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## **Port Commission Special Meeting canceled; Emergency Meeting to be held Thursday**

**Riviera Beach, Fla.** – The Port of Palm Beach District Board of Commissioners has canceled the Special Meeting scheduled for December 28, 2022 at 4 PM. Instead, Commission Chair Blair Ciklin has called for an Emergency Meeting this **Thursday, December 22, 2022 at 4 PM**. The purpose of the emergency meeting is to determine the justification for an emergency meeting and discuss the selection process to identify a candidate to fill the Port Commissioner Group 2 vacant seat prior to the swearing-in ceremony scheduled for January 5, 2023.

The public meeting will be held in the Maritime Office Complex Boardroom located at One East 11<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 600, Riviera Beach, FL. 33404.

*In accordance with Port Charter Article V. Section 6 Any vacancy occurring on the board shall be filled by the other commissioners appointing a person to hold such office for the unexpired term.*

On October 28, the Board of Commissioners published a public notice inviting letters of interest/resumes from qualified individuals seeking to fill the Board Group 2 vacant seat. In response, on November 17, 2022, the Board of Commissioners received resumes/letters of interest from ten interested candidates for the Group 2 vacant seat; depicting work history and educational background summarizing why and how the individual is qualified to fill the Commissioner Group 2 vacant seat.

The Board discussed and voted on the item during the December 15, 2022 Regular Board of Commissioners Meeting.

After the meeting and upon review of all the ballots, a discrepancy was identified in the balloting process. To ensure an open, fair, and transparent process, Board Chairman Blair Ciklin has called for an emergency meeting for the purpose of completing the ballot process and selecting a candidate to fill the Group 2 vacant seat.

### **About Port of Palm Beach**

Located in Riviera Beach, the Port of Palm Beach is a full-service, diversified port, offering cruise and cargo services to more than 30 onsite tenants and users. At 165 acres, the Port's efficiency is unparalleled, processing more than \$14 billion in commodities, 2.5 million tons of

cargo, and 500,000 cruise passengers annually. As one of the largest employers in Palm Beach County, the Port of Palm Beach and its tenants employ more than 3,800 people. Through the contribution of more than \$185 million in business revenue and \$17.5 million in tenant-contributed state and local annual tax revenue, the Port of Palm Beach is a large economic engine in South Florida. The Port of Palm Beach District has not levied property taxes since 1975. For more information, visit [www.portofpalmbeach.com](http://www.portofpalmbeach.com).

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