



**COMMISSION  
AGENDA MEMORANDUM**

Item No. 8b

**ACTION ITEM**

Date of Meeting June 11, 2024

**DATE:** June 4, 2024  
**TO:** Steve Metruck, Executive Director  
**FROM:** Eloise Olivar, AFR Senior Manager Disbursements  
**SUBJECT:** Claims and Obligations – May 2024

**ACTION REQUESTED**

Request Port Commission approval of the Port Auditor’s payment of the salaries and claims of the Port pursuant to RCW 42.24.180 for payments issued during the period May 01 through 31, 2024 as follows:

Payment Type	Payment Reference Start Number	Payment Reference End Number	Amount
Accounts Payable Checks	953564	954035	11,166,324.08
Accounts Payable ACH	066056	066907	70,768,282.46
Accounts Payable Wire Transfers	016308	016325	18,492,599.27
Payroll Checks	212389	212923	116,839.65
Payroll ACH	1196497	1201301	15,914,379.65
<b>Total Payments</b>			<b>\$116,458,425.11</b>

Pursuant to RCW 42.24.180, “the Port’s legislative body” (the Commission) is required to approve in a public meeting all payments of claims within one month of issuance.

**OVERSIGHT**

All these payments have been previously authorized either through direct Commission action or delegation of authority to the Executive Director and through his or her staff. Detailed information on Port expenditures is provided to the Commission through comprehensive budget presentations as well as the publicly released Budget Document, which provides an even greater level of detail. The Port’s operating and capital budget is approved by resolution in December for the coming fiscal year, and the Commission also approves the Salary and Benefit Resolution around the same time to authorize pay and benefit programs. Notwithstanding the Port’s budget approval, individual capital projects and contracts exceeding certain dollar thresholds are also subsequently brought before the Commission for specific authorization prior to commencement of the project or contract—if they are below the thresholds the Executive Director is delegated authority to approve them. Expenditures are monitored against budgets monthly by management and reported comprehensively to the Commission quarterly.

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Effective internal controls over all Port procurement, contracting and disbursements are also in place to ensure proper central oversight, delegation of authority, separation of duties, payment approval and documentation, and signed perjury statement certifications for all payments. Port disbursements are also regularly monitored against spending authorizations. All payment transactions and internal controls are subject to periodic Port internal audits and annual external audits conducted by both the State Auditor’s Office and the Port’s independent auditors.

For the month of May 2024, over \$ 100,427,205.81 in payments were made to nearly 686 vendors, comprised of 2,925 invoices and over 12,926 accounting expense transactions. About 93 percent of the accounts payable payments made in the month fall into the Construction, Employee Benefits, Payroll Taxes, Contracted Services, Leasehold Taxes, Public Expense, Utility Expenses, Sales Taxes, Legal and Janitorial Services. Net payroll expense for the month of May was \$ \$16,031,219.30.

**Top 10 Payment Category Summary:**

<b>Category</b>	<b>Payment Amount</b>
Construction	51,433,357.69
Employee Benefits	10,781,012.76
Payroll Taxes	10,020,919.02
Contracted Services	6,656,085.11
Leasehold Taxes	3,684,448.09
Public Expense	3,276,381.42
Utility Expenses	2,812,993.33
Sales Taxes	1,661,250.09
Legal	1,395,791.06
Janitorial Services	1,294,915.60
<b>Other Categories Total:</b>	<b>7,410,051.64</b>
<b>Net Payroll</b>	<b>16,031,219.30</b>
<b>Total Payments:</b>	<b>\$116,458,425.11</b>

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Appropriate and effective internal controls are in place to ensure that the above obligations were processed in accordance with Port of Seattle procurement/payment policies and delegation of authority.

  
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**Lisa Lam/Port Auditor**

At a meeting of the Port Commission held on June 11, 2024, it is hereby moved that, pursuant to RCW 42.24.180, the Port Commission approves the Port Auditor’s payment of the above salaries and claims of the Port:

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**Port Commission**