

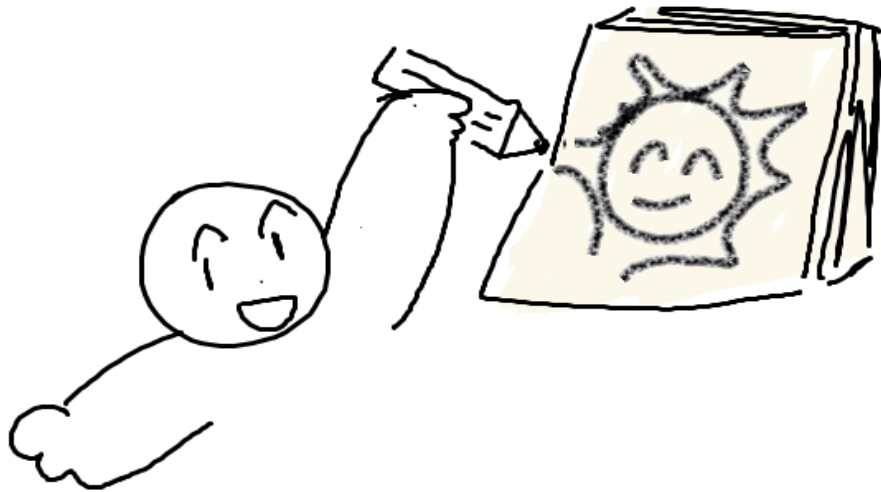


# How to Engage with the Commission

## Port of Seattle Workshop

2022 POS Community Engagement Interns

# Icebreaker and Introductions

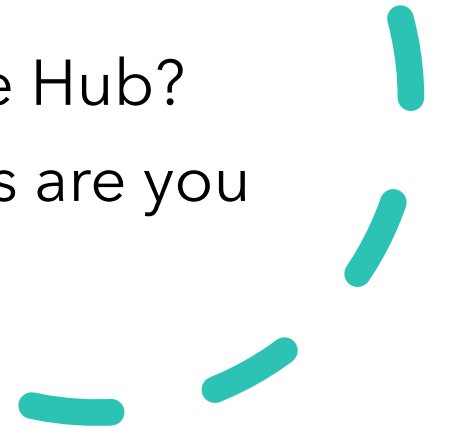


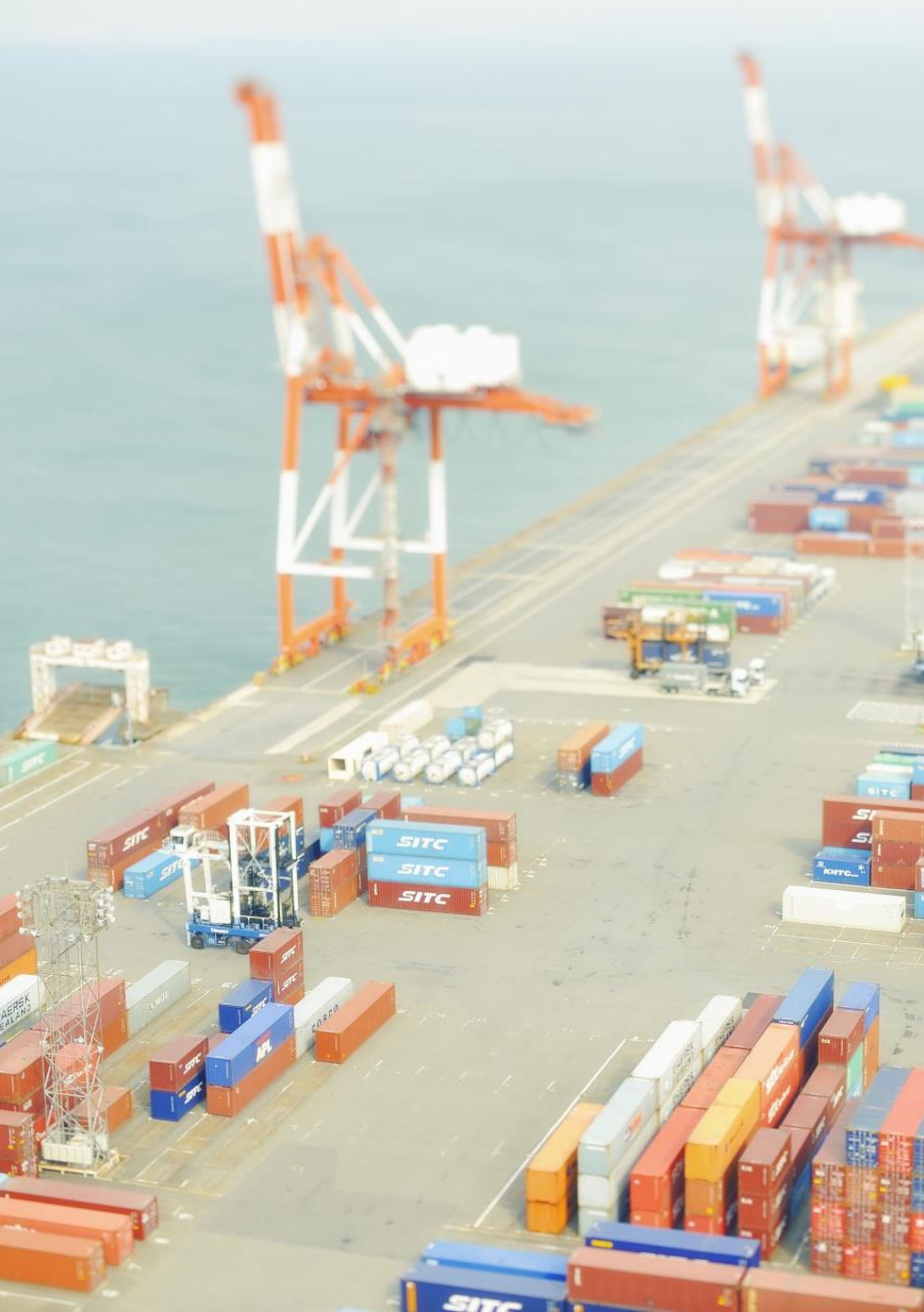
Welcome !!



Icebreaker Questions:

- Name and Pronouns
- What's your connection with the Hub?
- Sticky Note Prompt: What issues are you passionate about?





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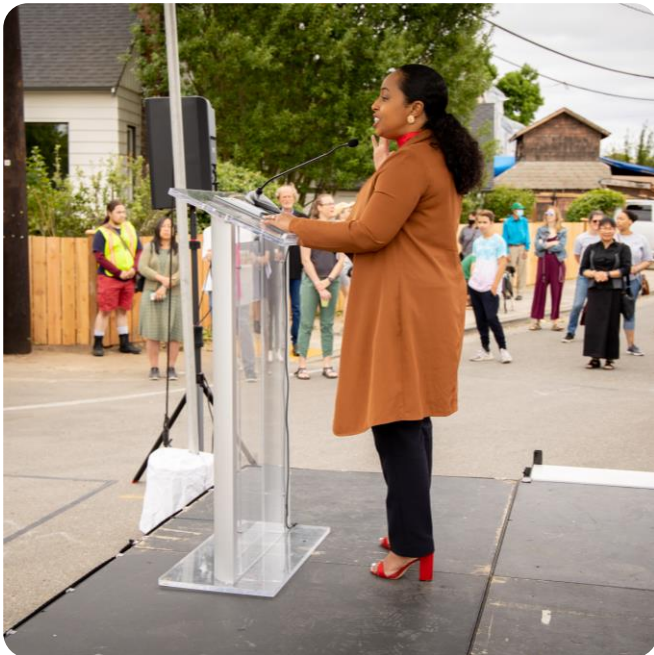
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# What is the Port of Seattle Commission?

- The Commission is a public body consisting of 5 Commissioners elected by King County voters to support the Port.
- Helps assign Commission and Executive Director responsibilities.
- It sets Port policies by establishing resolutions and directives- which set a future path for a given policy area.
- Commission meetings are open to the public and have time set aside for public comment, ensuring that Port policies are both transparent and guided by the public.







# Why is the Commission Important?

- By allowing voters to elect people to the Commission, it ensures that they are properly represented, and Port of Seattle is addressing the needs of the public.
- Like most govt. institutions, Port of Seattle's origins and past actions were founded in racism and inequity. The current Commission is working to move forward in a way that acknowledges the past and supports the communities that have been affected.
- Commission meetings provide people with insight on how Port of Seattle makes decisions, rather than operating through an unknown process. It also allows people to share their own voice at those meetings.

# Know your Commissioners !



Ryan Calkins  
Commission President



Sam Cho  
Commission Vice  
President



Fred Felleman



Toshiko Grace  
Hasegawa  
Commission  
Secretary



Hamdi  
Mohamed

What do they do? How do they help?

- Apply community values to improve the quality of life in King County.
- Help act as a liaison between the Port and the public.
- **The Commissioners are regular people, just like you.** They are here to listen and advocate for your needs!



# Why is it important for the youth and community to establish relations with the Port Commission?

- Speaking up about climate change and environmental issues.
- Important to be involved in shaping policies.
- **Jobs:** Diversify workforce and introduce youth to jobs of the future.
- **Familiarizing yourself with the Port of Seattle** and its facilities.
- **Participation in activism and advocacy**, it creates more opportunity for the youth to interact with the Port.
- Great for the Commissioners to get to know their constituents.
- **To elevate youth voices:** "I think part of the role of the Commission is to be thinking about 'What should the Port be looking like in 10, 20, 30 years?' And in 10, 20, 30 years, I'm not going to be running the Port, one of YOU will be running the Port."

— Commissioner Ryan Calkins

# How has the POS Commission Impacted the Community?

## Economic Development

- 2022 - Authorized a joint partnership with SMC to **address the needs of small businesses and connect them to resources.**
- 2022 - Hosting job fairs to help people recover from job displacement during the pandemic.
- 2022 - Approved the ground lease and development of 20 acres west of Des Moines Creek Business Park. This prioritizes local jobs and sustainable development in Des Moines.

## Equity and Diversity

- Adopted a motion to **examine Port operations and policies to eliminate inequity** in all aspects of the organization.
- 2021 - Created a new Task Force to review recruitment and diversity of police officers, training, and use of force.
- July 2022- Adopted a proclamation in support of codifying an individual's right to comprehensive, safe, and accessible reproductive healthcare.

## Environment

- 2020 - Partnering with UW on the Elliott Bay Seawall project to improve the salmon migration corridor.
- 2021 - Renewal of the Northwest Ports Clean Air Strategy, **plan to phase out emissions from seaport - related activities by 2050.**
- 2022 - Help host the South King County Environmental symposium, creating a forum for diverse groups to share ideas about advancing environmental sustainability.





# Making your Voice Heard

How can marginalized  
communities interact with the  
Port Commission?

# What is a Public Comment?



- Open Public Meetings Act: Washington act requires all meetings of governing bodies or public agencies should be open to the public.
    - All things related to the governing body's business such as resolutions, rules, orders, and more must be shared in the meeting in compliance with the act.
    - The meeting will be nullified if the meeting does not comply with this act
  - All meetings of the Port Commission are open to the public to hear and observe.
  - Most meetings offer time for public comment, some do not. You can find which ones on the Port website in the commissions meeting section.
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- Public comments are usually at the beginning of the meeting.
  - Anyone can sign up to comment (general public comment/specific public hearings)
  - Ex. Many people have spoken on issues they care about such as the effects cruising has on the Salish Sea or providing affordable health care for SeaTac employees.

# How do YOU engage with the Commission?



## Virtual/Online Public Comment

- Sign up in advance before the meeting.
- You will be called in early and put on standby until it is your turn to make the comment
- Stay muted until you are invited to speak.



## In-person Public Comment

- Regular Meetings are usually held either at Seatac Airport or Pier 69.
- Sign up on the day of meeting at the meeting site.
- List what Port business you want to comment on.



## Email/Letter

- You can email the Commissioners directly to provide written comment.
- You can also email written comment and submit them to the email [commission-public-records@portseattle.org](mailto:commission-public-records@portseattle.org)



# How to Effectively Speak at a Commission Meeting

1. **\*Keep in mind that you have two minutes.\***
2. Address comments to Commission as a group, not just one commissioner.
3. If you are bringing printed materials to share with Commissioners, bring 8 copies. (Clerk will help distribute)
4. Make sure you are well prepared, confident and **have your facts ready**.
5. Having a script can help your public comment but **speaking with passion** is also extremely important.
6. Consider the attitude you want to take towards commissioners and adjust as needed.
7. **Showing up in a group** can help amplify your voice!
8. Public speaking: Remember to have your facts, be authentic, and practice
9. **Paying attention to the **meeting agenda** can also help, if your comment is related to an agenda item, it will stand out.** (Example: Comments about budgeting during budget season meetings)



# Overcoming the Barriers to Public Testimony

## **Location:**

- Keep yourself informed ahead of time where the public meeting is held.
- You can also sign up to give a public comment virtually, using XXXX@portseattle.org

## **Language:**

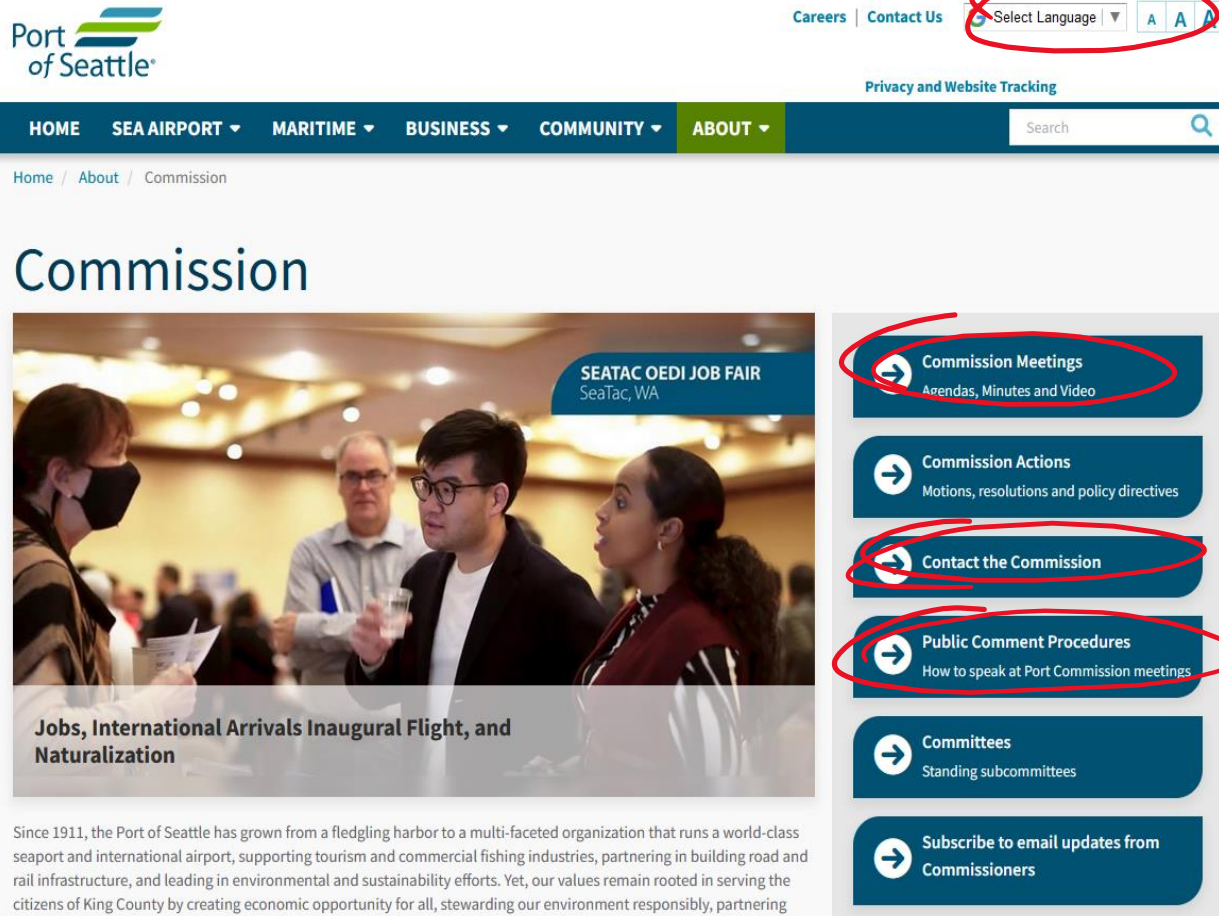
- There are different tools available on the website to increase the accessibility and translate text and information.
- Call in early and the office can try to provide language assistance/a translator.



## **Time:**

- Submit a written comment if you're unable to make the meeting
- Have someone present the comment on your behalf.
- As for the two-minute limit, prepare and practice your comment so that it is concise, gets to the point and meets the time limit.

# Navigating the Port Website + Accessibility



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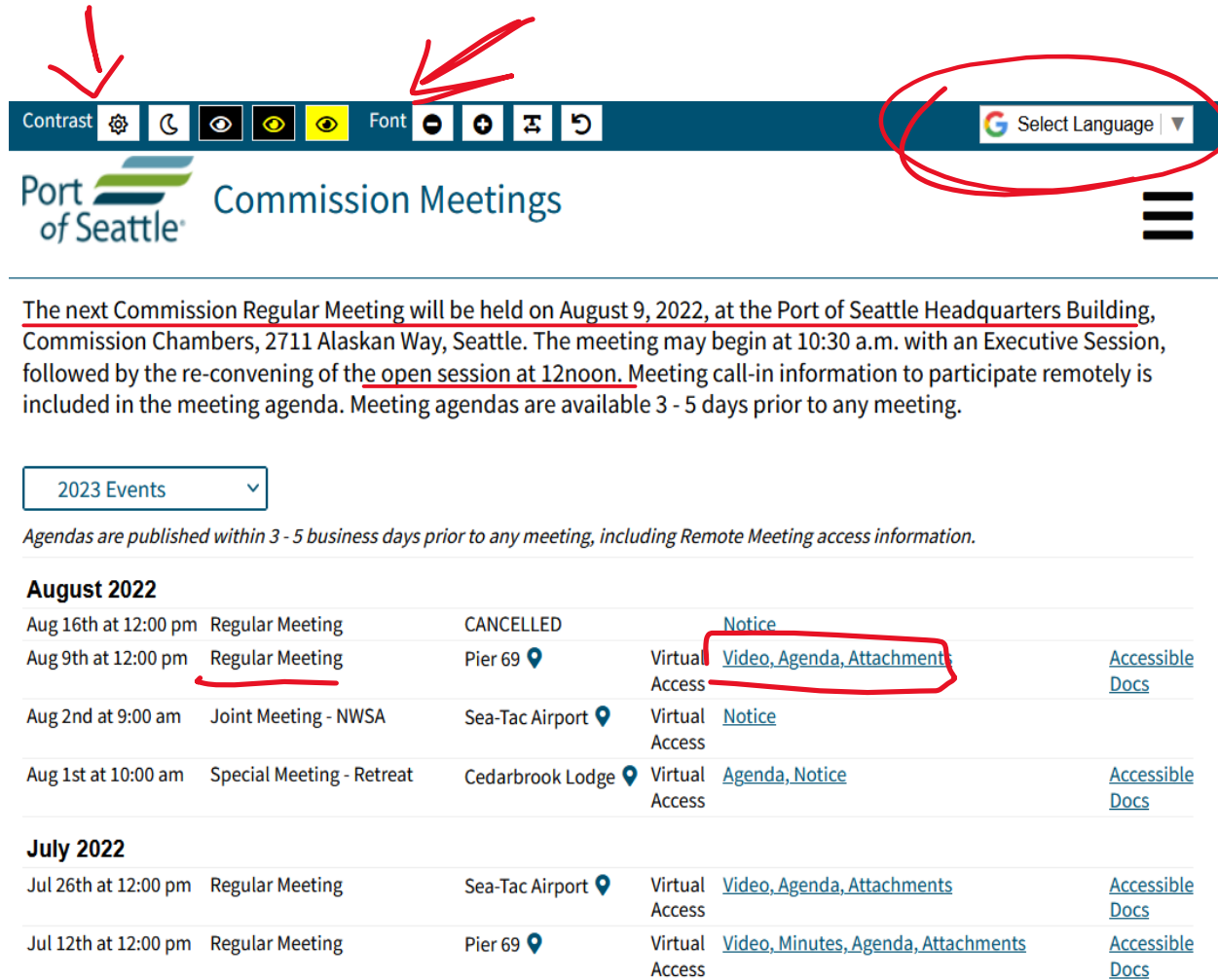
## Commission

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Jobs, International Arrivals Inaugural Flight, and Naturalization

Since 1911, the Port of Seattle has grown from a fledgling harbor to a multi-faceted organization that runs a world-class seaport and international airport, supporting tourism and commercial fishing industries, partnering in building road and rail infrastructure, and leading in environmental and sustainability efforts. Yet, our values remain rooted in serving the citizens of King County by creating economic opportunity for all, stewarding our environment responsibly, partnering

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Port of Seattle Commission Meetings

The next Commission Regular Meeting will be held on August 9, 2022, at the Port of Seattle Headquarters Building, Commission Chambers, 2711 Alaskan Way, Seattle. The meeting may begin at 10:30 a.m. with an Executive Session, followed by the re-convening of the open session at 12noon. Meeting call-in information to participate remotely is included in the meeting agenda. Meeting agendas are available 3 - 5 days prior to any meeting.

2023 Events

Agendas are published within 3 - 5 business days prior to any meeting, including Remote Meeting access information.

August 2022	
Aug 16th at 12:00 pm	Regular Meeting
Aug 9th at 12:00 pm	Regular Meeting
Aug 2nd at 9:00 am	Joint Meeting - NWSA
Aug 1st at 10:00 am	Special Meeting - Retreat

July 2022	
Jul 26th at 12:00 pm	Regular Meeting
Jul 12th at 12:00 pm	Regular Meeting

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# Summary + Questions

Contacting elected officials can seem overwhelming, but there are resources and support available for those who wish to make their voices heard.

All in all, don't feel intimidated. Our voices are powerful, and we can make ourselves be heard by starting somewhere. Thank y'all for coming!



Feel free to share any questions concerns or other thoughts you have!



Connect with  
Us!

## Who to contact if you have questions about the Port or the Commission?

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Visit our website at

<https://www.portseattle.org/form/webform-contact-commission>

<https://portseacomms.github.io/commissions/>

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