

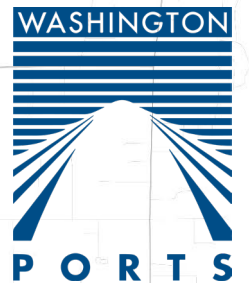
# **From Campaign to Commission Chambers: What Changes Now?**

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# Overview

- Getting to know your new colleagues
- Working with your Executive Director and staff
- Partner with nearby ports and other local governments
- You're not alone – it's bigger than your port!



# You're on a Commission – Getting to Know New Colleagues

## - Port commissioners are collaborative

*Be deliberate about getting to know your fellow electeds*

*Do it before you're sworn in!*

## - Port's strategic vision is set? But you have your own vision

*Discuss your campaign policies with new colleagues (ED and Commissioners)*

*Seek alignment*

*Deep dive on what is already happening!*

## - Coordinate with your Executive Director

*Potential for commissioners to get together at WPPA meetings*

*Look for other opportunities for casual, non-work focused conversation*



# Working with Executive Director and staff

## - Great asset at ports is the competent staff

*They know: You have things you want to accomplish!*

*Try to set up an early audience with your new staff – working through your Executive Director – so you can communicate your goals*

## - Get to know Port Processes

*Your port is a complex and well-organized machine – you're part of helping it run smoothly*

*Deep dive on processes already in place – and how you fit in*

*Comr. Calkins notes: “Even if you want to change the process, you need to understand it first.”*



# You're Not Alone: Get to know Nearby Commissioners and Other Local Governments

- You can't meet outside of commission with your fellow commissioners – but take advantage of partners nearby

*Ports in Clark County gather regularly, for example – notice it as a public meeting*

*Ask about specific relationships your port might have with others through professional associations*

*...i.e. Are you members of the Pacific Northwest Waterways Association?*

*...Do you regularly attend other conferences together?*

- County commissions, city councils, local PUDs

*You're all in the public service game together*

*They are experiencing the same “Campaign to Commission” dynamics*

*They will be key, long-term partners to you*

*And if you disagree, better to do it agreeably based on an early common understanding*



# It's Bigger than Your Port District

## - Legislative Engagement and Partnership

*Partnering with your local legislative delegation is KEY*

*Participate in our Port Day advocacy event – and others like it*

*Let staff know: I want to be engaged, please use me!*

## - Representing WA ports at state, national and international level

*Pursue service on state boards and commissions*

*Engage in DC advocacy, travel to Washington, D.C. with your port or partner organizations*

*Potential for international travel...*

## - Importance of Professional Associations

*There is more than just WPPA!*

*PNWA, AWB, WPUA, for example*

*Local transportation groups and economic development organizations*

*Rotary Clubs, Chambers, and more*



# This is the beginning – more to come!

- Your fellow port commissioners are here to support you
- Someone has been through what you're experiencing before
- Port commissioners are collaborative – seek collaboration!
- Questions!

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