

Minutes of the Lower Coastal Commission of Pilotage Meeting

March 9, 2021

Charleston Branch Pilots Association Office

6 Concord Street

Charleston, South Carolina 29401

\*\*\*Meeting was conducted by Conference Call\*\*\*

Board Members Present:

Ms. Amy Riley (Chairwoman)

Mr. Henry Hay III

Mr. David Galloway

Mr. Joel Britt

Capt. Chris Thornton

Excused Absences were noted for:

Mr. Darrell Johnson

Mr. Kenney Riley

Staff and Others Present:

Capt. John Cameron, Pilot Commission Consultant

Capt. Whit Smith, Charleston Pilots Assoc.

Ms. Elizabeth Hills, Charleston Pilot Assoc.

Ms. Laura Smith, LLR

Mr. Hardwick Stuart, LLR Advice Counsel

Lt. Chad Ray, USCG

Ms. Owen Gregory, Secretary

The Commissioners of Pilotage for the Port of Charleston met Tuesday March 9, 2021 by conference call. Whereas, proper notice of date, time, place and agenda information having been properly provided to the Charleston Post and Courier and proper notice also having been posted on the LLR website/Pilotage 24 hours prior to the time scheduled for the meeting and a quorum having been noted as present, Chairwoman Riley called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM. All votes referenced herein were unanimous unless otherwise noted.

Chairman Riley asked the Commission to approve the agenda. **Motion:** Commissioner Hay moved to approve the agenda and Commissioner Galloway seconded. **The motion passed.** Chairwoman Riley asked the members to read and review the draft of minutes taken during the February 9, 2021 meeting. **Motion:** Commissioner Thornton moved to accept the minutes and Commissioner Galloway seconded. **The motion passed.** Chairwoman Riley asked the Commission to approve the January Financial Report. **Motion:** Commissioner Hay moved to accept the financial report and Commissioner Galloway seconded. **The motion passed.**

Under old business, Lt. Ray reported on behalf of the Coast Guard. At this time, there is nothing to report on the aide of navigation.

Commissioner Galloway reported that Cantey Tech was still working on the automated notification system for Channel 13 Recording. The system seems to be working well.

Ms. Smith reported for LLR. Ms. Smith reported that all fulltime staff for LLR will be returning to their offices on Monday March 15,2021. COVID extensions are still in place regarding pilot physicals. Ms. Smith reminded the Commissioners that they needed to have their information updated to the State Ethics Commission by March 30, 2021.

Ms. Smith reported that bill S.295 (Apprenticeship and Criminal Conviction) and that H.3019 (Pilotage Education) have both been introduced and have not made it to Sub-Committee meetings yet.

Capt. Cameron reported on Pilot/Ladder Safety. Capt. Cameron reported that there had been a few routine discrepancies. Maersk Line has sent out a notice to all of its vessels and they are working to correct any boarding ladder issues. The Commission decided that Pilot/Ladder Safety be removed from the agenda going forward.

Capt. Cameron reported that Covid-19 precautions continue as noted previously. As of 5 pm March 9, 2021, 30 out of 41 employees are fully vaccinated. The Pilots and employees are still using COVID precautions.

Capt. Cameron updated the Commission on LLR issuing ID cards to the Pilots. ID cards would be valid until a Pilots' 70<sup>th</sup> birthday. ID cards can be issued to all Pilots to carry on their person. Ms. Smith is looking into LLR's production of the ID cards.

Under Commissioner Comments, Commissioner Galloway reminded the Commission that there was a Charleston County Legislative Delegation Meeting on March 10,2021. Elizabeth Hills was congratulated on her award from the Maritime Association and recognition during their annual meeting. A rate increase was discussed and proposed. Commissioner Hay moved for the proposal to be added to the April agenda. Commissioner Galloway seconded. The motion passed. It will be added to the agenda for the April meeting. Public Notice will be put in the paper for the thirty-day requirement.

There were no legal comments.

There were no public comments.

There were no announcements.

There being no further business to bring before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ms. Amy Riley  
Chairwoman

A.Owen Gregory  
Secretary