

Minutes of the Lower Coastal Commission of Pilotage Meeting

February 8, 2022

Charleston Branch Pilots Association Office

6 Concord Street

Charleston, South Carolina 29401

Meeting was Conducted via Conference Call1

Board Members Present:

Mr. David Galloway (Chairman)
Mr. Henry Hay III
Mr. Joel Britt
Capt. Chris Thornton

Excused Absences were noted for:

Mr. Darrell Johnson
Ms. Amy 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
Ms. Owen Gregory, Secretary

The Commissioners of Pilotage for the Port of Charleston met February 8, 2022 via 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, Chairman Galloway called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM. All votes referenced herein were unanimous unless otherwise noted.

Chairman Galloway asked the members to approve the agenda. **Motion:** Commissioner Hay moved to accept the agenda and Commissioner Thornton seconded. **The motion passed.** Chairman Galloway asked the Commission to approve the January 11, 2022 minutes and the January Financial Reports. **Motion:** Commissioner Britt moved to accept the minutes and the financial report and Commissioner Hay seconded. **The motion passed.**

Under old business, there was nothing to report from the Coast Guard.

Ms. Smith reported for LLR. LLR is expecting annual health forms for Capt. Upton and Capt. Thornton by February 28, 2022. Ms. Smith informed the Commission that the ILA has a new President, Mr. Charles Brave. He will be taking Kenny Riley's seat on the Commission and will delegate an individual to represent the ILA in the coming weeks.

Capt. Cameron reported that Bob Coble with Nexton Pruitt would be present on February 8, 2022 at the committee meeting regarding the new education bill and looking to remove Pilot language from the bill.

Capt. Cameron reported that the Charleston Pilots have enacted the previous Covid-19 protocols. The Pilots are following CDC guidelines and wearing masks aboard all ships.

Under New Business, Capt. Cameron released the Annual Rate Adjustment from the Pilots to the Commissioners. The new rate increase was discussed and proposed. The rate adjustment will be added to the agenda for the April meeting. Public Notice will be put in the paper for the thirty-day requirement. The Pilots have also proposed a Minimal Rate for the Ports and Harbors outside of the Charleston area. This will be included in the Public Notice and will also be published in the Beaufort paper.

Under Commissioner comments, Commissioner Galloway informed the Commission that the annual economic statements had been emailed to all Commissioners and the deadline to return the statements is the end of March.

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,
Mr. David R. Galloway
Chairman

A.Owen Gregory
Secretary