



San Diego Unified Port District

3165 Pacific Hwy.
San Diego, CA 92101

Special Meeting Minutes

Board of Port Commissioners

Friday, January 31, 2020

10:30 AM

Hilton San Diego Bayfront
Aqua Salon
1 Park Blvd
San Diego, CA 92101

Board Retreat

A. Roll Call.

- Present:** 5 - Commissioner Bonelli, Commissioner Castellanos, Commissioner Merrifield, Chairperson Moore, and Commissioner Zucchet
- Excused:** 2 - Commissioner Malcolm, and Commissioner Valderrama
- Absent:** 0

Officers Present: Coniglio, DeAngelis, Morales, and Russell

B. Public Communications.

The following member(s) of the public addressed the Board with non agenda-related comments: Clifford Weiler; Sharon Cloward, President, San Diego Port Tenants Association.

ACTION AGENDA

- [2020-0026](#) BOARD OF PORT COMMISSIONERS ANNUAL RETREAT TO DISCUSS STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIPS FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2020 AND TEAM BUILDING AND RELATED DIRECTION TO STAFF

Chair Moore welcomed the Board, staff, and public to the retreat and provided context for the facilitated discussion with the Honorable Stephen Padilla from the California Coastal Commission, as well as the desired outcomes from the Board retreat.

Steve Alexander, facilitator, introduced himself and led the discussion by reviewing the agenda, retreat objectives, ground rules, and guidelines.

Mr. Alexander then led the conversation with Mr. Padilla and the Board to discuss perspectives, working relationships, and opportunities to improve the working relationship between the two organizations in the future.

Chair Moore thanked Mr. Padilla for his insight and for being present at the retreat.

Mr. Padilla left the retreat and the Board recessed for lunch at approximately 1:30 pm. Chair Moore called the retreat back to order at 2:15 pm.

Mr. Alexander then conducted the Celebration Exercise and asked the Board and staff to share their insights and observations from 2019 with focus on Port pride and legacy.

Mr. Alexander then reviewed the draft Principles for Effective Communications developed during the 2019 Board Retreat and asked the Board if they had any modifications. The Board went around the table and provided ideas for fine-tuning the principles for 2020.

Mr. Alexander then led the discussion regarding insights and lessons from the publication "A Shift for a Day" with the Board to share their favorite quotes/tips from the book.

The Board then brainstormed with staff on how the Port can improve the working relationship with the California Coastal Commission going forward.

Randa Coniglio, President/CEO, then led the discussion regarding the Grant Seeking Opportunities Guidelines and asked Job Nelson, Chief Policy Strategist, to present the grant funding opportunities and whether the Board supports this approach. The Board provided comments and supported the approach.

Mr. Alexander then confirmed assignments, next steps, and then had the Board and staff share revelations from the retreat today in one or two words, and asked them to what would have made the retreat "even better if".

Chair Moore provided closing comments and thanked staff and Steve Alexander for making this retreat a success.

The retreat adjourned at 5:18 pm.

*Secretary, Board of Port Commissioners
San Diego Unified Port District*

ATTEST:

Clerk of the San Diego Unified Port District