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Port of Olympia Names Edward Galligan New Executive Director

The Port of Olympia Commission has announced the appointment of Edward B. Galligan as the new Executive Director. The Commission was unanimous in its endorsement of Galligan.

“Ed is a strong leader and is extremely well-qualified for this position,” said Port Commission President Bob Van Schoorl. “His leadership at the Port of Portland and his extensive management experience in the private sector have demonstrated his ability to get things done in a variety of situations.”

Galligan is currently retired from the Port of Portland where he served over a year as Interim Executive Director and nearly 14 years as Senior Director and Chief Financial Officer. In addition, he has over 20 years of private business experience, serving as an industrial and managerial consultant for Fortune 500 company clients, President and CEO for American Network, Inc, and Vice President for Pacific Telcom, both located in Vancouver, Washington.

“I am excited by the opportunity to get to know and be part of the Port of Olympia and this unique and beautiful community,” said Galligan. “I have a passion for ports and understand their role in fostering economic development and enhancing the community’s quality of life.”

As Executive Director, Galligan will oversee the Port’s daily operations and its core businesses, the Marine Terminal, Olympia Regional Airport, Swantown Marina & Boatworks, and Property Development. He will succeed Acting Interim Executive Director Rudy Rudolph, who was appointed in June when former Executive Director John Wolfe accepted the position of Deputy Director at the Port of Tacoma.

“Our sincere thanks to Airport Director Rudy Rudolph for stepping in and continuing to lead the Port during this recruitment process,” said Van Schoorl. “He has done an

excellent job of maintaining the positive momentum during a very busy time, and we appreciate his hard work and dedication.”

The Commission will proceed with negotiating a contract with Galligan to take effect November 30. His annual salary will be \$120,000.

“Ed is an advocate of positive change at the Port, has a clear business vision for the future and is passionate about doing the right thing,” said Van Schoorl. “We look forward to working with him to continue the Port’s successful direction.”

Galligan has a broad educational background and completed undergraduate and graduate studies in management, finance and accounting at the University of Alaska as well as an Executive Management Program at the Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania. He has served on a number of boards and professional associations, including the American Association of Port Authorities Finance Committee.

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