

**PORT OF BENTON
SPECIAL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
June 6, 2019**

- A. CALL TO ORDER:** The Special Commission Meeting was called to order at 8:00 a.m. at the Port of Benton Commission Meeting Room, 3250 Port of Benton Boulevard, Richland, Washington. Present were Commissioners Jane F. Hagarty, Roy D. Keck and Robert D. Larson. Staff members present included Port Counsel, David Billetdeaux and Administrative Assistant, Kelly Thompson.
- B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Robert Larson led those present in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.
- C. EXECUTIVE SESSION:** The regular Commission Meeting was recessed at 8:01 a.m. and an Executive Session was convened pursuant to RCW 42.30.110 to discuss potential litigation and to evaluate qualifications of employees pursuant to RCW 42.30.110 (1) (g). The Commission announced the Executive Session would last no longer than thirty (30) minutes.

The Executive Session was adjourned at 8:31 a.m. and the regular Commission Meeting was reconvened.

- D. A motion was made by Commissioner Robert Larson, seconded by Commissioner Jane Hagarty and unanimously passed by the Commission to approve the severance agreement for Scott D. Keller, Executive Director and authorizing Port Counsel to direct Port staff to execute any necessary documents.**

A motion was made by Commissioner Jane Hagarty, seconded by Commissioner Robert Larson and unanimously passed by the Commission authorizing Port Counsel to begin working on selecting a consulting firm that specializes in executive recruitment/qualification services to vet qualified candidates for the executive director position.

- E. ADJOURNMENT:** With no further business, the Special Commission meeting was adjourned at 8:34 a.m.

Robert D. Larson,
Commission Secretary