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## **Board Chairman cancels Emergency Meeting; Special Meeting scheduled for Friday, December 30**

**Riviera Beach, Fla.** – On Wednesday morning, December 21, 2022, the Port of Palm Beach District Board of Commission Chairman Blair Ciklin canceled the emergency Board meeting scheduled for Thursday, December 22, 2022. Instead, Board Chairman Blair Ciklin scheduled a special meeting for **Friday, December 30, 2022 at 4 PM**. The special meeting allows for ample public notice, compliance with the seven-day public notice requirement, and ensures the Board will be physically present in order to achieve a quorum.

The purpose of the special meeting is to select a candidate to fill the Port Commissioner Group 2 vacant seat. The Port Commissioner Group 2 vacant seat carries a term that expires in January 2025 when electors within the Port of Palm Beach District select a replacement.

*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, 2022, 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. Upon review of the ballots, a discrepancy was identified in the ballot completed by one Commissioner. Consequently, in order to ensure an open, fair, and transparent process, Board Chairman Blair Ciklin called for a special meeting for the purpose of properly completing the ballot process approved and voted on by the Commission to select a candidate to fill the Group 2 vacant seat.

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.

### **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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