



**COMMISSION
AGENDA MEMORANDUM**

Item No. 8b

ACTION ITEM

Date of Meeting July 9, 2024

DATE: July 1, 2024
TO: Steve Metruck, Executive Director
FROM: Eloise Olivar, AFR Assistant Director Disbursements Administration
SUBJECT: **Claims and Obligations – June 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 June 01 through 30, 2024 as follows:

Payment Type	Payment Reference Start Number	Payment Reference End Number	Amount
Accounts Payable Checks	954036	954472	6,302,618.58
Accounts Payable ACH	066908	067698	134,134,333.89
Accounts Payable Wire Transfers	016326	016343	12,141,188.56
Payroll Checks	212924	213311	72,270.75
Payroll ACH	1201302	1206190	16,639,665.46
Total Payments			169,290,077.24

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 June 2024, over \$152,578,141.03 in payments were made to nearly 690 vendors, comprised of 2,312 invoices and over 10,931 accounting expense transactions. About 96 percent of the accounts payable payments made in the month fall into the Construction, Employee Benefits, Payroll Taxes, Contracted Services, Utility Expenses, Sales Taxes, Environmental Remediation, Janitorial Services, Public Expense and Legal. Net payroll expense for the month of June was \$16,711,936.21.

Top 10 Payment Category Summary:

Category	Payment Amount
Construction	111,548,051.49
Employee Benefits	10,517,943.34
Payroll Taxes	6,707,724.62
Contracted Services	6,102,817.33
Utility Expenses	2,614,512.91
Sales Taxes	2,426,037.27
Environmental Remediation	1,941,654.83
Janitorial Services	1,780,137.69
Public Expense	1,355,414.19
Legal	1,092,030.87
Other Categories Total:	6,491,816.49
Net Payroll	16,711,936.21
Total Payments	169,290,077.24

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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.



Lisa Lam/Port Auditor

At a meeting of the Port Commission held on July 9, 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:

Port Commission