

Minutes of Port Commission Special Meeting
June 9, 2022
In Person & Videoconference

A Special Meeting of the Port Commission of Port Freeport was held June 9, 2022, beginning at 1:00 PM at the Administration Building, 1100 Cherry Street, Freeport, Texas.

This meeting agenda with the agenda packet is posted online at www.portfreeport.com

The meeting will be conducted pursuant to Section 551.127 of the Texas Government Code titled "Videoconference Call." A quorum of the Port Commission, including the presiding officer, will be present at the Commissioner Meeting Room located at 1100 Cherry Street, Freeport, Texas. The public will be permitted to attend the meeting in person or by videoconference.

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Commissioners present in person:

Mr. John Hoss, Chairman
Mr. Dan Croft, Secretary
Mr. Rob Giesecke, Asst. Secretary
Mr. Ravi Singhanian, Commissioner
Mr. Shane Pirtle, Commissioner

Staff Members Present:

Mr. Peter Nemeth, Interim Legal Counsel
Ms. Phyllis Saathoff, Executive Director/CEO
Mr. Rob Lowe, Director of Administration/CFO
Mr. Al Durel, Director of Operations
Mr. Mike Wilson, Director of Economic Development & Freight Mobility
Mr. Jason Hull, Director of Engineering
Mr. Chris Hogan, Director of Protective Services
Mr. Jason Miura, Director of Business & Economic Development
Mr. Brandon Robertson, Network Systems Manager
Ms. Missy Bevers, Executive Assistant
Ms. Mary Campus, Controller
Ms. Tricia Vela, Public Affairs Assistant
Mr. Nick Malambri, Engineering Specialist

Absent:

Mr. Rudy Santos, Vice Chairman

Also, present:

Mr. Bobby Fuller, Texas Port Ministry

Mr. Bruce Reed, P66

Mr. Bryan Wagner, P66

Ms. Judith El Masri, Randle Law

Mr. Gavin Gerngross, Randle Law

Mr. Julian Arevalo

Ms. Barbara Fratila

Mr. Sammy Chambless

Mr. Jason Mills, Terracon

Mr. James Nash, WGMA

Ms. Megan Mikutis, Randle Law

Ms. Barbara Fratila

1. CONVENE OPEN SESSION in accordance with Texas Government Code Section 551.001, et. seq., to review and consider the following:

Commissioner Hoss noted that he is simultaneously convening both the Special Meeting posted and the Regular Meeting that have both been posted.

2. Public Comment – Mr. Julian Arevalo addressed the Port Commission regarding taxes.
3. Public Testimony – There was no public testimony.
4. Adoption of a Resolution approving the application for tax abatement between Port Freeport and Volkswagen Group of America, Inc. regarding a \$115 million 125-acre vehicle importation and processing center for property located within the City of Freeport Reinvestment Zone 2022-01, approving Tax Abatement Agreement and authorizing Chairman and Secretary to execute said agreement.

Commissioner Hoss stated that although the tax abatement will not be approved at this time, he asked Ms. Saathoff to explain what must take place before the Port can approve the tax abatement. Ms. Saathoff shared a chart to help understand the process, what has taken place and where the process stands with each entity. She further stated that staff recommends scheduling a regular meeting of the Port Commission for July 28 to approve the tax abatement. Additionally, the Port's current guidelines for approving tax abatements will soon expire, therefore staff also recommends conducting a hearing and approving new guidelines at the July 21 meeting.

5. Adjourn.

With no further business before the Commission, the meeting adjourned at 1:31 PM