

Maritime|253 Governing Board General Meeting – January 14, 2026
Wednesday January 14th, 2026 at 1100 hrs. PST
BN Builders Conference Room – 425 E. 11th St. Tacoma, WA 98421

Meeting Called to Order – 1100 hrs.PST

Pledge of Allegiance

Rollcall – Member’s Present: Bethel, Tacoma, University Place, Chief Leschi, Fife, Sumner-Bonney Lake, Orting, Clover Park, Vashon

Quorum Met

Election of Presiding Officer: Nomination - Phill Schmitt, Tacoma

Motion Made to Vote, Seconded.

Vote: 9 For, 0 Against. Motion Passes

Election of Secretary: Nomination – M|253 Coordinator (To Be Hired), Tacoma

Motion Made to Vote, Seconded.

Vote: 9 For, 0 Against. Motion Passes

Approval of Minutes: No prior minutes available.

Motion Made to Accept Minutes (null), Seconded.

Vote: 9 For, 0 Against. Motion Passes

Reading of Maritime|253 Charter and Bylaws

Motion made to table vote until next meeting (February 11, 2026 via teams) to give time to digest content and confer with superintendent’s for those members who were represented by designees.

Motion Made to Accept Tabling A Vote On Charter and Bylaws, Seconded.

Vote: 9 For, 0 Against. Motion Passes

Maritime|253 Directors Report

(slide deck available)

Consent Agenda:

5.01 Staffing Structure

It is the recommendation of the Director of the Maritime 253 Skill Center to approve the staffing structure.

Motion Made to approve 5.01, Staffing Structure, Seconded.

Vote: 9 For, 0 Against. Motion Passes

5.02 Course Offerings

It is the recommendation of the Director of the Maritime 253 Skill Center to approve the course 26-27 offerings

Motion Made to approve 5.02, Course Offerings, Seconded.

Vote: 9 For, 0 Against. Motion Passes

5.03 Seat Allocations

It is the recommendation of the Director of the Maritime 253 Skill Center to approve the Seat Allocation plan

Motion Made to approve 5.03, Seat Allocations, Seconded.

Vote: 9 For, 0 Against. Motion Passes

5.04 TPS policies for discipline, operations, bargaining unit - TEA

It is the recommendation of the Director of the Maritime 253 Skill Center to approve accepting TPS Policies

Motion Made to accept 5.04, TPS policies for discipline, operations, bargaining unit - TEA

Vote: 9 For, 0 Against. Motion Passes

5.05 Governing Board Meeting Dates and Times

It is the recommendation of the Director of the Maritime 253 Skill Center to approve the Meeting Dates and Times.

Motion Made to accept 5.05, Governing Board Meeting Dates and Times

Vote: 9 For, 0 Against. Motion Passes

New Business:

Recommendation by TPS Superintendent Garcia to have the Director of The Maritime|253 Skill Center create a credit governance committee with the intention and focus to craft a cohesive policy and agreement for credit across the members districts.

Motion made to direct the Maritime|253 Director to create a Credit Governance Committee to create a cohesive policy and recommendation for credits across the member districts, Seconded.

Vote: 9 For, 0 Against. Motion Passes

Meeting Adjourned 1218 hrs. PST

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THE NEXT GENERAL MEETING OF THE MARITIME|253 GOVERNING BOARD

WILL BE ON FEBRUARY 11, 2026 - AT 1100 HRS. PST – VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS.