

**THE PORT DISTRICT OF SOUTH WHIDBEY ISLAND  
SPECIAL MEETING**

Held at China City Banquet Room, 1804 Scott Rd, Freeland, WA  
With virtual access via Zoom meeting service  
Tuesday, December 29, 2022 at 4:00 p.m.

**AGENDA**

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87009158150>

Meeting ID: 870 0915 8150

One tap mobile

+12532050468,,87009158150# US

+12532158782,,87009158150# US (Tacoma)

Dial by your location

+1 253 205 0468 US

+1 253 215 8782 US (Tacoma)

Meeting ID: 870 0915 8150

Find your local number: <https://us02web.zoom.us/u/kurMBIuk>

**SPECIAL MEETING CALL TO ORDER and PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE (4:00 p.m.)**

**Approval of Interlocal Agreement with Island County (Fairgrounds Housing Project)**

**Interview Candidates for Appointment to Elective Office.**

**Stan Berryman interview (Approximately 4:10 p.m.)**

**Tim Callison interview (Approximately 4:35 p.m.)**

**Greg Easton interview (Approximately 5:00 p.m.)**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**APPOINTMENT OF A CANDIDATE TO ELECTIVE OFFICE**

**ADJOURNMENT (Approximately 6:00 p.m.)**

## PORT DISTRICT OF SOUTH WHIDBEY ISLAND

Minutes of the Special Meeting

December 29, 2022

Held in Freeland, Washington  
and online via Zoom Meeting Service

**Commissioners Present:** Curt Gordon (Clinton) and Jack Ng (Freeland)

**Port Staff Present:** Stan Reeves (Executive Director) and Molly MacLeod-Roberts

**MEETING CALL TO ORDER:** The Special Meeting of the Port District of South Whidbey Island's Board of Commissioners was convened on Thursday, December 29, 2022, in person at the banquet room of China City Restaurant at 1804 Scott Road in Freeland, Washington and online via Zoom Meeting Service. As announced, the primary purpose of the Special Meeting was for the Commission to address the items on the Agenda. Although the Meeting was of course open to the public, it was scheduled primarily for Commission consideration, discussion and action on those specific items and public participation was not on the Agenda.

Commissioner Curt Gordon (President) called the Special Meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Gordon explained that after consider approval of the Interlocal Agreement, the Commission would interview candidates for the District 2 (Langley) commissioner position. Although the meeting is open to the public, they asked the candidates to leave the meeting until it was their turn to be interviewed to avoid having an unfair advantage of knowing the questions. Once interviewed, candidates could remain in the meeting.

**Approval of Interlocal Agreement with Island County (Fairgrounds Housing Project):** Executive Director Stan Reeves explained that the Agreement started with the Port submitting a \$150,000 Rural County Economic Development (RCED) grant application to Island County in April 2001. It was initially for some infrastructure investigation and preliminary engineering & design work for the project. The Island County Commissioners were supportive of the project from the beginning but weren't sure how they wanted to fund it (RCED grant money, ARPA funds, General Fund money, etc.). This updated agreement references the RCED Application which lays out what the \$150,000 will be used for but it does not specify a funding source or a specific program.

**ACTION:** A Motion was made by Commissioner Jack Ng and seconded by Gordon to enter into the Interlocal Grant Agreement with Island County for \$150,000 for the Fairgrounds Feasibility project as presented. The Motion passed unanimously.

Reeves signed the Agreement and Port/Clerk Molly MacLeod-Roberts attested. He will attach the Port's grant application that is referenced in the Agreement so there's no question later on what the money is to be used for and he will deliver it to Island County.

**Interview Candidates for Appointment to Elective Office:** The Commissioners asked the same questions to all three candidates and gave time for each candidate time to speak to the Board.

- Stan Berryman was interviewed from 4:05 p.m. to 4:17 p.m.
- Tim Callison was interviewed from 4:18 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.
- Greg Easton was interviewed 4:31 p.m. to 5:10 p.m.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** At 5:12 p.m., Gordon announced the Commission would meet in executive session for 15 minutes to discuss the qualifications of candidates for appointment to elective office pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(h) until 5:27 p.m. After the Executive Session, the Commission is expected to take action to appoint the District 2 (Langley) Commissioner.

CALL TO ORDER: At 5:27 p.m., Gordon called the Special Meeting back to order.

APPOINTMENT OF A CANDIDATE TO ELECTIVE OFFICE: Gordon said it was an impressive group of candidates, with each having different talents and strengths. He feels his strength is his small government experience as an elected official for small taxing districts for 30 years, and Ng's strength is hands-on business experience and a sharp mind for business ventures. Former Commissioner Ed Halloran is really missed; he was an engineer and had a very practical side. Gordon believes the ideal Board would have commissioners with three separate types of tools. In his mind, Greg Easton has the advantage of bringing a separate set of tools that includes being an economic consultant. Ng said it's a tough choice because all 3 are really good candidates. After reading Easton's resume and interviewing him, Ng believes he will bring a lot to the table and is the best choice.

**ACTION: A Motion was made by Ng and seconded by Gordon to appoint Greg Easton as the Port of South Whidbey District 2 (Langley) Commissioner. The Motion passed unanimously.**

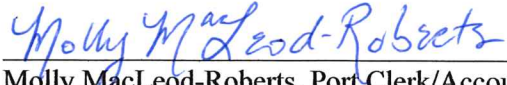
Greg Easton was then sworn into office as Commissioner, District 2 by Gordon as President of the Board. The Certificate of Appointment and Oath of Office was duly signed and subsequently sent to Island County Elections Department.

ADJOURNMENT: The Special Meeting was adjourned at 5:37 p.m.

Approved:

Minutes prepared and submitted by:

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Commissioner Jack Ng, Freeland

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Molly MacLeod-Roberts, Port Clerk/Accountant

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Commissioner Curt Gordon, Clinton

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Commissioner Greg Easton, Langley

**Public Disclosure Statement:** The foregoing Meeting Minutes, audio recording and all supporting documents presented are available at the Port of South Whidbey, 1804 Scott Rd., Suite 303, Freeland WA 98249.