26:49] doing so many so poorly the first time,
[00:26:52] especially when you're generating a
[00:26:54] billion dollars a year now, you could take
[00:26:57] the entire tax levy off the table and
[00:27:00] still be in the black forever.
[00:27:04] You should direct your staff to
[00:27:06] immediately support SB 59 55
[00:27:10] and get it across the line. Thank you.
[00:27:16] Clerk Hart, please call our next speaker.
[00:27:21] Thank you. Our next speaker, and our last
[00:27:24] speaker who signed up today from the room
[00:27:26] is Greg Warner. Greg, please restate
[00:27:30] your name for the record and your topic
[00:27:31] related to the conduct of port business,
[00:27:33] please.
[00:27:38] Hi, my name is Craig Warner and I'm here
[00:27:41] to talk about the parking and logistics or
[00:27:45] traffic flow. I've been here resident for
[00:27:48] six years. I'm an Uber driver. I've been
[00:27:50] here no less than a thousand times, and
[00:27:53] I've seen the traffic flow in its worst
[00:27:55] and its best. And I believe I have figured
[00:27:57] out a way to totally correct it
[00:28:00] permanently and parking and have it paid
[00:28:03] for. I don't know if the design engineers
[00:28:06] have looked at my ideas or not. I would
[00:28:08] just like the opportunity to sit down with
[00:28:10] them, discuss it, and see if they have any
[00:28:13] ideas that they have or have not explored.
[00:28:16] I don't see anything in the records and
[00:28:20] I've been here for six years and I've seen
[00:28:22] zero progress with it. But I do believe
[00:28:25] that it can be corrected in minimum,
[00:28:27] maybe 18 months and be permanent for even
[00:28:31] if the airport doubles in volume.
[00:28:35] That's my thing, and I would just like to
[00:28:38] see if I can maybe talk to somebody in the
[00:28:40] design department. Thank you.
[00:28:43] Noted. Thank you for your comments.
[00:28:46] That concludes our sign ups for today. Is
[00:28:49] there anyone else present on the team's
[00:28:51] call or present in the room today who
[00:28:54] didn't sign up, who wishes to address the
[00:28:57] commissioner? If so, please state and
[00:29:00] spell your name and state the topic
[00:29:02] related to the conduct of the port you

[00:29:04] wish to speak about for the record at
[00:29:16] this time. I'll ask the clerk to please
[00:29:18] give a synopsis of any written comments
[00:29:21] received. Thank you. Madam Commissioner
[00:29:24] President. We've received one written
[00:29:26] comment for this meeting. This has been
[00:29:28] previously distributed to all
[00:29:30] commissioners and will become a part of
[00:29:31] this meeting's record. This comes from
[00:29:33] Jordan van Vost, who submitted written
[00:29:35] comments regarding requesting the port to
[00:29:38] reduce the 2024 cruise sailings and
[00:29:40] passenger levels to at or below 2019
[00:29:43] levels, and to reduce the number every
[00:29:45] year until the industry no longer pollutes
[00:29:47] oceans and the air or emits climate
[00:29:49] changing greenhouse gas emissions. And
[00:29:51] that concludes our written comments
[00:29:53] received today. Thank you, clerk Hart.
[00:29:55] Hearing no further public testimonies,
[00:29:57] we'll move on to the consent agenda. But
[00:29:59] before we do, I know that there are a
[00:30:01] number of electricians who are in the room
[00:30:04] today, and I just want to acknowledge you
[00:30:05] guys for being here and say thank you to
[00:30:08] the work that you do on our facilities
[00:30:10] every day. Items on the consent
[00:30:14] agenda are considered routine and will be
[00:30:16] adopted by one motion. Items removed from
[00:30:19] the consent agenda will be considered
[00:30:21] separately immediately after adoption of
[00:30:24] the remaining consent items. At this time,
[00:30:27] the chair will entertain a motion to
[00:30:29] approve the consent agenda covering items
[00:30:32] eight a, eight b and eight c.
[00:30:37] So moved.
[00:30:41] The motion has been made and seconded.
[00:30:45] Commissioner Felleman, do you range
[00:30:48] items? I was hoping to have a quick
[00:30:51] comment on the federal agenda. It was like
[00:30:54] one word. Please proceed.
[00:30:59] And I'm sorry I didn't catch this before,
[00:31:00] but on the formally. Oh,
[00:31:03] actually, my mistake.
[00:31:10] You could withdraw. Yeah, I'm sorry. I was
[00:31:13] looking at 23. It just said, promote
[00:31:15] tourism, and I just didn't know whether we
[00:31:17] had updated that to sustainable tourism.
[00:31:20] Just promoting tourism was something that
[00:31:22] I was concerned that we were not
[00:31:25] specifying. But I was just looking at the
[00:31:28] fact sheet and that's all I saw. It's been
[00:31:30] corrected. Thank you. Correct. Okay, so,
[00:31:33] commissioners, please say aye or nay when
[00:31:35] your name is called for approval of the
[00:31:37] consent agenda,
[00:31:39] beginning with commissioner Calkins.
[00:31:43] Aye. Thank you, commissioner. Cho? Aye.
[00:31:47] Thank you, Commissioner Felleman. Aye.
[00:31:50] Thank you, Commissioner Mohammed. Aye.
[00:31:52] Thank you. Four ayes, zero nays for this
[00:31:54] item. The motion passes.
[00:31:59] Moving on in the agenda, we have two new

[00:32:02] business items today. Clerk Hart, please
[00:32:04] read the item. The first item into the
[00:32:07] record. Executive Director Metruck will
[00:32:09] then introduce the item. Thank you. This
[00:32:12] is agenda item ten. A adoption of
[00:32:14] resolution number 30 817, a resolution
[00:32:17] amending resolution number 3778 and prior
[00:32:20] corresponding, enacting and amending
[00:32:22] resolutions through incorporation
[00:32:24] pertaining to the commission's bylaws and
[00:32:26] rules of procedure.
[00:32:29] Commissioners, you received a presentation
[00:32:31] on this at our last meeting and are now
[00:32:33] considering it for action. Periodic review
[00:32:36] and updates to our bylaws and rules of
[00:32:38] procedure is an important part of being a
[00:32:40] high performing public agency. The
[00:32:43] recommendations included in this
[00:32:44] resolution cover ethical behavior,
[00:32:46] officer responsibilities, clarifying
[00:32:48] duties, remote meetings, rules of order,
[00:32:50] and many more. Our presenter for this is
[00:32:53] Michelle Hart, our commission clerk.
[00:32:56] Thank you, Mr. Executive Director. Madam
[00:32:58] Commission President, members of the
[00:33:00] commission, as noted, resolution number
[00:33:04] 30 817 was introduced at the January 9,
[00:33:07] 2024 meeting. At that time, staff
[00:33:10] presented an overview of the bylaws and
[00:33:13] rules of procedure, policy directive,
[00:33:15] amendments proposed. We received
[00:33:17] commission feedback and incorporated that
[00:33:19] feedback into additional amendments, and
[00:33:21] we will overview those for you here today.
[00:33:24] There are four amendments, Aubree, if you
[00:33:26] can go ahead and pull those up, and those
[00:33:29] are printed in a package. And before you,
[00:33:32] I will again overview them here today.
[00:33:34] And then we will get into the main motion
[00:33:37] and amendment process where we can get
[00:33:39] into discussion, if there is any, for
[00:33:41] these particular amendments, and we will
[00:33:43] take them separately, one at a time. So
[00:33:46] our first amendment that you see up here
[00:33:48] on the screen actually amends article
[00:33:51] three, section five, officers, duties of
[00:33:54] the president, subsection e. And this
[00:34:00] amends the first sentence to strike the
[00:34:02] phrase on behalf of, and to insert in its
[00:34:04] place the phrase in consultation with,
[00:34:07] simply to make that language more specific
[00:34:10] and in alignment with the provision and
[00:34:12] the bylaws immediately before it. Go ahead
[00:34:15] and move to the next amendment.
[00:34:19] Amendment number two is a technical
[00:34:21] amendment, and this amends Article six,
[00:34:24] section ten c, the last sentence of the
[00:34:28] provision to add the phrase unless
[00:34:30] otherwise revised, and to strike the
[00:34:32] phrase unless extended. The reason for
[00:34:35] this amendment, I'm requesting it as a
[00:34:37] technical amendment to be moved. The
[00:34:39] original amendment construction was not

[00:34:41] put together correctly. Our presiding
[00:34:45] officer, our chairperson, now has the
[00:34:48] ability to lengthen or shorten the time
[00:34:51] for public comment as needed to preserve
[00:34:54] the efficiency of the meeting. Amendment
[00:34:56] number three. Thank you,
[00:35:00] Aubree. Amendment number three amends
[00:35:03] Article three, section 5d, duties of the
[00:35:05] president, oversight of the commissioner
[00:35:07] office. And what this amendment does is it
[00:35:10] reorganizes the oversight of the office of
[00:35:12] the Commission under article two,
[00:35:14] commissioner, and additionally recognizes
[00:35:18] the standard operating procedures for both
[00:35:20] the office and for the review of the
[00:35:23] commission. Chief of staff. Go ahead and
[00:35:26] go to the next slide. Thank you. And
[00:35:28] amendment number four amends
[00:35:34] article four, section eight e,
[00:35:38] executive sessions to provide for periodic
[00:35:41] review of executive sessions through
[00:35:43] outside council for compliance with open
[00:35:46] public meetings act requirements. And
[00:35:48] those are the four amendments that we have
[00:35:50] before you today. And that concludes my
[00:35:52] presentation. Thank you,
[00:35:56] executive director Metruck for introducing
[00:35:57] the item. And thank you, clerk Hart, for
[00:35:59] your presentation. So let's first get
[00:36:03] the motion on the floor, and then we can
[00:36:05] discuss the amendments. Is there a motion
[00:36:07] and a second to adopt this resolution?
[00:36:11] So moved,
[00:36:14] second. The motion was made and seconded.
[00:36:17] Commissioner Felleman, I think you have
[00:36:19] the first amendment. Please move your
[00:36:21] motion to amend the policy directive.
[00:36:25] So I move to amend for amendment number
[00:36:28] one for the bylaws as
[00:36:32] was described. If you want me to reiterate
[00:36:36] that just replacing on behalf
[00:36:39] of the review of both the chief
[00:36:44] counsel, general counsel, as well as the
[00:36:47] external relations senior director to be
[00:36:50] in consultation with the president rather
[00:36:53] than on behalf of the commission.
[00:36:57] Wonderful. Is there a second for the
[00:37:00] motion?
[00:37:03] Second. Great.
[00:37:07] The motion has been made and seconded. Is
[00:37:09] there a discussion on the primary
[00:37:11] amendment at this time?
[00:37:15] Yeah. I have a question, Commissioner Cho,
[00:37:18] so I want to really understand why
[00:37:22] we're making this change, because I think
[00:37:25] my concern is that it changes
[00:37:28] things such that the two officers
[00:37:32] that would be dual reports would be
[00:37:35] reporting to five commissioners, which is
[00:37:37] an efficient way of doing, of managing
[00:37:39] things. So I just want to understand what
[00:37:42] this is trying to do exactly.
[00:37:45] Commissioner Felleman, do you want to.

[00:37:47] Sure. The president is the one, the point
[00:37:51] person to do the review. It's just
[00:37:55] like we have with the other positions.
[00:37:57] They will do it in consultation with the
[00:38:00] other commissioners rather than what I
[00:38:02] would think on behalf of does not imply a.
[00:38:05] But this is not about performance review.
[00:38:07] This is about oversight.
[00:38:16] The oversight
[00:38:22] is a type of reviewing
[00:38:28] in terms of the way in which things are
[00:38:31] conducted, overseeing.
[00:38:34] That if there is a question of something
[00:38:37] that occurred, then it would seem to
[00:38:41] me to be not just the discretion of an
[00:38:44] individual equally elected official to
[00:38:47] be making that call. And that's what I've
[00:38:49] been doing throughout all the amendments,
[00:38:52] is that we are all elected countywide,
[00:38:55] and that if there is an issue associated
[00:38:57] with anybody that we have any oversight
[00:39:00] of, and there are only two dual reports,
[00:39:03] and then we have the executive director
[00:39:05] and our chief of staff, and this way it
[00:39:07] would be consistent across the way. So if
[00:39:11] I can make a comment on that, I think the
[00:39:14] procedure matters here in the sense
[00:39:17] that how that review happens or what the
[00:39:20] consultation looks like will matter. And I
[00:39:22] think he states what the intent is, and so
[00:39:24] long as that is documented somewhere, I
[00:39:27] think we would be fine there. I would be
[00:39:30] okay with the language being more specific
[00:39:33] and saying that a performance review of
[00:39:35] the dual reports is done in consultation
[00:39:38] with commissioners. But I think oversight
[00:39:42] performance reviews are retroactive
[00:39:45] things. They're not active things. Right.
[00:39:47] I think everyone would agree with that.
[00:39:48] Oversight is an ongoing thing.
[00:39:52] And to me, this reads in a way where you
[00:39:57] are going from a dual report reporting to
[00:39:59] one person to a dual report potentially
[00:40:02] reporting to all five commissioners. And I
[00:40:05] think that introduces inefficiency in the
[00:40:06] way we do things. And so I
[00:40:10] would suggest that we clarify if your
[00:40:13] intent is to provide performance
[00:40:17] review in consultation with the
[00:40:21] commission. I think that's what it should
[00:40:23] say right now. This introduces a
[00:40:25] tremendous amount of ambiguity.
[00:40:29] Clerk Hart, is there a line that you could
[00:40:31] recommend or Commissioner Cho, is there
[00:40:34] some sort of description that language we
[00:40:37] could add here that would be sufficient to
[00:40:41] describe the intent here? Yeah, I think
[00:40:44] something along the lines of performance
[00:40:46] reviews of dual reports will be done in
[00:40:49] consultation with the commissioner and in
[00:40:51] concert with the executive director.
[00:40:56] I would consider that a friendly
[00:40:58] amendment. But I was just wondering, is

[00:41:00] there any place in the bylaws that deal
[00:41:03] with performance review of dual reports?
[00:41:06] Currently there's not. This was the
[00:41:08] provision. Okay. So I was thinking that
[00:41:10] this was just a consistency. I would agree
[00:41:12] that to be consistent, it would be on
[00:41:14] performance review and not oversight. So
[00:41:16] that certainly was my intent. Yeah. No, I
[00:41:19] hear you, Clerk Hart. Have you captured
[00:41:21] that? Is that something we could do, or
[00:41:23] should we take a pause to make sure that
[00:41:25] that is clear language? I do have the
[00:41:28] language. Performance review for dual
[00:41:31] reports in consultation with the
[00:41:32] commission, and in concert of that could
[00:41:35] be a secondary amendment. Madam Commission
[00:41:37] president, I'm also looking at the title
[00:41:40] of this particular provision, which is
[00:41:41] oversight of staff reporting to both the
[00:41:43] commission and the executive director.
[00:41:46] It's not specific to performance reviews,
[00:41:49] as was just noted. So I don't know if
[00:41:53] we're changing intent there by
[00:41:54] specifically adding a secondary amendment,
[00:41:57] making it explicit to performance review.
[00:41:59] Yeah. So I think oversight is more
[00:42:03] of a broad term than performance review,
[00:42:05] and I think performance review does fit
[00:42:07] under oversight. So I'm not arguing
[00:42:09] whether or not it fits. I do think that
[00:42:12] putting a clause in about performance
[00:42:14] review specifically would be appropriate
[00:42:16] because it goes a little more granular.
[00:42:20] Please, the lawyers can correct me if I'm
[00:42:22] wrong, but under the oversight umbrella,
[00:42:25] we can put this clause in about
[00:42:28] performance reviews. Or could you just
[00:42:30] include it in the title, or is there an f?
[00:42:32] Can we put an f that says, performance
[00:42:35] reviews of dual report staff shall be
[00:42:38] conducted in consultation with
[00:42:40] commissioner? There is an f.
[00:42:44] And I do think that we can make a
[00:42:47] secondary amendment to this particular
[00:42:49] provision to capture your intent with your
[00:42:52] language without creating another
[00:42:53] provision. Okay. Do we want to take a
[00:42:56] quick add ease and discuss this with the
[00:42:57] attorneys to make sure that this is okay?
[00:43:00] The one question I had was 1 second,
[00:43:05] could we not vote on this item and move on
[00:43:07] to the next amendments while the attorneys
[00:43:09] consider that language? We can do that.
[00:43:13] I would like to consult with the attorneys
[00:43:15] and with the executive director and
[00:43:16] commission chief of staff as well, if it
[00:43:18] is possible to take a quick at ease.
[00:43:20] Let's do that. Thank you. Can I just have
[00:43:22] one thing to be considered in changing the
[00:43:24] title, oversight and review of staff, if
[00:43:28] that allows it to be more specifically
[00:43:31] encompassing. That will be considered.
[00:43:33] Commissioner Felleman. We'll take that.

[00:43:36] Thank you. I appreciate that. No problem.
[00:43:40] Sorry.
[00:44:01] That was a good catch.
[00:44:04] No, it was totally not the intent.
[00:48:54] Madam Commissioner. President. Thank you
[00:48:56] for that. At ease. I believe we are ready
[00:48:57] to continue the conversation. Are there
[00:49:00] any further discussions on this item,
[00:49:02] Commissioner Felleman? Yes, I would be
[00:49:05] happy to withdraw this, seeing that item
[00:49:09] ten encompasses this.
[00:49:12] Although I'm hoping that perhaps in
[00:49:16] President Mohammed's amendment, that
[00:49:18] standardization of these processes would
[00:49:22] include the formalization of this type of
[00:49:26] review, which, honestly, in my eight year
[00:49:29] tenure, I don't recall being involved with
[00:49:30] yet. So thank you for that. So I will
[00:49:33] withdraw that. Chief of staff, do you want
[00:49:37] to speak to that? Yes, Commissioner
[00:49:38] Felleman. We'll make sure that you guys
[00:49:39] have that in the next week or so. So you
[00:49:41] see the process very clearly, how that
[00:49:43] rolls out. And we'll glue that in our
[00:49:45] operating manual that we're in the midst
[00:49:47] of developing right now. Thank you.
[00:49:48] Appreciate that. Madam Commissioner.
[00:49:50] President, can you please ask if there's
[00:49:52] any objection to withdrawal of the
[00:49:53] amendment? We'll do. Are there any
[00:49:55] objections from my colleagues to withdraw
[00:49:57] this item hearing? None.
[00:50:00] We will withdraw the item. Commissioner
[00:50:02] Felleman, we have a technical amendment
[00:50:04] requested by the commission. Clerk, will
[00:50:07] you also move that item. Amendment,
[00:50:09] please? Hopefully, it'll be a little
[00:50:11] easier this time. Yes. This technical
[00:50:13] amendment put forward by the clerk. Is to
[00:50:16] give the flexibility to the president to
[00:50:18] extend or shorten the public comment. So
[00:50:21] to insert the words unless otherwise
[00:50:23] revised. With regards to speakers being
[00:50:27] limited to two minutes, do I have a
[00:50:29] motion? Wonderful. Is there a second for
[00:50:31] the motion? Second. The motion has been
[00:50:35] made and seconded. Is there a discussion
[00:50:36] on this item? Hearing? No further
[00:50:39] discussion for this motion. Clerk Hart,
[00:50:42] please call the roll for the vote on this
[00:50:43] primary amendment. Commissioners, please
[00:50:45] say aye or nay when your name is called
[00:50:48] for the primary amendment. Beginning with
[00:50:50] Commissioner Calkins. Aye. Thank you,
[00:50:52] Commissioner Cho? Aye. Thank you,
[00:50:55] Commissioner Felleman. Aye. Thank you,
[00:50:57] Commissioner Mohammed. Aye. Thank you.
[00:51:00] Four ayes. Zero nays for that amendment.
[00:51:02] The amendment passes. I also have two
[00:51:06] amendments that I would like to propose at
[00:51:08] this time. I'll move each amendment
[00:51:12] separately. I'll read the first motion
[00:51:15] into the record.

[00:51:18] I move to amend resolution number 30 818,
[00:51:21] article three, section 5d. Duties of the
[00:51:24] President, oversight of the office of the
[00:51:26] commission to repeal paragraph b in its
[00:51:29] entirety. Removing oversight of the
[00:51:31] commission office from the duties of the
[00:51:33] President and reenacting it under article
[00:51:35] two. Commissioners, paragraph eleven,
[00:51:38] oversight of the office of the Commission
[00:51:41] and the Commission chief of staff to read
[00:51:43] as follows oversight
[00:51:48] of the office of the Commission and the
[00:51:50] Chief of staff. The commission, as a body
[00:51:53] coordinated by the commission president,
[00:51:55] shall provide oversight and review of the
[00:51:58] performance of the commission Chief of
[00:52:00] Staff according to the commission office
[00:52:02] standards operating procedures. The
[00:52:05] commission chief of staff shall be
[00:52:06] responsible for the organization and
[00:52:09] management of the commissioner office
[00:52:12] according to the commission office
[00:52:14] standard operational procedures. The
[00:52:16] commission Chief of Staff shall consult
[00:52:18] with the commission regarding performance,
[00:52:21] evaluation, hiring and firing of staff of
[00:52:24] the commission office.
[00:52:30] Is there a second for this motion?
[00:52:33] Submissive. So the motion has been made
[00:52:36] and seconded. Is there a discussion on
[00:52:38] this primary amendment?
[00:52:41] Yeah. Commissioner Cho.
[00:52:45] I'm just joking, I suppose. This pulling
[00:52:48] my leg. Hearing. No further discussions
[00:52:51] on this motion. Clerk Hart, please call
[00:52:54] the roll for the vote on the primary
[00:52:56] amendment. Commissioners, please say aye
[00:52:58] or nay when your names are called.
[00:52:59] Beginning with Commissioner Calkins. Aye.
[00:53:02] Thank you, Commissioner Cho? Aye. Thank
[00:53:04] you. Commissioner Felleman? Aye. Thank
[00:53:07] you. And Commissioner Mohammed? Aye.
[00:53:09] Thank you. Four ayes, zero nays for this
[00:53:11] amendment. The amendment passes. I'll go
[00:53:13] ahead and move my second amendment and
[00:53:14] read it. I move to amend resolution number
[00:53:18] 30 818, article four, section eight a.
[00:53:21] Executive sessions to insert a sentence at
[00:53:24] the end of the paragraph to read as
[00:53:25] follows. Periodic reviews of executive
[00:53:28] session sections shall occur by
[00:53:32] outside council for open public meetings.
[00:53:34] Act compliance.
[00:53:38] The motion has been made. Is there a
[00:53:40] second second.
[00:53:47] The motion has been made and seconded. Is
[00:53:49] there a discussion for this primary
[00:53:51] amendment? Commissioner Cho,
[00:53:57] he's just trying to trip you up.
[00:54:01] Hearing. No further discussions for this
[00:54:03] motion. Clerk Hart, please call the roll
[00:54:05] for the vote on the primary amendment.
[00:54:07] Commissioner, say aye or nay when your

[00:54:09] names are called. Beginning with
[00:54:10] Commissioner Calkins. Aye. Thank you,
[00:54:13] Commissioner CHO. You're doing great, by
[00:54:15] the way. Aye. Thank you. Commissioner
[00:54:17] Felleman. Aye. Thank you, Commissioner
[00:54:19] Mohammed. Aye. Thank you. Four ayes. Zero
[00:54:22] nays for this amendment. The primary
[00:54:24] amendment passes. We are now back at the
[00:54:27] main motion, as amended. Is there any
[00:54:30] further discussions? Hearing.
[00:54:34] No further discussions. Clerk Hart,
[00:54:36] please call the roll for the vote on the
[00:54:38] main motion, as amended. Commissioners,
[00:54:40] please say aye or nay when your names are
[00:54:42] called. Thank you. Beginning with
[00:54:44] Commissioner Calkins. Aye. Thank you,
[00:54:46] Commissioner Cho. Aye. Thank you.
[00:54:48] Commissioner Felleman? Aye. Thank you.
[00:54:50] Commissioner Mohammed? Aye. Thank you.
[00:54:52] Four ayes. Zero nays for this item. The
[00:54:54] main motion passes. Clerk Hart, please
[00:54:58] read the next item into the record.
[00:55:00] Commission strategic advisor Tyler Mski
[00:55:04] will introduce the item.
[00:55:07] Thank you. Give us one moment here.
[00:55:11] Am I moving quicker than you guys? No,
[00:55:13] this is great. This is agenda item ten b,
[00:55:15] order number 20240. Three, an order of the
[00:55:19] Port of Seattle commission to update the
[00:55:21] port's diversity and contracting goals for
[00:55:23] 2024. Great.
[00:55:27] Is this thing on? Yes, it is. All right.
[00:55:30] Hello commissioners, and thank you for the
[00:55:32] opportunity to present this order for your
[00:55:34] consideration today. This order is part of
[00:55:37] the arc of the Port of Seattle's long
[00:55:39] journey towards increasing women in
[00:55:42] minority business enterprise WMBE
[00:55:44] participation in port contracts. This work
[00:55:47] is crucial for the port's equity efforts,
[00:55:51] so white men like myself are less than 30%
[00:55:55] of King County's population, but non win b
[00:55:58] firms received 94.7% of the value
[00:56:02] of port contracts in 2016. Thanks to the
[00:56:06] determined efforts of commissioners and
[00:56:08] staff, both past and present, the port has
[00:56:10] made progress towards reducing this
[00:56:12] disparity. The port's 2018 diversity
[00:56:15] and contracting policy directive has
[00:56:17] directly led to the increase of Port WMBE
[00:56:19] spending as a percentage of all port
[00:56:21] contracts, from 5.3% in 2016
[00:56:25] to 12.6% in 2022.
[00:56:28] Furthermore, the number of WMBE firms
[00:56:30] that contracted with the port rose from
[00:56:32] 118 firms in 2016 to 329
[00:56:36] firms in 2022. In order to further
[00:56:39] increase WMBE participation, the port is
[00:56:41] conducting a disparity study that seeks to
[00:56:43] identify barriers to the port's
[00:56:45] contracting with WMBE firms. The 2018
[00:56:48] policy directive included five year goals
[00:56:50] ending in 2023. In 2024,

[00:56:54] the port will be crafting plans and
[00:56:55] implementing changes to increase WMBE
[00:56:57] access based on the port's internal WMBE
[00:56:59] data analysis, including the findings of
[00:57:02] this disparity study, this work will
[00:57:04] result in a new five year plan starting in
[00:57:06] 2025. So while this work is in progress,
[00:57:09] a one year extension of the WMBE goals
[00:57:12] included in the 2018 policy directive is
[00:57:14] warranted for the interim year of 2024 to
[00:57:17] set expectations and guide staff work.
[00:57:21] So per commissioner feedback during the
[00:57:23] November 20 8th 2023, Equity and
[00:57:26] Workforce Development Committee staff have
[00:57:28] drafted an order setting the 2024
[00:57:30] diversity and contracting goals as
[00:57:32] follows, which is also the text of the
[00:57:34] order before you. So here it is.
[00:57:38] The Port Commission hereby directs the
[00:57:39] executive director to set the following
[00:57:41] diversity and contracting WMBE spending
[00:57:43] goals for the 2024 budget year number one,
[00:57:46] a port wide WMBE goal of 15% of the total
[00:57:49] port spend. Number two, a WMBE firms
[00:57:52] utilized goal of 400 firms in 2024.
[00:57:56] So additionally, the port shall also be
[00:57:59] required to set annual division and or
[00:58:01] departmental goals on non construction
[00:58:04] WMBE spending. So with that and with the
[00:58:06] note that diversity and contracting
[00:58:07] director Mian Rice and I are available for
[00:58:10] commissioner questions on this order, I
[00:58:12] will turn it back over to Commissioner
[00:58:13] President Mohamed thank
[00:58:19] you, Tyler, for that presentation and
[00:58:21] information that you've shared. Are there
[00:58:22] any questions to the staff at this moment
[00:58:25] from commissioners? I know
[00:58:28] this item has come before us before.
[00:58:33] Okay, so hearing no further questions for
[00:58:35] this item. Is there a motion in a second
[00:58:37] to adopt order number 2024?
[00:58:40] Three. So moved.
[00:58:46] Second. The motion has been made and
[00:58:49] seconded. Clerk Hart, please call the roll
[00:58:52] for the vote. Commissioner, please say aye
[00:58:54] or nay when your name is called for the
[00:58:57] vote on this order, beginning with
[00:58:59] commissioner Calkins. Aye. Thank you,
[00:59:01] commissioner Cho I think we're making
[00:59:02] Mia's job too easy here, but aye. Want to
[00:59:05] ask a question? No. I'm kidding. Thank
[00:59:08] you. Commissioner Felleman. Aye. Thank
[00:59:11] you. Commissioner Mohammed. Ayes. Thank
[00:59:13] you, four ayes and zero nays for this
[00:59:15] item. Thank you. The motion passes. And
[00:59:18] me. And thank you for your work. Thank you
[00:59:19] all. I appreciate it. Thanks,
[00:59:21] commissioners. Thank you. All right.
[00:59:22] Sorry. Moving us
[00:59:26] along. Moving to item eleven,
[00:59:30] presentation and staff reports. Clerk
[00:59:32] Hart, please read the next item into the

[00:59:35] record. Executive Director Metruck will
[00:59:37] then introduce the item. Thank you. This
[00:59:40] is agenda Item Eleven a, the tourism
[00:59:42] development Development briefing.
[00:59:46] Commissioner? Tourism and travel creates
[00:59:49] economic opportunities for tenants at our
[00:59:51] port and for businesses and communities
[00:59:54] all around our state. Visitors generate
[00:59:56] significant economic benefits to
[00:59:58] households, businesses and government
[01:00:00] alike and represent a critical driver of
[01:00:02] Washington's future. The port has been a
[01:00:04] longtime leader in the space and is
[01:00:07] finding new ways to make progress, such as
[01:00:09] our responsible tourism work. This
[01:00:11] briefing will cover our successes in 2023
[01:00:13] and work plan for the year ahead. At the
[01:00:17] next commission meeting, we will request
[01:00:19] our authorization for the 2024 iteration
[01:00:22] of the Tourism marketing Support program.
[01:00:25] Presenters this afternoon are Dave
[01:00:26] McFadden, managing director, economic
[01:00:28] development division, and Nick Leonti,
[01:00:31] director of tourism development. So I
[01:00:33] guess, Dave, we'll begin with you. Good
[01:00:35] afternoon, commissioners. Good afternoon,
[01:00:37] Executive Director Metruck. We are excited
[01:00:40] to be with you today to give you an
[01:00:43] overview on our tourism development
[01:00:46] programs. Let's advance the slide.
[01:00:52] What we want to cover today is just start
[01:00:54] with an overview on some of the tourism
[01:00:56] stats and trends. Nick will cover most of
[01:00:59] that. Then we'll proceed to talk about
[01:01:01] some of our international tourism
[01:01:02] marketing efforts, some of the media we've
[01:01:05] generated, a slice of what we're doing on
[01:01:08] responsible travel. And finally, we'll
[01:01:11] talk about our tourism grant programs.
[01:01:13] Let's go to the next slide. I think, as
[01:01:17] you know, travel has bounced.
[01:01:20] Travelers through our facilities have
[01:01:22] really rebounded almost to past the point
[01:01:26] where we were before the pandemic. So we
[01:01:30] have some momentum. Things are turning in
[01:01:32] the right direction, but there's still
[01:01:36] work to do. And with that it's my real
[01:01:38] pleasure to turn it over to Nick Leonti,
[01:01:40] our tourism development director. I think
[01:01:42] he's done a really good job over the last
[01:01:45] 18 months since he's joined the port of
[01:01:48] really rebuilding and deepening the
[01:01:51] partnerships we have and really
[01:01:54] implementing some of these programs with
[01:01:56] precision. So Nick, show is yours. Great.
[01:01:59] Thank you very much, Dave. Good afternoon
[01:02:02] everyone. It's always a pleasure to come
[01:02:03] here and talk tourism with just.
[01:02:09] We'll start off with another slide here of
[01:02:11] some stats from the US Travel association
[01:02:13] that does show we are, as Washington
[01:02:16] state, slightly behind the country's
[01:02:19] average of overseas arrivals

[01:02:22] through SEA airport. And obviously that's
[01:02:25] a focus for us. And travel spending, as
[01:02:28] Dave Lanford also mentioned earlier, is a
[01:02:30] bit down year over year, down 7%, but
[01:02:33] right at about pre pandemic levels.
[01:02:38] And we really want to monitor those trends
[01:02:42] and we are in touch with us Travel
[01:02:44] association all the time, seeing how those
[01:02:46] trends are progressing and how they relate
[01:02:47] to Washington state and what we can do
[01:02:49] there. If you could advance to the next
[01:02:51] slide, please. I will mention that as
[01:02:55] Dave mentioned, a big focus for us is
[01:02:57] international tourism marketing and we
[01:02:59] have a new team. We mentioned I've been
[01:03:01] here for 18 months. I'd like to mention in
[01:03:04] the seats behind me today we have Chantel
[01:03:05] Loosebrink, who's our new tourism
[01:03:07] development manager. She joined in
[01:03:10] September of this year. So very much a new
[01:03:12] team, kind of having a new look at the
[01:03:14] industry and where we're going and what
[01:03:16] the port's role is there. But
[01:03:18] international tourism remains a top
[01:03:20] priority for us and we
[01:03:25] look for those high ROI travelers who stay
[01:03:27] longer, spend more. They visit all regions
[01:03:30] of the state, they'll visit urban areas,
[01:03:32] rural areas, and share that bond
[01:03:35] of responsible travel passion that
[01:03:37] Washington's residents have. And we have
[01:03:42] international in market agencies in a
[01:03:45] number of markets. We have those under
[01:03:48] contract through our relationship with
[01:03:50] state of Washington tourism. Right now we
[01:03:53] are fully activated in the UK and Ireland,
[01:03:55] Germany and Australia. We also have
[01:04:00] contracts based on project basis in Japan,
[01:04:02] South Korea, France and Benelux and the
[01:04:05] Nordic region. So we have been able to
[01:04:07] expand our footprint a bit and get back
[01:04:09] into the international realm this past
[01:04:11] year. Again, really focused on those
[01:04:13] relationships and the partnership with
[01:04:15] state Washington Tourism and visit
[01:04:17] Seattle, who are our close partners there.
[01:04:20] Next slide please. Some of
[01:04:23] our key priorities heading into this year.
[01:04:25] We're really working on establishing sea
[01:04:27] as the premier US gateway. We talk
[01:04:31] with folks from all over the world and
[01:04:33] promote what a premier gateway that is and
[01:04:36] what a great airport it is, especially
[01:04:37] going through the renovations. And we
[01:04:40] share some stats with people. I love to
[01:04:42] share the fact that the flight from London
[01:04:44] to Seattle is the same length as the
[01:04:46] flight from London to Miami. So a great
[01:04:49] way to get to the west coast here. So
[01:04:51] that's a big part of what we talk about.
[01:04:54] Obviously, we want to increase the
[01:04:56] economic impact of those cruise passengers
[01:04:58] who are coming through town. We want them

[01:05:01] to add those days on before and after
[01:05:03] cruise. They're coming here for that, to
[01:05:06] see Seattle, see the surrounding area and
[01:05:09] spend some time and some money in the
[01:05:12] region. Again, when we look at those
[01:05:15] international visitors, they can stay so
[01:05:16] much longer. A cruise could be part of a
[01:05:18] two or three week itinerary where the
[01:05:20] cruise is just a portion of that, and they
[01:05:21] can spend a lot of extra time in
[01:05:23] Washington and the west coast.
[01:05:27] We also obviously have the responsible
[01:05:29] outdoor recreation is very popular here in
[01:05:32] Washington, and we'll talk a little bit
[01:05:34] about that later on in the slideshow here
[01:05:36] when we address responsible travel. And
[01:05:40] obviously our main goal is always to
[01:05:43] increase the economic impact of the port's
[01:05:45] facilities through the leisure travel and
[01:05:48] keep our destination top of mind. We can
[01:05:51] go to the next slide, please. And one
[01:05:54] thing on that previous slide that was
[01:05:56] mentioned in kind of the quote box there,
[01:05:58] and I think it's really important that the
[01:06:01] port has that global reach. State of
[01:06:03] Washington tourism also has a global reach
[01:06:05] visit Seattle does as well. But other than
[01:06:07] those organizations, the smaller
[01:06:09] destinations and attractions throughout
[01:06:10] Washington don't necessarily have that
[01:06:12] reach. So we take that responsibility on
[01:06:15] to do what our local industry can't
[01:06:18] necessarily do for itself, to bring those
[01:06:20] stories to the world and help bring
[01:06:22] visitors to all the areas of Washington
[01:06:26] in a responsible way. Some of the
[01:06:30] highlights of this past year, obviously we
[01:06:32] want to get face to face with a lot of our
[01:06:34] customers, and that means going to trade
[01:06:37] shows, doing sales missions, hosting
[01:06:40] familiarization tours for media and travel
[01:06:43] trade meaning tour operators, travel
[01:06:45] agents, folks like that. So this past year
[01:06:48] we had over 225 face to face, one on one
[01:06:51] appointments. And in this industry, face
[01:06:55] to face meetings really go a long way to
[01:06:56] stand apart from the crowd. I think we've
[01:06:59] all even pre pandemic, face to face
[01:07:02] meetings weren't as common as they were.
[01:07:04] And now post pandemic, it's so easy to do
[01:07:06] a Zoom call or send an email. We really
[01:07:09] see value in getting face to face at the
[01:07:11] trade shows and sales missions and hosting
[01:07:13] events. We have a few examples of
[01:07:17] what we did this year. Again, we got
[01:07:19] involved in hosting groups,
[01:07:23] hosting travel writers, we were involved
[01:07:26] in those markets. UK, Mike Mo
[01:07:30] from state of Washington tourism and I,
[01:07:31] we did sales calls to Japanese and south
[01:07:34] Korean receptive operators that are based
[01:07:36] out of LA. So we're expanding that
[01:07:38] international footprint and reaching out

[01:07:40] to other markets and seeing where we can
[01:07:42] get the best ROI for us. Next slide
[01:07:46] please.
[01:07:50] We look at the media we generated. I
[01:07:52] mentioned we hosted travel writers. We
[01:07:53] also host content creators, influencers,
[01:07:56] anyone that we think can help move the
[01:07:58] needle to drive visitation to our region.
[01:08:01] See this photo here is from a couple
[01:08:03] called local adventurer. They spent five
[01:08:06] days in the area. They visited, I think
[01:08:08] every one of these trolls, which was great
[01:08:11] and they played a lot of pickleball, but
[01:08:13] those types of things,
[01:08:17] they were a fun group. But we also host,
[01:08:19] you can see on this list here, we had some
[01:08:22] Pam trips that were hosted by the cruise
[01:08:23] lines. Some of these are travel writers.
[01:08:26] But we hosted over 100 people to spend
[01:08:30] time in Washington state and Seattle over
[01:08:32] the past year. And we see those results in
[01:08:35] the media that is produced. You can see,
[01:08:39] as this says, we had over 2.2 million in
[01:08:41] earned media value. And if you're not
[01:08:43] familiar with that term, it's kind of the
[01:08:46] space that that content takes up in a
[01:08:48] publication. What that value would be if
[01:08:50] it were an ad, that's where we get that
[01:08:53] 2.2 million. But obviously, since it's not
[01:08:55] an ad, since it's real content created by
[01:08:57] an actual person, not a marketing person,
[01:09:01] that carries a lot of weight and is even
[01:09:04] worth more than that to our region. Next
[01:09:07] slide, please. That brings me to
[01:09:09] responsible travel. This past year we
[01:09:13] produced our responsible travel handbook,
[01:09:15] which is a 96 page guide specific
[01:09:19] to Washington state's tourism industry,
[01:09:22] which helps promote port priorities and
[01:09:27] really focuses on destination stewardship,
[01:09:30] inclusivity in travel. We want to be a
[01:09:32] welcoming destination and this will help
[01:09:35] all of our DMOs throughout the state learn
[01:09:40] the methods by which they can help welcome
[01:09:42] people from all over and what their
[01:09:44] marketing should look like and what other
[01:09:46] types of programs they can be involved
[01:09:47] with. So we worked with the Travel
[01:09:51] foundation, which is an international
[01:09:52] leader in destination stewardship and
[01:09:54] sustainable travel. They helped us produce
[01:09:57] this. They led community engagement
[01:09:58] sessions with dozens of our tourism
[01:10:02] stakeholders from across the state and
[01:10:05] it really creates the foundation for the
[01:10:07] next steps for all of Washington's tourism
[01:10:10] industry to work better for all
[01:10:11] Washingtonians. Should also mention,
[01:10:14] as you see here, Commissioner Felleman's
[01:10:17] work with the US Travel and Tourism
[01:10:20] Advisory Board, or TTAB, as it's known,
[01:10:22] has really helped position Washington for
[01:10:24] future success in sustainable tourism.

[01:10:27] And by that sustainable tourism, most
[01:10:30] simply, that is maximizing tourism's
[01:10:32] positive impacts while minimizing the
[01:10:35] negative impacts, which is always top of
[01:10:36] mind for us. And through conversations,
[01:10:39] aye. conversations with industry leaders
[01:10:41] throughout the region and through aye.
[01:10:44] association with the TTAB, the
[01:10:45] commissioner set the stage for the port to
[01:10:49] hold in depth stakeholder meetings
[01:10:52] regarding a destination assessment through
[01:10:54] the Global Sustainable Tourism Council,
[01:10:56] or GSTC, which is internationally
[01:10:59] recognized organization that
[01:11:03] produces basic guidelines for destinations
[01:11:06] that wish to become more sustainable and
[01:11:08] be a way for us to see where things stand
[01:11:10] and where we can go as far as being a
[01:11:12] sustainable destination. So we look
[01:11:14] forward to having those conversations as
[01:11:16] we move forward and we can go to the next
[01:11:20] slide. That brings us to the tourism grant
[01:11:23] programs, which have been, I think we're
[01:11:26] entering the 10th year, I believe so
[01:11:30] we have two different programs through the
[01:11:32] tourism department, the SEA Spotlight
[01:11:34] Advertising program, which provides free
[01:11:36] ad space in the airport to our tourism
[01:11:40] partners. So that's rolling
[01:11:43] along. Everything's smoothly. We change
[01:11:45] out the ads quarterly. The ad space is
[01:11:47] free. They still have to pay to produce
[01:11:49] the ads, but the space here at the port is
[01:11:50] free and that's very valuable space. The
[01:11:53] other larger program we have is the
[01:11:54] tourism marketing support program, which
[01:11:58] over the past nine years has provided two
[01:12:00] to one matching grants, up to \$10,000 per
[01:12:04] recipient. And those products are all
[01:12:06] based on the main focus is to drive out of
[01:12:09] state visitation. So we awarded 22 of
[01:12:12] those awards this year for a total of a
[01:12:15] little over \$185,000 support funds which
[01:12:17] were awarded. But this is also a program
[01:12:20] that we're looking to refine moving
[01:12:22] forward, and I'll
[01:12:26] talk a little bit about that first. We can
[01:12:28] go to the next slide, please, just to give
[01:12:30] you an idea of what we do with these
[01:12:33] programs. You see,
[01:12:36] we've always put emphasis more and more
[01:12:39] since the program's inception, more focus
[01:12:41] on DEI ecotourism and increasing
[01:12:46] visitation to shoulder seasons when we're
[01:12:48] not overcrowded here in the area. And as
[01:12:51] we put more emphasis on that over the
[01:12:53] years, we used to be able to say like 15
[01:12:55] out of the 20 recipients were focused on
[01:12:57] ecotourism or DEI. We really want to
[01:13:00] evaluate every single application for that
[01:13:02] moving forward so we can say that all of
[01:13:05] our grant recipients address the DEI
[01:13:08] ecotourism and the shoulder seasons.

[01:13:11] And being able to support cultural
[01:13:13] organizations, smaller organizations, is
[01:13:15] important to us as well.
[01:13:18] I'll follow up a little bit on this in a
[01:13:20] few slides when we get to the refinements
[01:13:23] that I'll be proposing. We can go to the
[01:13:25] next slide, though. Take a look at some
[01:13:26] more examples here. Organizations can use
[01:13:29] our tourism grants for digital campaigns.
[01:13:32] They can produce rat cards like this one
[01:13:34] here. They can promote events, anything
[01:13:38] that would drive out of state visitation,
[01:13:40] visitors through SEA. That's the main
[01:13:43] focus. Next slide, please.
[01:13:46] Here's more. They can host content
[01:13:49] creators, travel writers. They can do
[01:13:51] those kind of travel trade activities that
[01:13:53] we participate in as an organization.
[01:13:55] They can use the funds to do that as well.
[01:13:59] Here's one where San Juan Islands hosted
[01:14:01] traveling while black last year. We go
[01:14:05] to the next slide. Think this is my
[01:14:08] final page of examples. This shows some of
[01:14:11] the programs that from 2023,
[01:14:15] we helped fund the refuge outdoor
[01:14:17] festival. The one in the middle there,
[01:14:19] there's Explorer Olympia. They created an
[01:14:22] LGBTQ website called you belong here.
[01:14:26] So programs like that we're supporting,
[01:14:28] and we want to be able to do more of that.
[01:14:30] So if we could go to the next slide now
[01:14:33] brings us to the refinement. So over the
[01:14:35] past year, I had meetings with grant
[01:14:39] recipients, with prospective grant
[01:14:41] recipients, with past grant recipients,
[01:14:43] to kind of just get a feel of how the
[01:14:46] program was working. And in general,
[01:14:48] people love the program, very grateful for
[01:14:50] it. But there were a number of issues that
[01:14:53] did come up. Obviously, \$10,000 doesn't go
[01:14:57] as far as it used to. Inflation has
[01:14:59] impacted the value of the grants.
[01:15:04] I mentioned wanting to work on those
[01:15:06] shoulder seasons. Right now we
[01:15:09] award the grants in April, early May, and
[01:15:12] we need the final reports in November. So
[01:15:16] it's a pretty small window, especially
[01:15:18] when you want to focus on the shoulder
[01:15:19] seasons and spread out that curve of
[01:15:21] tourism throughout the year. And again,
[01:15:25] I mentioned that we wanted to put more
[01:15:27] emphasis on ports priorities of DEI and
[01:15:29] sustainable tourism priorities. And we
[01:15:33] wanted to expand the application window as
[01:15:34] well and make sure that smaller
[01:15:36] applications or smaller organizations,
[01:15:39] that it was fair so they could get their
[01:15:42] applications in. Because we did tend to
[01:15:43] see larger organizations that maybe had an
[01:15:46] official marketing person, they were more
[01:15:48] likely to apply rather than some of the
[01:15:49] smaller organizations that kind of one
[01:15:52] person shows. We can tell that there was a

[01:15:54] struggle to get applications in, so we
[01:15:57] took this, and if we go to the next slide,
[01:16:00] we're hoping to expand the grant program.
[01:16:04] Rather than 200K awarded over one year,
[01:16:07] we'd like to expand it to years,
[01:16:12] and that would give more time for those
[01:16:14] projects to be executed. We would also
[01:16:16] create two different tiers of grants. The
[01:16:18] main grant would be up
[01:16:21] to \$20,000 per recipient, so twice the
[01:16:24] amount. And that's open to any
[01:16:26] organization can go for that top tier
[01:16:29] amount. The second tier would max out at
[01:16:31] ten k, but provides a little more flexible
[01:16:35] match requirements and kind
[01:16:39] of the emphasis on funding for new or
[01:16:41] nontraditional grant requests. That's kind
[01:16:43] of those smaller organizations that need
[01:16:46] a little more help getting into the world
[01:16:48] of tourism. That's where we can help them.
[01:16:51] But again, any organization, whatever the
[01:16:54] size, can apply for the larger grant,
[01:16:56] too. They just wouldn't have the extra
[01:16:58] flexibility built into the grants. We also
[01:17:01] are going to increase our outreach. Right
[01:17:03] now, we have a growing list of over 300
[01:17:05] potential applicants on our mailing list.
[01:17:07] We really want to have
[01:17:11] more informational sessions, Q and A
[01:17:13] sessions, basically holding office hours
[01:17:15] to give them all the information they need
[01:17:18] to properly get their applications in.
[01:17:21] We also have a strength in the evaluation
[01:17:23] criteria. Really simplify it.
[01:17:27] When our judges look, they'll just be
[01:17:29] looking at the DEI shoulder seasons,
[01:17:32] ecotourism, and then kind of the overall
[01:17:34] impact of each program on 100 point scale.
[01:17:37] And that's a little cleaner than it has
[01:17:39] been in the past. Real simplified, really
[01:17:41] maximizing those priorities, because we
[01:17:43] want all these grant applications to
[01:17:46] relate to our priorities. And really,
[01:17:50] we mentioned the responsible travel
[01:17:51] handbook. We want applicants to use that
[01:17:54] as a foundation for the projects that they
[01:17:57] propose to us. That book is available on
[01:18:00] our website for download. Kind of broken
[01:18:03] up so that it's easier to digest, but lots
[01:18:06] of great ideas in there, and we hope that
[01:18:09] they use that as they put together their
[01:18:10] applications. As it mentions here, we'll
[01:18:13] be looking to get approval for this new,
[01:18:16] refined program at the February 13
[01:18:19] commission meeting. And I believe next
[01:18:22] slide should just say thank you. There we
[01:18:26] go. So, any questions?
[01:18:29] Happy to field them. Thank you,
[01:18:32] Nick, for your presentation and director
[01:18:35] McFadden, for being here. I'll open it up
[01:18:38] for comments and questions from
[01:18:39] commissioners. Commissioner Calkins.
[01:18:42] Oh, I should have deferred to Commissioner

[01:18:43] Felleman, our resident expert, but I just
[01:18:45] had a, on slide four,
[01:18:48] I think when we pulled it over from the
[01:18:51] larger report, I was trying to figure out
[01:18:54] the scale on the top
[01:18:58] graph.
[01:19:01] So does that begin
[01:19:06] post pandemic? Can you explain what. Tell
[01:19:09] us. Tell us what's happening in this
[01:19:10] graph. This is comparing the
[01:19:14] overseas arrivals to 2019. Okay. And this
[01:19:18] is where the top line, the blue line there
[01:19:21] is all of the US.
[01:19:24] The lighter blue line, a little bit under
[01:19:26] that is Washington, and the time range is
[01:19:29] 2020. To see me today, training to see
[01:19:32] that just
[01:19:36] post 2019, I'm not sure if I can see the
[01:19:39] commissioner Felleman was saying it's the
[01:19:40] same as the bottom. Yeah. Chart. Okay,
[01:19:42] that makes sense. All right. So what we're
[01:19:45] seeing here is that we had a bigger drop
[01:19:49] from our benchmark of 2019
[01:19:54] down to about 50%, compared to 68%
[01:19:58] for the US. And we've recovered to 74,
[01:20:01] which is slightly better recovery, but
[01:20:03] we're still below. Right. And so for
[01:20:05] overseas arrivals, some markets have
[01:20:09] recovered. We have 35 flights a day to
[01:20:13] London and other European destinations,
[01:20:16] but the Asian countries are still lagging
[01:20:19] behind. That's sort of what explains it
[01:20:21] here is that we have. That's the main
[01:20:23] reason right now is we just don't have as
[01:20:29] many flights as we had before, mainly to
[01:20:31] those Asian. Primarily from Asian markets.
[01:20:33] So when we think about how we're investing
[01:20:36] in, there's a bit of a chicken or egg
[01:20:38] there. We want to create some demand from
[01:20:42] Asia, but we also need our carrier
[01:20:43] partners to also begin reinstate those
[01:20:46] flights. They're not going to reinstate
[01:20:48] those flights unless there's a market for
[01:20:49] it. Right. A lot of it is.
[01:20:53] We look at Japan, for instance,
[01:20:56] as that market builds back, there's a
[01:20:59] really negative exchange rate for them.
[01:21:01] Right now. If you want to go on a vacation
[01:21:02] to Japan, though, now's a great time. But
[01:21:05] for those inbound travelers from Japan,
[01:21:09] there are some of those battles. And then
[01:21:10] in have. It's just been really slow
[01:21:14] to build. Back in the leisure market,
[01:21:15] we're seeing some business travel, some
[01:21:18] educational travel, but the leisure travel
[01:21:20] market is slow to return. Okay, thank you.
[01:21:23] That's really helpful. Point of
[01:21:27] clarification, did you say 35 direct
[01:21:30] flights to London? I did say that.
[01:21:33] That's weekly. That might be a little out
[01:21:37] of date right now, but that was
[01:21:40] the number we were saying up until a few
[01:21:42] months ago. Okay, maybe on a weekly basis.

[01:21:44] Commissioner Felleman.
[01:21:48] Thank you, Nick. And thank you for all the
[01:21:49] work that you've been doing in
[01:21:50] revitalizing our tourism program and look
[01:21:52] forward to meeting our new, I understand,
[01:21:56] veteran in the field, but new to the port.
[01:21:59] And I really appreciate the port's
[01:22:01] embracing of the sustainable outdoor and
[01:22:03] all these other things that are really the
[01:22:07] market is going towards. And I appreciate
[01:22:11] the handbook in that it does identify
[01:22:16] that market interest, and it's a large
[01:22:19] volume and I'm still going through it,
[01:22:20] but it seems to have a lot of good stuff
[01:22:22] in it and people that have reviewed it
[01:22:24] have enjoyed the materials that they found
[01:22:27] in it. I think it's also really good that
[01:22:29] you're looking at the funding for the
[01:22:31] shoulder season because obviously one of
[01:22:33] the great mitigation members measures for
[01:22:36] overtourism is sharing the love across the
[01:22:39] year. And so I think that's a great
[01:22:43] goal for your. And multi year funding is
[01:22:45] always, with all our cumbersomeness in
[01:22:49] our grant program, I think that's true
[01:22:52] across the way. One of just two other
[01:22:54] points. One is that in the TTAB
[01:22:58] and other exposures that I've recently
[01:23:00] had, is that this demand for some
[01:23:05] sort of certification acknowledgement that
[01:23:07] we care about our sustainability is
[01:23:12] held highly by the international traveler
[01:23:14] and that they have these things overseas
[01:23:16] and that there's a great deal of
[01:23:17] skepticism that United States takes it
[01:23:20] seriously. So the demand is there,
[01:23:23] but even if the words are out there, they
[01:23:27] don't believe us. And that was something
[01:23:29] that was really surprising to me,
[01:23:30] especially from the German traveler and
[01:23:32] things like that. So I think it's great
[01:23:34] that we're working together to try to see
[01:23:36] how much we can put our money where our
[01:23:39] mouth is or walk the talk, whatever you
[01:23:41] want to say. And then just finally, while
[01:23:44] I've always been inclined to enjoy the
[01:23:47] outside world and bring people to see
[01:23:50] nature, people tell me years later that I
[01:23:53] changed their life because I showed them a
[01:23:54] killer whale. These are ferries that last
[01:23:57] forever, right? And it's a great
[01:23:59] reinforcement. In fact, it keeps it young
[01:24:01] for me. But the pandemic really did show
[01:24:06] what it would look like if we didn't take
[01:24:08] these measures now. It was really a little
[01:24:11] glimpse into the future, and I just saw
[01:24:13] that. I'm trying to see what this
[01:24:17] reference is, but I think it's the US
[01:24:18] travel tourism program. But it said in
[01:24:22] terms of maybe elucidating the question
[01:24:24] that Commissioner Calkins raised, that an
[01:24:26] estimated 7.1 million more Americans
[01:24:29] enjoyed an outdoor activity in 2020, the

[01:24:32] first year of the pandemic, than in 2019.
[01:24:35] It's the Outdoor industry association's
[01:24:38] outdoor participation trends report. 7.1
[01:24:41] million more people in a year. So
[01:24:43] obviously it's a big market, but from the
[01:24:46] user's experience as well as from the
[01:24:49] environment that they're visiting, it's
[01:24:51] very important that we do better job of
[01:24:53] both shaping the perspective, coming
[01:24:55] towards here and having measures in place
[01:24:57] as well as letting people be able to have
[01:24:59] some money left behind. So thank you again
[01:25:01] for all the work you're doing. Thank you.
[01:25:04] Thank you for those comments. Are there
[01:25:06] any questions or comments from my
[01:25:08] colleagues? Well, thank you, Nick, for the
[01:25:12] presentation again, and Director McFadden,
[01:25:15] I appreciate it. Thank you so much.
[01:25:16] Absolutely. Moving us to the next item
[01:25:20] and presentation. Clerk Hart, please read
[01:25:23] the next item into the record and then
[01:25:25] executive director Metruck will introduce
[01:25:27] the item. Thank you. This is agenda item
[01:25:30] Eleven b, 2024, local, regional and
[01:25:32] community engagement policy priorities
[01:25:35] briefing commissioners,
[01:25:39] under your leadership, the port has
[01:25:41] ambitious policy and government relations
[01:25:42] priorities, focusing on promoting economic
[01:25:45] opportunities, improving quality of life,
[01:25:47] advancing trade, travel and commerce, and
[01:25:50] operating in an equitable and
[01:25:51] environmentally responsible manner.
[01:25:54] Engaging with our local and regional
[01:25:55] partners help us makes those goals
[01:25:58] possible. The following briefing will
[01:26:00] outline some of our priorities in 2024 for
[01:26:02] engaging with our community and government
[01:26:04] partners to help fulfill our mission. So
[01:26:07] the presenters this afternoon are we have
[01:26:10] all three here, which is Sabrina Bouju,
[01:26:13] regional government relations manager Dave
[01:26:15] Kaplan, local government relations manager
[01:26:18] and Samantha St. John, East King County
[01:26:21] Community government relations manager.
[01:26:23] So with that, I'll turn it over. Sabrina,
[01:26:25] you're going to kick us off. I will.
[01:26:27] Thank you. All right. Hello. Good
[01:26:30] afternoon, everyone. Commissioners,
[01:26:33] executive Director Metruck, ELT. We are just
[01:26:35] so honored to be here this afternoon. My
[01:26:38] name is Sabrina Bullyu. I am our regional
[01:26:40] government affairs manager. I'm joined by
[01:26:43] Dave Kaplan, our South King county
[01:26:46] government relations director, and
[01:26:48] Samantha St. John, our East King county
[01:26:50] government relations manager. And she also
[01:26:53] serves on our community engagement team as
[01:26:56] well. You may remember that in years
[01:26:58] prior, we've come to you for your approval
[01:27:01] of our local and regional policy
[01:27:03] priorities. And I also do want to take a
[01:27:05] moment to remind you that our local and

[01:27:08] regional priorities are much different
[01:27:10] than that of your federal and your state
[01:27:13] legislative agendas, where our work really
[01:27:16] encapsulates incremental change and our
[01:27:19] long standing relationships within our
[01:27:22] mutual jurisdictions throughout King
[01:27:24] county. And so
[01:27:28] with that, I also want to acknowledge the
[01:27:31] fact that our communities are all moving
[01:27:33] out of the pandemic and recognizing that
[01:27:36] that's the case. There's no longer the
[01:27:39] same amount of federal funding that was
[01:27:41] coming to our local municipalities as it
[01:27:44] has previously. And with that in mind,
[01:27:47] there's a number of our local
[01:27:48] jurisdictions that are facing significant
[01:27:51] budget deficits. We have a unique
[01:27:53] opportunity on the local government
[01:27:56] relations team to be thinking about how we
[01:27:59] leverage our assets and our
[01:28:02] infrastructure projects to jointly team up
[01:28:05] with other local municipalities. Today's
[01:28:08] presentation is not about that
[01:28:10] necessarily, but I do want to highlight
[01:28:12] that that is the local temper
[01:28:16] and flavor for what we experience on a
[01:28:20] local level. I also want to remind
[01:28:24] you all that most recently we
[01:28:28] have created our local and regional
[01:28:31] priorities document to be based off the
[01:28:34] port century agenda. In 2012,
[01:28:38] the Port of Seattle adopted 100 year
[01:28:41] vision. Actually, it was the 100 year
[01:28:43] anniversary of the Port of Seattle and it
[01:28:45] was a guiding vision. It was called the
[01:28:47] North Star document in 2017 that
[01:28:51] was updated to include carbon emissions
[01:28:54] in our work to work on greening
[01:28:58] the environment that we live in. And so
[01:29:01] with that in mind, we have aligned our key
[01:29:05] policy priorities behind the port century
[01:29:09] agenda. And I'll turn it over to Dave and
[01:29:12] Samantha to quickly introduce themselves
[01:29:13] before we jump into the slides.
[01:29:17] Dave Kaplan, local government relations
[01:29:19] for South King county. Hi, Samantha St.
[01:29:22] John, East King county community and
[01:29:24] government relations manager. Okay, I
[01:29:27] think we can move on.
[01:29:31] Okay, great. So this is just to level set.
[01:29:36] We will have one slide to just quickly
[01:29:38] touch on all of the good advances we've
[01:29:40] made in 2023. And then from there we'll
[01:29:43] move on to capturing key priorities for
[01:29:47] us in 2024. And we've had
[01:29:51] the opportunity to brief you all
[01:29:53] commissioner, appreciate that. And I think
[01:29:55] you also are aware that the presentation
[01:29:59] we're going to roll through doesn't
[01:30:01] include every single priority we're
[01:30:03] working on, but we try our best to keep it
[01:30:05] high level. And ultimately, this
[01:30:08] presentation will turn into a one page

[01:30:11] leave behind that we'll use when we meet
[01:30:15] with elected officials from all of the
[01:30:17] jurisdictions around King county moving
[01:30:19] forward throughout the next year. And then
[01:30:22] we'll look for your adoption on February
[01:30:24] 13 and we can move forward.
[01:30:28] Okay. So the three of us will tackle this
[01:30:31] a little bit, but we want to just take one
[01:30:33] moment to look at the year prior. I think
[01:30:36] you all know the maritime industrial lands
[01:30:38] policy that passed in the city of Seattle
[01:30:41] was monumental. And many thanks to most of
[01:30:45] you commissioners that spent a lot of your
[01:30:47] personal time. Let me correct that. Your
[01:30:50] professional time, not personal,
[01:30:54] but you were all very engaged and
[01:30:56] passionate is my point. And I want to
[01:30:58] thank you all for your work. And then the
[01:31:00] other is, we've spent a lot of the
[01:31:07] ones who aren't, yes, all good things.
[01:31:10] And then we've spent a lot of time
[01:31:13] deepening our engagement in the city of
[01:31:16] Seattle's waterfront. It is like the
[01:31:19] marquee area of the city of Seattle. And
[01:31:21] we've spent a lot of time one adjusting
[01:31:24] signage to make sure it's culturally
[01:31:26] appropriate. We have engaged in the
[01:31:28] aquarium MoU, the electrification at
[01:31:32] pier 66, and now we're looking at new
[01:31:34] opportunities to deepen our presence on
[01:31:37] the waterfront. And I'm really excited to
[01:31:39] continue working with you all on that.
[01:31:41] And then I'll look to Dave. And just a
[01:31:44] reminder, the commission had an
[01:31:45] opportunity to review the 2018 or local
[01:31:48] agreement, as required, with the city
[01:31:52] of Seattle, city of Sea-Tac,
[01:31:55] and be able to review that to continue it
[01:31:58] through, to determine whether to continue
[01:32:00] it through 2028 or to make some
[01:32:03] adjustments and in agreement with the city
[01:32:05] of Sea-Tac, chose to go forward.
[01:32:08] That was not a small piece of work in
[01:32:10] terms of trying to make sure everybody had
[01:32:12] a chance to review it and go through that.
[01:32:14] And the commission needs to be
[01:32:16] congratulated for having completed that as
[01:32:19] well during the course of this last year.
[01:32:22] Another monumental achievement is, of
[01:32:24] course, the MoU. We signed with the
[01:32:26] Muckleshoot tribe a long time coming.
[01:32:29] We're very, very proud of that work. The
[01:32:31] Suquamish tribal MoU is just right around
[01:32:33] the corner, if not later this week or next
[01:32:35] week. And beyond that, we, as a government
[01:32:38] relations team, has fully understood just
[01:32:41] how important it is to deepen our
[01:32:43] relationships with local tribes. And I
[01:32:46] don't see Roxanne in the audience now,
[01:32:48] but we are very proud to announce our new
[01:32:51] hire of Roxanne Murphy as our tribal
[01:32:53] relations liaison. And it's about
[01:32:57] time. And I want to thank you,

[01:32:58] commissioner, for really being passionate
[01:33:00] and helpful on that front. The other item,
[01:33:04] and it's also new, is over the last year,
[01:33:06] we held two South Seattle roundtables
[01:33:08] addressing airport concerns in the local
[01:33:10] community. That was spearheaded by
[01:33:12] Commissioner Hasegawa. And we've worked
[01:33:15] with other local electeds to address near
[01:33:19] airport community concerns. And this is
[01:33:21] going to be a cadence that we're going to
[01:33:23] continue. And we boast a
[01:33:27] number of local jurisdictions and levels
[01:33:29] of government that have engaged, and these
[01:33:32] issues aren't going to go away, but we
[01:33:33] were going to work our hardest to address
[01:33:35] them and also hear community, and we've
[01:33:37] made really good progress, and I'm looking
[01:33:39] forward to the next roundtables we have
[01:33:42] over the next year. And finally,
[01:33:45] in terms of the last bullet there around
[01:33:47] overnight truck parking, I've been at the
[01:33:50] port for nine months now, and one of my
[01:33:52] first meetings when I started at the port
[01:33:54] was about East King county truck parking.
[01:33:57] So quite a bit of meetings have happened
[01:33:59] around that, and we expect to see a lot of
[01:34:02] advancement in those conversations over
[01:34:04] this next year. Okay, next slide, please.
[01:34:09] Okay, great. So now we're getting into the
[01:34:12] Century agenda goals here. Century agenda
[01:34:15] goal one, position the Puget sound as a
[01:34:17] premier international logistics hub. This
[01:34:20] is all work. That's your bread and butter.
[01:34:21] You're fully aware of it. But this
[01:34:23] continues to be our priority, and it will
[01:34:26] be every year that I can think of moving
[01:34:29] forward. We just want to,
[01:34:32] of course, highlight our work with t five,
[01:34:34] phase two, supporting the work of the
[01:34:37] Northwest Seaport alliance, the terminal
[01:34:40] 46, and the future tenancy of that site.
[01:34:43] And then a new, well, not so
[01:34:47] new, but a relatively
[01:34:51] exciting development with the Wasca site
[01:34:53] across from terminal 46 that will be a
[01:34:57] major focus for us on the local government
[01:35:00] relations team. And then, along with all
[01:35:03] these key projects, is maintaining no net
[01:35:06] loss of industrial lands that you all
[01:35:09] approved several years ago and also
[01:35:11] thinking proactively about what are ways
[01:35:13] to expand ownership along the waterfront
[01:35:15] and expand our footprint and making sure
[01:35:17] that the waterfront maintains active
[01:35:21] for the maritime community and expands
[01:35:27] our reach in the industrial world.
[01:35:36] Consistent with goal number two,
[01:35:38] advancing the region as a leading tourism
[01:35:41] destination and business gateway. We heard
[01:35:43] a lot about that during the tourism
[01:35:45] presentation immediately before us, but
[01:35:49] continuously improving the operational
[01:35:51] efficiency and customer experience at SEA.

[01:35:54] Efforts that have resulted in our being a
[01:35:57] four star Skytrack airport for
[01:36:01] the last couple years and the variety of
[01:36:05] projects under upgrade SEA, which are
[01:36:07] making improvements to the existing
[01:36:08] facilities to make it more comfortable for
[01:36:12] the passengers that are currently coming
[01:36:14] to the airport. That strengthens our
[01:36:16] competitiveness of the airport regionally
[01:36:18] and in regional market or global markets,
[01:36:22] and then meeting the region's air
[01:36:23] transportation needs by delivering vital
[01:36:26] facilities and infrastructure in a
[01:36:28] sustainable and cost effective manner.
[01:36:30] The Samp NTP Sustainable Airport Master
[01:36:34] plan near term project environmental
[01:36:36] review is ongoing. We're anticipating the
[01:36:40] draft environmental assessments out by the
[01:36:43] end of the year. And as we promised the
[01:36:45] community, we will be providing 30 days
[01:36:48] advance notice in advance of our
[01:36:51] solicitation of their input on the
[01:36:53] environmental review. And of course,
[01:36:56] everyone is excited about FIFA, which is
[01:36:58] coming in 2026. And so as it pertains
[01:37:01] to local GR, we are communicating out how
[01:37:04] we are preparing as an organization for
[01:37:08] FIFA, of course, with our facilities and
[01:37:11] preparing for the amount of travelers that
[01:37:13] we're going to get globally coming here
[01:37:15] for this. Very exciting. Our local
[01:37:17] partners are really excited for this
[01:37:19] initiative and we want to be a good
[01:37:20] partner to help talk to them about how
[01:37:22] they can partner with us for the
[01:37:24] preparation.
[01:37:29] Next slide. Okay,
[01:37:33] so ecotourism, which we've been talking a
[01:37:36] lot about lately, it's obviously a port
[01:37:38] priority to promote healthy tourism,
[01:37:41] bringing together sustainability with
[01:37:43] tourism to grow our state's economy,
[01:37:45] encouraging partnership programs to
[01:37:47] protect our environment while we're
[01:37:49] welcoming visitors to experience all that
[01:37:51] we have to offer in our beautiful region.
[01:37:54] Many of our conversations with our city
[01:37:56] partners include helping them to
[01:37:58] understand ways to partner with the port
[01:38:00] through our grants, business support
[01:38:01] initiatives, and tourism resources.
[01:38:04] Cruise is obviously an important part of
[01:38:06] tourism promotion and economic
[01:38:08] development, so we're looking to find ways
[01:38:11] to help connect local businesses to
[01:38:12] opportunities to connect to the cruise
[01:38:14] industry. To supply local goods and
[01:38:16] services. Then, as we can see our
[01:38:19] developments in the green corridor, we
[01:38:22] will keep our cities informed about this
[01:38:23] body of work as well.
[01:38:27] Next slide. Okay, so century
[01:38:31] agenda goal three, responsibly invest in

[01:38:33] the economic growth of the region and all
[01:38:36] of its communities. This is where we want
[01:38:38] to touch on youth maritime workforce
[01:38:40] development core, plus the Seattle
[01:38:43] Maritime Academy, but also our interest
[01:38:46] and investment in alternative fuel sources
[01:38:48] around decarbonization. So hydrogen
[01:38:51] production for storage, distribution, but
[01:38:54] also, of course, the offshore wind supply
[01:38:58] chain and how we want to engage in that
[01:39:01] body of work. And then the ongoing work of
[01:39:03] the Duwamish Valley Community Equity
[01:39:05] program.
[01:39:09] And this continues on on goal four, be the
[01:39:12] greenest and most efficient port in North
[01:39:14] America. This again is an emphasis on
[01:39:17] decarbonization. Just like in 2017, we
[01:39:20] made sure to add decarbonization to our
[01:39:23] mission moving forward. This includes
[01:39:26] shore power at pier 66. We're making
[01:39:28] really good advances and we want to see
[01:39:30] that project come to fruition. We're very
[01:39:32] close. And then fostering the
[01:39:36] clean truck program, otherwise known as
[01:39:38] the Northwest Seaport Alliance Clean Truck
[01:39:40] Collaborative. There might even be an
[01:39:43] event I'm hearing with Congresswoman Jayapal
[01:39:46] and the Seaport Alliance this week,
[01:39:48] and this is really exciting work around
[01:39:50] electrification, and we want to
[01:39:54] continue championing that on the local
[01:39:55] government relations level within that
[01:39:58] line of thinking, sustainable aviation
[01:40:00] fuels. Mr. Felleman, I know you are a
[01:40:03] champion for us on that. And we want to
[01:40:05] continue partnering with King county and
[01:40:07] the exploration of how these fuels can
[01:40:10] eventually be utilized for commercial
[01:40:11] aircraft and then the kelp seaweed
[01:40:15] research and restoration efforts with the
[01:40:16] Seattle Aquarium. We recently signed that
[01:40:19] MoU and we want to make sure that that
[01:40:21] work is implemented and we continue to
[01:40:23] explore it as
[01:40:33] we continue with the goal for the greenest
[01:40:35] and most efficient port in North America.
[01:40:38] This also leads to our work on better
[01:40:40] serving the near port communities
[01:40:43] surrounding port operations, so
[01:40:46] particularly the Duwamish Valley
[01:40:47] neighborhood, meeting our obligations for
[01:40:51] cleanup and doing right by the people that
[01:40:54] live in the Duwamish Valley, including the
[01:40:55] east waterway, and implementing cleanup,
[01:40:59] leading with inclusive environmental
[01:41:01] justice and community engagement
[01:41:04] principles,
[01:41:10] and consistent with goal five, becoming a
[01:41:13] model for equity, diversity and inclusion,
[01:41:17] furthering our WMBE and diversity and
[01:41:20] contracting goals. Another conversation
[01:41:21] you had earlier today, briefing you heard
[01:41:23] earlier today, minority business

[01:41:25] accelerator and some of the work that's
[01:41:29] been going on over the course of the last
[01:41:31] year that Dave McFadden and economic
[01:41:33] development can speak to the support for
[01:41:36] the next phase of the study surrounding
[01:41:39] development of the South King County
[01:41:41] International public market. Phase one was
[01:41:45] completed. Phase two, I believe is
[01:41:46] currently underway and looking at the
[01:41:48] details on how to make that a success.
[01:41:52] Continuing to hold interjurisdictional
[01:41:55] South Seattle roundtable meetings, as
[01:41:57] Sabrina mentioned earlier, with Beacon
[01:42:00] Hill, Georgetown and the South park
[01:42:02] communities to make sure that their voices
[01:42:04] are being heard. Tribal engagement
[01:42:07] Internship program has been mentioned
[01:42:08] before. Duwamish Valley Community Equity
[01:42:12] program continue to make sure that that
[01:42:13] remains strong and achieves the goals that
[01:42:16] are set out and new to this year.
[01:42:20] Equitable community engagement in advance
[01:42:23] of the part 150 noise study, including
[01:42:26] outreach to owners and initiation of
[01:42:29] inspections of failed packages by the
[01:42:31] third quarter of this year. So we're
[01:42:34] anticipating that to be part of the scope
[01:42:37] of the study and public engagement
[01:42:42] with the port 150 is scheduled to
[01:42:46] happen, I believe, in the second quarter
[01:42:49] or late second quarter of this year. So
[01:42:52] looking May June, I believe next
[01:42:55] slide okay,
[01:42:59] century agenda goal five become a model
[01:43:01] for equity, diversity and inclusion and
[01:43:04] this slide really just speaks to our
[01:43:06] interest in making sure to expand green
[01:43:08] jobs, but serving the underserved and
[01:43:11] making sure that these jobs are attractive
[01:43:15] and available for BIPOC communities.
[01:43:19] And we're working in partnerships
[01:43:22] with private business. So public private
[01:43:25] partnerships. So this is just about
[01:43:27] highlighting our interest in the green
[01:43:29] jobs workforce and making sure that's
[01:43:31] applicable and achievable for all of
[01:43:33] Seattle lights. It is our goal, as you all
[01:43:35] know commissioners, to build a bench of
[01:43:39] future maritime leaners that may not
[01:43:43] follow a traditional college education
[01:43:46] tract. And so this is a nod to our
[01:43:49] interest in apprenticeships. The Seattle
[01:43:51] Maritime Academy Maritime High school
[01:43:53] career connected learning and making sure
[01:43:56] we have an emphasis in BIPOC sectors which
[01:43:58] we all know is greatly needed in the
[01:44:01] maritime space.
[01:44:08] And as you can see, we have three slides
[01:44:10] on this particular goal because it is
[01:44:13] something that is important at the center
[01:44:15] of what we do. So we're really proud to
[01:44:17] showcase the port's leadership and equity
[01:44:19] work that's taking place both internally

[01:44:21] and externally, becoming the model for
[01:44:24] EDI. In my body of work, which falls under
[01:44:27] both government relations and community
[01:44:29] engagement, there are some of our
[01:44:31] sponsorship dollars that are dedicated
[01:44:33] specifically to EDI programming that's
[01:44:36] happening in our partner organizations in
[01:44:38] the various communities, which amplifies
[01:44:41] that work outwards. Next slide and
[01:44:48] then century goal six being a highly
[01:44:52] effective public agency, which is a really
[01:44:54] broad category. But some
[01:44:58] of the things that most stand out, and I'm
[01:45:00] not going to speak to all of the bullet
[01:45:02] points there, but I do want to point out a
[01:45:05] few things in particular are continued
[01:45:08] advocacy for regulatory approval and
[01:45:10] transition to PFAs free firefighting
[01:45:13] foams. The issue of PFAS is
[01:45:17] very broadly felt in the local
[01:45:20] communities, and their concerns
[01:45:24] are our concerns. Advocating for the long
[01:45:27] term health of North SEA Tac park has not
[01:45:29] dropped off the radar. Wanted to make sure
[01:45:31] everybody was aware of that. And the
[01:45:35] last item in particular, continuing to
[01:45:37] educate the community on the port's land
[01:45:39] stewardship plan. This is coming to
[01:45:41] commission. It first came to commission
[01:45:43] last fall. We had a webinar and public
[01:45:47] outreach through early January, and
[01:45:51] commission review and adoption is
[01:45:54] scheduled for March. Next slide,
[01:45:57] please.

[01:46:01] And part of this as well speaks to
[01:46:05] environmental justice principles, both
[01:46:07] with internal external stakeholders
[01:46:09] ensuring that we have meaningful
[01:46:10] engagement for healthier communities. And
[01:46:13] that's with all communities around port
[01:46:16] facilities. Two things in particular,
[01:46:20] exploring partnerships for SEA bike and
[01:46:23] pedestrian commuter improvements. This
[01:46:25] actually speaks to discussions in Seattle
[01:46:29] which have been brought up regarding the
[01:46:30] waterfront and bike access there, as well
[01:46:34] as communications with the city of Sea-Tac
[01:46:37] and others in this vicinity, talking about
[01:46:39] ways in which we can be supportive of the
[01:46:42] projects that they have moving forward
[01:46:43] that will better connect their non
[01:46:46] motorized facilities to the airport. And
[01:46:49] then the last item, continuing the work of
[01:46:51] sound insulation program to meet the 2026
[01:46:54] goal that has not fallen off. And our
[01:46:57] noise program is working hard to meet that
[01:46:59] goal. Currently working on houses of
[01:47:02] worship and apartments and the
[01:47:05] few single family homes where people have
[01:47:07] agreed to participate in the voluntary
[01:47:10] program.
[01:47:14] Next slide.
[01:47:17] Okay, so we've come to our conclusion.

[01:47:20] Thank you all. Happy to answer
[01:47:23] questions and we're looking for your
[01:47:25] adoption on February 13. And just thank
[01:47:28] you so much for your time. Sabrina, thank
[01:47:31] you, Samantha and David, for your
[01:47:34] presentation and making sure that we stay
[01:47:36] connected to our local communities and
[01:47:38] making sure we have good regional
[01:47:39] partnership. I'll now open it up for
[01:47:41] questions and comments from commissioners.
[01:47:44] Commissioner Cho yes. First and foremost,
[01:47:47] I want to thank you all for the terrific
[01:47:49] work that you all do. It's not
[01:47:53] always front and center what happens on
[01:47:54] the local level. I know sometimes we pay
[01:47:56] more attention to the federal and state
[01:47:57] level stuff, but all politics is local,
[01:48:00] as we like to say. And so I don't think it
[01:48:03] could be overstated how monumental your
[01:48:06] work is to our century agenda goals as
[01:48:08] well as our short term goals. I want to
[01:48:12] turn our attention to a topic that was
[01:48:15] brought up earlier today and
[01:48:19] is a topic of discussion in the state
[01:48:21] legislature, and that is our sound
[01:48:22] mitigation program. I think there are some
[01:48:25] leaders who are disingenuous about this
[01:48:28] topic when they insinuate that the port is
[01:48:32] not doing its part on sound mitigation.
[01:48:35] Could you please, for the public and to
[01:48:38] educate those leaders who may be
[01:48:40] misinformed and or disingenuous, tell us
[01:48:42] what we're doing on sound mitigation,
[01:48:44] what efforts are underway, and maybe even
[01:48:48] talk about some of the challenges that we
[01:48:50] face when it comes to sound mitigation.
[01:48:56] I don't run the sound program. I have all
[01:48:58] got to get the short answer.
[01:49:01] Director Sandy Kilroy is here. You can
[01:49:03] speak to it as best as you can from
[01:49:06] a local community standpoint,
[01:49:11] and then we'll invite director Kilbert to
[01:49:14] provide any comments that she may have. I
[01:49:17] was going to say within
[01:49:20] the part 150 boundary, which is what
[01:49:23] defines what the port is able to mitigate
[01:49:26] for and continue to receive federal
[01:49:29] funding necessary, which is about 80% of
[01:49:31] the funds that pay for the sound
[01:49:35] insulation, there's approximately 100
[01:49:37] homes left. My understanding every year
[01:49:41] our noise program reaches out to all of
[01:49:45] the remaining homeowner, individual
[01:49:46] homeowners out there in multiple languages
[01:49:50] to make sure that they understand what
[01:49:53] their opportunities are. Again, it's a
[01:49:55] voluntary program, so it's entirely up to
[01:49:57] them whether or not they wish to
[01:49:58] participate. Some homeowners have been
[01:50:01] around a long time and said no. All of a
[01:50:04] sudden they sell their house and you have
[01:50:07] a new homeowner. So there are
[01:50:08] opportunities that do present themselves

[01:50:10] over time in terms of the apartments
[01:50:13] apartments have identified over time as
[01:50:17] well. There are a large number of
[01:50:18] apartments that are going to be worked on
[01:50:21] and completed. I forget how many this year
[01:50:23] are scheduled. I know there are hundreds
[01:50:26] scheduled to be done next year. Again,
[01:50:28] it's up to the property owner to decide on
[01:50:31] a voluntary basis whether they want to
[01:50:32] participate in the program or not. There
[01:50:35] are also some condominiums that are
[01:50:37] participating, a few that are not, and
[01:50:40] there were, I believe, seven houses of
[01:50:42] worship, three of which are participating,
[01:50:45] and those, I believe are being started
[01:50:47] this year. The port has
[01:50:51] insulated over 9400 homes over the course
[01:50:54] of the years through an agreement with the
[01:50:57] Highline School district. We are providing
[01:51:01] money towards sound insulation when new
[01:51:04] schools are being constructed, and ten out
[01:51:06] of 15 schools have been or are in the
[01:51:09] process of being reconstructed. That
[01:51:11] leaves only five schools left, an
[01:51:14] obligation that the port made a number of
[01:51:16] years ago. And we continue to
[01:51:20] move forward on the failed package issue.
[01:51:23] We've been looking at that issue in a lot
[01:51:25] of different ways. It keeps getting
[01:51:28] brought up in a federal venue, in a state
[01:51:31] venue, and of course, here at the port
[01:51:35] commission, one of the challenges is
[01:51:37] making sure that we're being consistent
[01:51:39] with federal law, that there's an
[01:51:41] opportunity for us to be able to fund
[01:51:43] things in a constructive way and without
[01:51:49] shifting the burden to others. And that's
[01:51:54] probably the most I can say. And I'll
[01:51:55] leave it to Sandy to fill in the blank.
[01:51:57] Dave, you just did an excellent job
[01:51:59] answering the question. I would just say
[01:52:01] also that a few years ago, the commission
[01:52:05] at that time asked us to accelerate our
[01:52:08] sound installation program. Can you just
[01:52:10] share your title? Oh, I'm sorry. Sandra
[01:52:12] Kilroy, senior director for environment
[01:52:15] and sustainability. So a few years ago,
[01:52:17] the commissioner directed the staff
[01:52:21] to accelerate the sound installation
[01:52:23] program, which we've been doing towards
[01:52:25] the goal of 2026. And Dave did an
[01:52:27] excellent job recounting the numbers.
[01:52:29] We've been focusing now on apartments,
[01:52:32] condominiums, and places of worship, and
[01:52:34] have very few single family homes
[01:52:38] remaining. We do function within the
[01:52:42] DNL boundary that FAA sets for financing
[01:52:46] these sound insulation programs. And so we
[01:52:49] work very diligently within that boundary
[01:52:53] to offer these services. Commissioner Cho,
[01:52:56] does that answer your question? Yeah,
[01:52:57] absolutely. I just want to recap. 9400
[01:53:00] homes, seven places of worship, ten out of

[01:53:02] 15 schools. It actually sounds like we're
[01:53:04] doing a lot. And I want to just emphasize
[01:53:08] that if we can insulate every home,
[01:53:12] we would. But there's a process here.
[01:53:14] There are priorities. And those who are
[01:53:17] close to the airport, I think, or affected
[01:53:19] the most, as we would say,
[01:53:22] disproportionately impacted by the noise
[01:53:23] of the airport, should get priority. I
[01:53:26] understand that there are failed packages
[01:53:27] out there. I don't doubt it. But the
[01:53:29] reality is that they don't get to jump the
[01:53:32] line if there are houses out there that
[01:53:34] never got packages to begin with. So
[01:53:36] before we address the latter problem, we
[01:53:39] need to make sure that we've done
[01:53:40] everything we possibly can for those homes
[01:53:43] and those facilities that have not been
[01:53:45] addressed. And so I really want to make
[01:53:47] sure that the public is not misled and
[01:53:50] that whatever is happening down in Olympia
[01:53:52] is based on facts and not based on
[01:53:55] conjecture or hypotheses.
[01:53:59] But the fact is that we are working as
[01:54:01] fast as we possibly can with the resources
[01:54:04] that we have within the letter of the law
[01:54:06] to address these issues. And when the time
[01:54:09] comes, we will address the issues that are
[01:54:12] secondary. Thank you. And I think I
[01:54:16] would just want to emphasize that that is
[01:54:19] very much a part of our part 150 process.
[01:54:22] And having a methodical and clear process
[01:54:25] for the presumed failed packages is really
[01:54:28] important, and that will be rolling out
[01:54:30] this year. Thank you, Director Kilroyd.
[01:54:33] And thank you, Commissioner Cho. For those
[01:54:35] comments. And if I could just quickly add,
[01:54:37] the commission is not opposed to house
[01:54:39] bill 21 three. I think that is what
[01:54:41] Commissioner Cho is also speaking to. We
[01:54:44] are assessing it, but for the record, we
[01:54:47] have not taken a position to say we're
[01:54:49] opposed to it. And also when it
[01:54:52] comes to the failed packages, as part of
[01:54:55] the part 150 study, the commission has
[01:54:57] asked that as part of that we accelerate
[01:55:00] looking at failed packages. And in fact,
[01:55:02] we just recently had one of our colleagues
[01:55:05] on the Sea-Tac city council send us a home
[01:55:08] that she believes has a failed package,
[01:55:11] and our staff is looking at it. So this is
[01:55:13] an issue that has continued to be a
[01:55:15] priority for the entire commission, and
[01:55:17] we're doing whatever we can in our power
[01:55:19] to help accelerate. And so I do appreciate
[01:55:21] Commissioner Cho making those comments.
[01:55:23] Do other commissioners have questions for
[01:55:25] staff at this time? Commissioner Felleman,
[01:55:33] I was delighted to hear there was some
[01:55:36] clarity about the packages with regards to
[01:55:39] the 150 study. I just want to make sure
[01:55:42] that I'm still on the Highline forum. So
[01:55:45] as you know, we'll come up again that

[01:55:50] the evaluation, right, the assessment of,
[01:55:52] not the inspection per se, but the
[01:55:55] evaluation of how many failed packages
[01:55:57] there are, will be conducted this year.
[01:56:02] My understanding is that the assessment is
[01:56:05] going to be part of the part 150 study in
[01:56:08] terms of looking at the issue and then
[01:56:11] figuring out what the next steps are
[01:56:13] relative to the package. But it's the time
[01:56:16] frame because the 150 study is like a
[01:56:18] three year, quarter of this year.
[01:56:21] We will have begun the assessment or we
[01:56:24] will have completed the assessment,
[01:56:28] Director Kilroyd is saying.
[01:56:31] So do we have an idea of how long that
[01:56:33] might take? I don't. I assume there's
[01:56:36] going to be a second phase, is going to
[01:56:37] actually inspect the specific, people are
[01:56:40] going to tell us where they think things
[01:56:43] failed, and then we have to verify that.
[01:56:45] But I just think it would like just to get
[01:56:47] an order of magnitude sense of how big
[01:56:49] this again. Senior director, environment
[01:56:52] and sustainability. It's Andy Kilroy.
[01:56:55] We are beginning it Q three. I'm happy to
[01:56:58] get you after the meeting more details on
[01:57:00] the process. It isn't maybe as simple as
[01:57:04] it might sound to figure out how we
[01:57:07] conduct the assessment, but I do not
[01:57:10] expect the complete assessment of all
[01:57:15] potential failed packages to be completed
[01:57:17] this year. But we will begin it in Q
[01:57:20] three, and I'll get you the better dates
[01:57:22] after the meeting. Sarah Cox is also on.
[01:57:25] Do you have any comments to add?
[01:57:28] Good afternoon. Sarah Cox, senior director
[01:57:31] of aviation environment sustainability.
[01:57:34] Yes, Sandy did
[01:57:38] indicate that correctly that we will
[01:57:41] be kicking off our
[01:57:47] survey for the part or the failed packages
[01:57:50] element, and it is complex.
[01:57:54] We're working through what information
[01:57:57] that we're trying to gain and glean from
[01:58:00] the survey and for future evaluation.
[01:58:04] So once we have more details on what the
[01:58:07] structure of that looks like, we'll be
[01:58:08] able to share that. Thank you,
[01:58:13] Sarah, for those comments. Do you have
[01:58:14] additional comments? Go for it. I do
[01:58:17] appreciate trying to follow the guidance
[01:58:20] of the sentry agenda now jumping to the
[01:58:22] broader stuff, although I must say, like
[01:58:25] we amended it before, the idea that making
[01:58:28] ourselves a destination for business and
[01:58:31] travel, tourism and all of that
[01:58:34] recommendations are just about expanding
[01:58:37] the airport. There's nothing about the
[01:58:39] seaport. This isn't your fault.
[01:58:42] But in the context of looking at all the
[01:58:45] things about business and tourism, there
[01:58:48] are different things that we do as an
[01:58:50] organization to address those things.

[01:58:52] Among them are the port. And so I
[01:58:56] just think that we do ourselves, and the
[01:58:58] FIFA example is a really good one, that
[01:59:00] we're trying to look at the sort of
[01:59:02] onslaught of people not just through the
[01:59:04] airport but coming through the area. It's
[01:59:06] part of our tourism package. And one
[01:59:10] of those things also, you spoke to the
[01:59:12] issue of tribal relations issues that
[01:59:16] Puyallup tribe is like the lead liaison for
[01:59:19] FIFA into the state. And so it's kind of
[01:59:22] an interesting opportunity for our
[01:59:25] furthering that effort. And specifically
[01:59:27] with the travel internship, I definitely
[01:59:28] want to follow up on whether we're going
[01:59:31] to be able to do these exposure tours
[01:59:33] rather than having to have an intensive
[01:59:35] internship program, but at least some
[01:59:37] chances to expose travel kids what some of
[01:59:39] the future opportunities are. And I think
[01:59:42] I had just one other point. Yes,
[01:59:44] Samantha, you brought up the issue about
[01:59:46] hearing about trucks in North Bend and
[01:59:49] stuff, and one of the things I've noted
[01:59:52] is that the port of Seattle does not have
[01:59:54] a direct representative on the Northwest
[01:59:56] Seaport Alliance's truck collaborative.
[01:59:59] We do have DEI representation, but it's
[02:00:03] not in terms of what we're doing, even on
[02:00:05] the waterfront real estate that we own.
[02:00:08] And I'm just wondering, this seems to be
[02:00:10] another example, while we have this whole
[02:00:12] collaborative of truck related interests,
[02:00:15] that this would be something I'd like to
[02:00:16] find a way that we can bring to that
[02:00:19] conversation and the whole way in which
[02:00:21] truck parking is part of that
[02:00:23] conversation. So I just want to put a pin
[02:00:25] in that. But thank you so much for, this
[02:00:27] is a huge pallet of work, but thank you
[02:00:30] very much. Any additional questions
[02:00:34] or comments? Commissioner Calkins?
[02:00:37] First, I wanted to say thank you all for
[02:00:40] great work on keeping us
[02:00:44] and the communities around King county
[02:00:46] informed about the great work board is
[02:00:47] doing and also serving as a conduit for
[02:00:51] hearing community needs and how we can
[02:00:53] support them. Something that executive
[02:00:56] director Metruck and I have been talking
[02:00:57] about in the last couple of times we met
[02:00:59] is the potential for renewing.
[02:01:03] One of the documents that we used pretty
[02:01:06] extensively, and I don't see Kathy here,
[02:01:09] but when I first started the port, five or
[02:01:12] six. I do see Claire, though, and I think
[02:01:13] she helped me with this, too, quite a bit.
[02:01:16] We had produced an economic impact report.
[02:01:19] Does this ring a bell? Yes.
[02:01:22] Jump in if you. I didn't specifically call
[02:01:24] it out, but I
[02:01:28] believe that it is budgeted as. And I
[02:01:30] forget whose budget it's in, whether it

[02:01:32] was in Eric Shinfield's or as in somebody
[02:01:35] else's, but I believe that's budgeted to
[02:01:37] be done this year. Great. Yeah, I think
[02:01:39] I'd heard that affirmation that that great
[02:01:42] project that was really helpful in both
[02:01:47] providing us with an understanding of
[02:01:49] impacts in places that you might not
[02:01:51] expect the port would have economic
[02:01:52] impact. But I recall it having jobs
[02:01:55] numbers, overall business revenue numbers,
[02:01:57] things like that, and done graphically in
[02:01:59] a way that was useful for us in
[02:02:01] presentations to chambers and city
[02:02:03] councils and other things. So I'm glad to
[02:02:04] hear that we're going to re up that. I
[02:02:07] think that's a very powerful tool. Dave
[02:02:09] McFadden shot great. Ok. Thank you so
[02:02:12] much. So I'm looking forward to the
[02:02:14] refreshed version of that.
[02:02:18] Thank you. Any additional questions or
[02:02:20] comments? Well, thank you all
[02:02:24] for the presentation again and for
[02:02:25] answering those questions today. I will
[02:02:27] move us along in the agenda. Moving us
[02:02:31] along. That concludes our business meeting
[02:02:33] agenda for the day. Are there any closing
[02:02:37] comments at this time or motions relating
[02:02:39] to committee referrals from commissioners
[02:02:45] hearing? None. Executive director Metruck,
[02:02:48] are there any closing comments from you
[02:02:49] today? No. Thank you, commissioners, for
[02:02:52] your time today. And I think, I don't know
[02:02:54] if we kept up with Commissioner Cho on aye.
[02:02:57] time, but it was a very efficient meeting
[02:02:59] and I thank you for that. It's not a
[02:03:01] competition. Thank you, Executive director
[02:03:03] Metruck. I take that compliment.
[02:03:08] Hearing no further comments and having no
[02:03:10] further business. If there are no
[02:03:12] objections, we are adjourned at 2:04.
[02:03:18] Nicely done.

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