



PORT OF PORT ORFORD PORT COMMISSION

WORKSHOP

Minutes

FOR THE WORKSHOP TO BE HELD ON  
Tuesday, September 23, 2025 @ 10:00 AM

Port Orford Library, 1421 Oregon St., Port Orford & Via Teleconference (Googlemeet):

**1. Call to Order** The meeting was called to order at 10:17 AM.

a. Roll Call

Commissioners present in-person:

Aaron Ashdown, Vice President

Pat Cox, Secretary/Treasurer

Scott Mecum, Commissioner

Guests present in-person:

Catherine Scobby, Port Administrator

Faith Townsend, Port Communications Coordinator

Dave Foley (Port Orford Citizen)

Darin Farris, Port Employee

b. Declaration of potential conflicts of interest - none

**2. Workshop**

a. OSHA Variance Application Questions

- i. Discussion focused on OSHA variance application questions and related safety procedures. Port staff remain optimistic following discussions with both state and federal OSHA teams, and emphasized the need for formal, documented safety practices to demonstrate compliance. Discussion covered jurisdiction, historical variances, employee safety, engineering standards for vessel lift points, and the development of written procedures. The commission and staff agreed to strengthen the Facility Use Agreement, implement new safety management, and continue pursuing the variance to ensure safe operations.

**3. Adjournment and Confirmation of Next Meeting** – October 21, 2025 at 6pm. The meeting adjourned at 12:17 PM.

Submitted by

Name: Catherine Scobby

Approved by

Name: Pat Cox

Port Administrator

Date: 10/21/2025

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

12-11-2025