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Port Houston Kicks off 2022 with 19% Growth Re-appointment of Three Port Commissioners Acknowledged

HOUSTON –The Port Commission of the Port of Houston Authority met Thursday at its regular monthly meeting and reported out that Port Houston saw an incredible 19% growth in cargo tonnage for January 2022.



The Port Commission of the Port of Houston Authority in a meeting. (Photo: Business Wire)

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During the February meeting, Chairman Campo commemorated Black History Month in his opening remarks, adding that “diversity is a journey, not a destination.” He continued, “Black History Month is important at Port Houston because it honors the legacy and influence of Black people in our country, our region and our own port team.”

He celebrated the 1978 appointment of Howard J. Middleton Jr. as the first Black man named to the Port Commission, and Cheryl Creuzot as the first Black woman appointed to the Port Commission, in 2020.

On the infrastructure front, Chairman Campo announced that work on Project 11’s Segment 1A, using the cleanest dredge equipment ever seen in the Houston Ship Channel, was expected to begin at the end of March. The vessels are being specially outfitted for 48% improvement over Tier 3 dredge equipment standards.

In his staff report, Executive Director Roger Guenther underscored the historic cargo growth at Port Houston, citing the 15% increase in 2021. Guenther elaborated, “We have been able to do this with the incredible work of our port employees, supply chain partners, and team.”

Port Commissioner Stephen DonCarlos added his own appreciation: “I want to commend all of the port people who have been responsible for helping us get this cargo on and off the docks. They have done a tremendous job in difficult times, and I want to commend them for that.”

During the meeting, actions taken by the commission continued to support Port Houston’s strategic goals: People, Infrastructure, Partnerships, and Stewardship. Highlights included approval of agreements to design the rehabilitation of wharves at Barbours Cut container terminal and reconstruction of 87 acres of its container yards. Additionally, the commission

approved a Memorandum of Agreement with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for maintenance dredging of docks at the Turning Basin general cargo terminal.

The Commission also authorized funding to improve public trails in the City of Galena Park, as part of the Port Houston's East Harris County parks and greenspace initiative, and Chief People Officer Jessica Shaver highlighted that Port Houston was opening the 2022 Community Grants Program. March 4th is the deadline to submit a letter of interest to participate in the program, with \$325,000 of funding for this cycle.

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The next regular Port Commission meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 21.

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