

POHA August 21, 2025

The Commissioners of the Port of Harlingen Authority (POH) met in a regularly scheduled session on Thursday August 21, 2025, at 12:00 PM at the Port's Administration Office located at 24633 Port Road, Harlingen, Texas, 78550.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Rose Snell – Commissioner, Place 1
Neil Haman – Vice Chairman, Place 2
Alan Johnson - Chairman, Place 3
Chris Villarreal – Secretary, Place 4
Ryan Newman – Commissioner, Place 5

PORT STAFF PRESENT: Walker Smith – Port Director
Robert McDonald – Chief Financial Officer (remote)
Amy Lynch – Director of Marketing & Public Relations
Anne Jimenez - Receptionist

OTHERS PRESENT: Chris Boswell – Port Attorney

A. Meeting called to order at 12:05 pm.

Declaration of conflicts of interest: None.

B. 1. **Item:** PUBLIC COMMENTS

2. **Issue:** To hear public comments, if any.

3. **Discussion:** There were no public comments.

4. **Action Taken:** None.

C. 1. **Item:** APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS

2. **Issue:** To review the vouchers for approval.

3. **Discussion:** There was no discussion regarding the vouchers.

4. **Action Taken:** On a motion by Mrs. Snell and seconded by Mr. Villarreal, the Commissioners voted unanimously to approve the vouchers.

D. 1. **Item:** APPROVAL OF MINUTES & CERTIFIED AGENDA FOR THE MEETING ON AUGUST 12, 2025

2. **Issue:** To review the corresponding minutes.

3. **Discussion:** There was no discussion regarding the minutes.

4. **Action Taken:** On a motion by Mr. Villarreal and seconded by Mrs. Snell, the Commission voted unanimously to approve the minutes & certified agenda for the meeting on August 12, 2025.

E. 1. **Item:** CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE JULY FINANCIAL AND OPERATIONS REPORTS

2. **Issue:** To review and approve the reports.

3. **Discussion:** Regarding the A/R Aging Summary, Mr. McDonald noted that there are 2 invoices for Titan that are still outstanding. He also noted that there is one Circle X invoice outstanding. Regarding the Profit Loss Budget Performance report, Mr. McDonald said that all revenue categories (except Rail surface fees) exceeded the yearly budget. In total, the Port is \$600,000 over the year-to-date budget and \$300,000 over the annual budget. Regarding the Tonnage report, Mr. McDonald said last month had the lowest tonnage of the year. However, the Port is at 2.1 million tons year-to-date.

4. **Action Taken:** On a motion by Mr. Villarreal and seconded by Mrs. Snell, the Commissioners voted unanimously to approve the July reports: Tonnage, A/R Aging Summary, Balance Sheet and Profit & Loss Budget Performance reports.

F. 1. **Item:** PORT DIRECTOR REPORT AND DISCUSSION

2. **Issue:** To hear updates regarding various projects.

3. **Discussion:** Regarding legislative and governmental affairs update, Mr. Smith reported that the state legislature is back in a special session and there is still the possibility of legislation which could affect the Port. Regarding tonnage and operations update, he said that fuel distribution is still very low. It seems to be an industry-wide problem. Regarding construction project status, Mr. Smith said that the PIDP dock rehab and the SCP 88 Illumination and Drainage project are both underway and progressing well. Regarding USACE communications, Mr. Smith reported that Lt. Col Coffman was at the Port on Monday. Mr. Smith said it was a productive meeting with the Galveston District director in which he directly saw the need for the Port's turning basin expansion.

4. **Action Taken:** This was for discussion only.

G. 1. **Item:** DIRECTOR OF PR AND MARKETING REPORT AND DISCUSSION

2. **Issue:** To hear updates regarding various projects.

3. **Discussion:** Mrs. Lynch reported that she is working on the PIDP grant press release as well as updating the tax information on the Port's website.

4. **Action Taken:** This was for discussion only.

H. 1. **Item:** CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE FY 2025-2026
PROPOSED TAX RATE

2. **Issue:** To review the potential tax rates.

3. **Discussion:** Mr. McDonald presented the Commission with the tax rate calculation worksheet.

4. **Action Taken:** On a motion by Mr. Haman and seconded by Mr. Newman the Commission voted to approve the No-new-revenue rate of \$0.019110 per \$100 for the Port of Harlingen 2025 property tax rate. The roll call of the Commission was taken for the vote.

For the Proposal: Commissioner Alan Johnson
Commissioner Neil Haman
Commissioner Chris Villareal
Commissioner Ryan Newman
Commissioner Rose Snell

Against the Proposal: None


The Commission entered the executive session authorized by Chapters 551.071, 551.072 and 551.074 at 12:33 PM. They came out of the executive session at 1:40 PM. A Certified Agenda for the executive session is on file. There was no action taken on any Executive Session Items.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:46 PM.

ATTEST:



Alan Johnson, Chairman



Chris Villarreal, Secretary