



**SPECIAL JOINT COMMISSION MEETING Minutes
CLALLAM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS;
PORT OF PORT ANGELES;
AND CLALLAM COUNTY PUD**

**April 27, 2026, at 11:00 a.m.
Port Commission Meeting Room
338 W. First St., Port Angeles, WA 98362**

Connie Beauvais, Port Commissioner
Colleen McAleer, Port Commissioner
Steve Burke, Port Commissioner
Paul Jarkiewicz, Port Chief Executive Officer
Chris Hartman, Port Chief Operating Officer
Jennifer Baker, Port Chief Finance & Admin. Officer
Caleb McMahon, Port Chief Commercial Officer
Jenna Riley, Port Clerk to the Board
Randy Johnson, Clallam County Commissioner
Mark Ozias, Clallam County Commissioner
Mike French, Clallam County Commissioner
Todd Mielke, County Administrator

Ken Hays, Clallam County PUD Commissioner
John Purvis, Clallam County PUD Commissioner
Phyllis Bernard, Clallam County PUD Commissioner
Sean Worthington, General Manager - PUD
Shailesh Shere, Assistant General Manager - PUD
Bowen Kendrick, Dir. of Water & Wastewater- PUD
Malinda Angevine, Executive Assistant
Josh Weiss, Columbia Advisors
Katharine Frazier, Port Grants & Gov't Affairs Mngr.

I. CALL TO ORDER / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE / ROLL CALL (0:00-3:25)

Comm. Beauvais called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m.

II. PUBLIC COMMENT SESSION (Total session up to 15 minutes) (3:26-3:55)

None

III. WORK SESSION (3:56-3:22:05)

A. Group introductions

- Comm. Beauvais provided an introduction to the meeting.

B. Clallam Economic Alliance

- Josh Weiss provided a presentation to update the group.
- BOCC, Port, and PUD all agreed on continuing to have Josh Weiss provide updates at joint meetings.

C. Discussion of regional challenges and needs relating to infrastructure (power, roads, sewer, water)

- Shailesh Shere provided a regional overview of BPA as it relates to economic development.
- It was agreed that the meetings between the three entities shall continue, and that Cities be informed of the agenda and how to attend if they would like to join but are not obligated to.

D. PA Western UGA and Lower Elwha Sewer Project

- Chris Hartman gave an overview of the project to the group.

E. Discussion of infrastructure challenges and opportunities specific to the West End region

- The PUD team provided updates on the infrastructure challenges and opportunities to the West End region.

F. Neah Bay, Clallam Bay, and Sekiu

- Bowen Kendrick provided an update on CBCQ water system projects within the area.
- Shailesh Shere provided an update on electrical projects within the area.

G. Forks and La Push

- Quillayute Airport – Paul Jarkiewicz provided an update on potential updates to the runway and buildings.

H. Discussion of strategies and collaboration opportunities to address infrastructure challenges and gaps

- The group agreed upon a short, shared list of priorities:

- i. CEA
- ii. Simdars Interchange
- iii. McKinnley Site
- iv. Opportunity Fund
- v. SAFER Projects – Feasibility

I. Funding opportunities from three points of view: County, PUD, Port

- Shailesh Shere provided an update on the PUD's Grant Program Overview.
- Katharine Frazier provided an update on the Port's Quarter 1 Grant Update.
- Commissioner Mike French provided an update on the Opportunity Fund projects and the recomplete grant.

J. Discussion of economic development opportunities related to public infrastructure and utilities.

- Commissioner Mark Ozias requested the group think about how and when they reach out to the Cities as the May 22, 2026, Economic Alliance meeting nears. Commissioner Colleen McAleer noted she would ensure the cities would continue to be aware.

K. Clallam Bay and Sekiu

- Water & Sewer - Bowen Kendrick provided an update on the Equivalent Residential Unit (ERU) for Clallam Bay and Sekiu based on the PUD's water system planning process.
- Power - Shailesh Shere provided an update on the PUD's electric system capacity within Clallam Bay and Sekiu.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT SESSION (Total session up to 15 minutes)

Cindy Kelly of Port Angeles, WA spoke on the Utility Coordinating Council of Clallam County which has been meeting since the 1960's. Ms. Kelly noted the upcoming meeting on 4/30/2026, where the Cities, Counties, Utility Providers, and Contractors discuss upcoming projects and infrastructure upgrades.

Teresa Miller of Sequim, WA, suggested posting public agendas in Police Station lobbies, Public Libraries, etc., for more public engagement. Ms. Miller also spoke on economic development and how large companies are buying out small companies and how can the small business owners be protected.

Larry Burtness of Clallam Bay, WA thanked the group for the discussion on Clallam Bay and Sekiu. Mr. Burtness also spoke on the housing turnover in the community of Clallam Bay.

V. NEXT SPECIAL JOINT COMMISSION MEETINGS

A. Monday, July 27, 2026 – 11:00 a.m. – Location: Clallam County PUD

B. Monday, October 26, 2026 – 11:00 a.m. – Location: Port of Port Angeles

VI. ADJOURN (3:22:06-3:22:11)

Comm. Beauvais adjourned the meeting at 2:39 p.m.

PORT OF PORT ANGELES
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS



Connie Beauvais, President



Colleen McAleer, Secretary