

**PORT OF BENTON  
SPECIAL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES  
December 20, 2018**

- A. CALL TO ORDER:** The Special Commission Meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. at the Port of Benton Commission Meeting Room, 3250 Port of Benton Boulevard, Richland, Washington. Present were Commissioners Jane Hagarty, Roy D. Keck and Robert D. Larson. Staff members present included Executive Director, Scott D. Keller, PPM ®; Director of Finance, Stuart B. Dezember, CPA, PPM®, Port In-house Counsel, David Billetdeaux; Director of Special Projects, John Haakenson and Administrative Assistant, Kelly Thompson.
- B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Stuart B. Dezember led those present in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.
1. Port Counsel read aloud excerpts from the December 14, 2018, HDR Engineering Inspection Report for the Yakima River Bridge and discussed the need to enter Executive Session for the purpose of ongoing and potential litigation.
  2. **EXECUTIVE SESSION:** The regular Commission Meeting was recessed at 10:15 a.m. and an Executive Session was convened pursuant to RCW 42.30.110 to discuss potential litigation RCW 42.30.110 (1) (i). The Commission announced the Executive Session would last no longer than thirty (30) minutes.
- The Executive Session was adjourned at 10:45 a.m. and the regular Commission Meeting was reconvened.
- Kelly Thompson was recognized for 25 years of service with the Port.
- C. ADJOURNMENT:** With no further business, the Special Commission meeting was adjourned at 10:47 a.m.

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Robert D. Larson,  
Commission Secretary