

Minutes of the Lower Coastal Commission of Pilotage Meeting

November 9, 2021
Charleston Branch Pilots Association Office
6 Concord Street
Charleston, South Carolina 29401

Board Members Present:

Ms. Amy Riley (Chairwoman)
Mr. Henry Hay III
Mr. David Galloway
Mr. Joel Britt

Excused Absences were noted for:

Mr. Darrell Johnson
Capt. Chris Thornton
Mr. Kenny Riley

Staff and Others Present:

Capt. John Cameron, Pilot Commission Consultant
Capt. Whit Smith, Charleston Pilots Assoc.
Ms. Elizabeth Hills, Charleston Pilot Assoc.
Mr. Hardwick Stuart, LLR Advice Counsel
Lt. Ryan Brodie, USCG
Mr. Nick Wong, Charleston Maritime Assoc.
Ms. Owen Gregory, Secretary

The Commissioners of Pilotage for the Port of Charleston met Tuesday November 9, 2021 at the Charleston Branch Pilots Assoc. Office. 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.

Chairwoman Riley asked the members to approve the agenda. **Motion:** Commissioner Galloway moved to accept the agenda and Commissioner Britt seconded. **The motion passed.** Chairwoman Riley asked the Commission to approve the October 12, 2021 minutes and the October Financial Report. **Motion:** Commissioner Galloway moved to accept the minutes and the financial report and Commissioner Hay seconded. **The motion passed.**

Under old business, Lt. Ryan Brodie reported on behalf of the Coast Guard. Lt. Brodie informed the Commission that the Maria Bray would be putting 12 buoys back on station and will be taking 7 buoys off station for dredging.

Mr. Stuart reported that there is nothing new to report from LLR at this time.

Capt. Cameron reported that there is nothing new regarding the legislative bills at this time.

Capt. Cameron reported that there is nothing new regarding COVID-19 at this time.

Under New Business, Capt. Cameron reported that Capt. Kratz, Capt. Rowe and Capt. Ward will be eligible to move from Second Short Branch Pilots to Third Short Branch Pilots effective January 1, 2022. They will need to fulfill their written exam, oral exam and meet with the exam board. This will then add 3 feet of draft to their limit, from 35 ft. to 38 ft. Their tonnage limit will also increase from 90,000 to 120,000.

Commissioner Galloway put forth the motion to not schedule a December meeting. Commissioner Britt seconded. **The motion passed.**

Under Commissioner comments, Capt. Cameron informed the Commission about the possibility of two cruise ships in Port Royal. It was proposed to add Port Royal to the cruise route, but Port Royal has concluded that it would be difficult to take these ships on due to the shallow channel.

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