

**PORT & HARBORS ADVISORY BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
DATE: April 8, 2025**

CALL TO ORDER:

The Port & Harbors Advisory Board regular meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M., at City Council Chambers, in Ketchikan, Alaska.

ROLL CALL:

MEMBERS PRESENT:

<input type="checkbox"/>	Vacant	(Chairman)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Mr. Russell Cockrum	(Vice-Chairman)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Mr. Jai Mahtani	Council Member
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Mr. Eric Lunde	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Mr. Steve Wilsie	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Mr. Jay Rhodes	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Mr. Lee Bethel	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Mr. Eric Youngblood	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Mr. Tom Carruth	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Ms. Linda Faber	

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Excused

<input type="checkbox"/>	Vacant	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Mr. Russell Cockrum	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Mr. Eric Lunde	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Mr. Steve Wilsie	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Mr. James Rhodes	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Mr. Lee Bethel	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Mr. Eric Youngblood	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Mr. Tom Carruth	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Mr. Linda Faber	<input type="checkbox"/>

Harbor Staff Present:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Mr. Wayne Phillips
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Mr. James Wilson
<input type="checkbox"/>	Mr. Craig Bisson
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Ms. May Caguiat
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Mr. Gavin Buendia

CHANGES TO AGENDA:

None

MINUTES: MOTION was made by Board Member James Rhodes to accept the minutes of the regular meeting of the Port and Harbors Advisory Board from March 11, 2025. MOTION SECONDED by Board Member Linda Faber. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

COMMUNICATIONS:

None

PERSONS TO BE HEARD:

Kevin Kristovich with address at 730 Park Avenue Ketchikan, asked if the berthing behind Salmon Landing will be closed once the cruise ship season starts. He also asked if there was a special permitting for boats that offer tours like the Aleutian Ballad. Port & Harbors Director Wayne Phillips and Harbors Operations Coordinator James Wilson answered Mr. Kristovich questions.

Trygve Westergard questioned why the Aleutian Ballad stays at Berth III full time. He reiterated that local people had to be kicked out and having to leave town so that we can give preference to Aleutian Ballad. Mr. Westergard made a comment that Port & Harbors customer service is not up to par. He also suggested to transform the breakwater at Bar Harbor to a float for boaters to use. Harbors Operations Coordinator James Wilson informed Mr. Westergard he can come to the office and discuss this issue.

Ronald McKinley would like to know if there was a plan to build additional floats. He is on the waitlist for a stall and stated that he has been waiting for a long period of time. Mr. McKinley was concerned that he does not have a space for his boat. He also questioned the security plan on the Port. Discussion was held.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:**Planned Repair On Select Floats**

Director Phillips noted that plans are in place to repair concrete docks at Bar Harbor on the condition that there will be funding.

Nomination for PHAB Chairman

Board Member Mahtani recommended Vice Chairman Cockrum to be the Chairman but Vice Chairman Cockrum said that he would not refuse but he is already serving as Chairman of Peacehealth Medical Center Governing Board. Discussion was held

and it was determined that Board Member Cockrum will remain as Acting Chairman through the fall.

MOTION was made by Board Member Lunde to designate Vice Chairman Cockrum to be the Acting Chairman until fall of this year. **MOTION SECONDED** by Board Member Mahtani. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.** Board Member Lee Bethel was not present.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Port and Harbors Director Wayne Phillips reviewed/discussed the Director's Report.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

Daly Float Mooring Designation and US Coast Guard Security Plan
Floating Breakwater Utilization

BOARD MEMBER COMMENT

Mr. Tom Carruth – No comment

Ms. Linda Faber – I appreciate all of you who came. Thank you.

Mr. Steve Wilsie - No comments. Thank you.

Mr. James Rhodes – Thank you for showing up. It's important to hear from harbor users from the public. Thank you staff.

Mr. Eric Youngblood-My questioned are answered.

Mr. Eric Lunde – Thank you for coming up. Welcome Jai. As always thank you May.

Mr. Jai Mahtani – The Port is the economic driver of this community and this board is the driver. What comes out of this board is very important to the City Council so they know what to do and how to move forward. Also, I would like to thank Mark Flora, I am replacing a legend. I am gonna learn to communicate back and forth with the City Council.

Vice Chairman Russell Cockrum – Thank you. We are very fortunate to have such a great staff although it's understaffed in our opinion, comparatively to the rest of the Southeast. We are very thankful.

ADJOURNMENT:

As there was no further business, the PHAB meeting was adjourned at 7:53 p.m.



Chair/Vice Chair Signature



Date