

VENTURA PORT DISTRICT

BOARD OF PORT COMMISSIONERS MINUTES OF MAY 16, 2018



The Special Meeting of the Ventura Board of Port Commissioners was called to order by Chairman Everard Ashworth at 5:32PM at the Ventura Port District Administration Office, 1603 Anchors Way Drive, Ventura, CA 93001.

Commissioners Present:

Everard Ashworth, Chairman
Jim Friedman, Secretary
Chris Stephens

Commissioners Absent:

Brian Brennan, Vice Chairman

Port District Staff:

Oscar Peña, General Manager
Brian Pendleton, Deputy General Manager
John Higgins, Harbormaster
Jessica Rauch, Clerk of the Board

Legal Counsel via phone conference:

Timothy Gosney
Andy Turner

AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER: By Chairman Everard Ashworth at 5:32PM.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: By Commissioner Friedman.

ROLL CALL: Commissioner Brennan was absent.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

ACTON: Commissioner Stephens moved, seconded by Commissioner Friedman and carried by a vote of 3-0 to adopt the May 16, 2018 agenda.

PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS:

Wendy Basgall from the SEIU spoke on behalf of the Harbor Patrol. She stated that it has been 8 months of bargaining, with many challenges in moving forward towards an agreement. For example, the SEIU thought there was an agreement reached in February that no new proposals would be brought forward, after which the District raised a new proposal regarding Article 20 of the MOU. She further stated that the Harbor Patrol Officers, many of whom have given decades of loyal service, are being treated disrespectfully by the process; she feels they deserve better. Finally, she suggested the District consider having counsel participate in the negotiations moving forward.

Danny Carrillo, Regional Director of the SEIU, agreed with Ms. Basgall's comments. Some of the District's actions could be considered regressive bargaining and may constitute bad faith bargaining. He said the SEIU is considering a claim for unfair labor practices. The fact that it is a small unit, negotiations should not take this long. SEIU always comes to the table prepared and ready to reach agreement. The SEIU hopes the Board takes all of this into consideration and directs staff to do what is necessary to bargain in good faith to reach an agreement for the benefit of the District employees.

ADJOURNED TO CLOSED SESSION AT 5:40PM

**CLOSED SESSION
CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL**

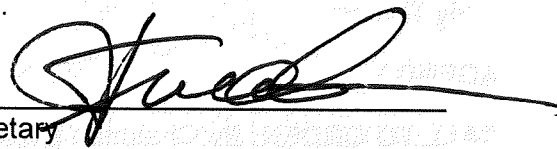
1. Per Government Code Section 54957.6 - Conference with Labor Negotiators

a) Employee Units:	Harbor Patrol Officers
Groups:	Service Employees International Union (SEIU), Local 721
Negotiating Parties:	Oscar Peña, Brian Pendleton, John Higgins, Timothy Gosney
Under Negotiation:	Labor Negotiations

RECONVENED PUBLIC SESSION AT 6:32PM

CLOSED SESSION REPORT: Mr. Gosney stated that the Board met in closed session; discussed and reviewed Item 1 on the closed session agenda. Staff was given instructions as to how to proceed as appropriate and there was no action taken that is reportable under The Brown Act.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 6:33PM.


Secretary