

## Resolution 2023-4

### Interim Public Meetings Policy

**Whereas** the Washington State Revised Code of Washington (RCW Chapter 42.30.230 “Declared emergencies – Remote meetings – Limits on physical attendance”) provides Public Meeting regulations for all public agencies, including Port Districts, and

**Whereas** the Port of Illahee, a small public port currently without a physical location to hold a meeting in Illahee and has been in that situation for several years since its previously owned Port property meeting space was deemed unable to meet ADA standards (steep 20% slopes), and

**Whereas** the Port of Illahee then met at the Port of Brownsville, and then later rented space at the Seeds of Grace building in Gilberton, and

**Whereas** during the Covid pandemic conducted its meetings remotely using Zoom technology and has continued to do so up until the present time, and

**Whereas** concurrently during this time of not having a permanent Illahee physical meeting space, the Port of Illahee acquired the former Illahee Store for a meeting place (and economic development), and

**Whereas** the Port is actively pursuing the renovation of the building for a mercantile related business with space available for the Port to hold its monthly meetings, and

**Whereas** Section 6 of RCW 42.30.230 states: “(6) *Notwithstanding any other provision in this section, any governing body of a public agency which held some of its regular meetings remotely prior to March 1, 2020, may continue to hold some of its regular meetings remotely with no declared emergency so long as the public agency provides an option for the public to listen to the proceedings pursuant to subsection (2) of this section.*”, and

**Whereas** the Port of Illahee “held some of its regular meetings remotely prior to March 1, 2020” at the Port of Brownsville and the Seeds of Grace building in Gilberton, and now according to the statute “may continue to hold some of its regular meetings remotely with no declared emergency ....”, and

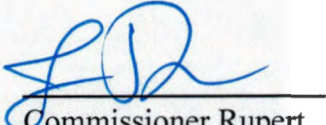
**Whereas** it is the intent of the Port to meet in person as soon as possible in the renovated Port building,

**Therefore**, the Port of Illahee hereby establishes the following interim policy for Port public meetings:

- 1. The Port of Illahee will continue to meet via Zoom until the Port’s new physical meeting space is complete and ready for meetings.**
- 2. The Port of Illahee’s website, [portofillahee.com](http://portofillahee.com), will provide the remote Zoom access details.**
- 3. Once in person meetings commence this interim meeting policy resolution will expire.**

  
Commissioner Buesch

  
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Commissioner Rupert