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November 2026 Meeting: Port Houston Fiscal Year 2027 Budget Approved

HOUSTON – On Tuesday, November 10, the Port Commission of the Port of Houston Authority met for its annual Budget Workshop, during which it approved Port Houston's $569 million operating budget and $397 million capital plan to guide the operation and management of its facilities and activities for Fiscal Year 2027.

Port Houston projects container volumes will increase 2.5% in 2027 to approximately 4.6 million TEUs, with operating revenue expected to grow nearly 5% to $763.5 million. The capital plan includes investments in Bayport Container Yard 9, the Bayport southern access road, additional refrigerated cargo capacity at Barbours Cut, and Houston Ship Channel maintenance dredging. These projects will help Port Houston accommodate future cargo demand and maintain reliable operations for the businesses and workers that depend on the Port.

The budget also supports early planning for future container capacity, feasibility work on Project 12, which is the next expansion of the Houston Ship Channel, and investments in technology and operational efficiency.

The Port Commission also approved annual tariff adjustments for 2027. Tariffs 14 and 15, covering the Barbours Cut and Bayport container terminals, will reflect a 4.21% Consumer Price Index adjustment combined with applicable labor contract wage adjustments. Tariff 8, the Harbor Fee and Port Security Fee, will increase 3.36%. The new rates take effect Jan. 1, 2027.

The Port Houston 2027 Budget Workshop Presentation can be accessed on the Financial Transparency webpage.

Additional Port Houston Updates

Port Houston also reported continued momentum in cargo activity across the Houston Ship Channel region. Through September, foreign tonnage across the channel's public and private facilities was up 15% year to date, driven by a 20% increase in exports. At Port Houston's public terminals, total tonnage was up 3% year to date, with container volumes also tracking ahead of 2025.

Port Houston also recently hosted the fifth annual Houston International Maritime Conference, reinforcing its role as a convener for the global maritime industry. The conference drew nearly 900 registrants and more than 50 speakers for discussions on global trade, market dynamics, risk, and other issues shaping the industry.

The Port Commission will meet next on Tuesday, December 8, 2026.

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About Port Houston
For more than 100 years, Port Houston has owned and operated the public wharves and terminals along the Houston Ship Channel, including the area's largest breakbulk facility and two of the most efficient container terminals in the country. Port Houston is the advocate and a strategic leader for the Channel. The Houston Ship Channel complex and its more than 200 private and eight public terminals is the nation's largest port for waterborne tonnage and an essential economic engine for the Houston region, the state of Texas and the U.S. The Port of Houston supports the creation of nearly 1.5 million jobs in Texas and 3.37 million jobs nationwide, and economic activity totaling $439 billion in Texas and $906 billion in economic impact across the nation. For more information, visit the website at PortHouston.com.

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