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Board Approves Move to Temporary Headquarters Port to buy office building at 4801 Airport Plaza Dr.

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The Board of Harbor Commissioners on Monday voted to approve the purchase of an office building at 4801 Airport Plaza Dr., just east of the Long Beach Airport, to serve as temporary headquarters for the Port of Long Beach administrative offices.

The Port's administrative staff of about 350 people is expected to move to Airport Plaza sometime next year. The Board stressed that the move is temporary, and that discussions will begin soon on building a permanent headquarters in or near downtown Long Beach.

"I am relieved that we have identified a secure, temporary home," said Board President Susan E. Anderson Wise. "Regardless of what address we have, this Port will continue to be a leader in the shipping industry."

Wise, and commissioners Rich Dines, Doug Drummond and Nick Sramek voted in favor of purchasing the Airport Plaza building. Board Vice President Thomas Fields voted against.

The purchase price for the vacant building, which was once occupied by the Boeing Corp., is \$14.25 million. The Port expects to spend another \$9 million in renovations. The closing date for escrow is December 27.

The current Port Administration building at 925 Harbor Plaza, built in 1959, is overcrowded and does not meet today's seismic standards. The Harbor Commission has placed a priority on moving the Port staff out of the current location because of overcrowding and safety concerns.

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