

Minutes of the Lower Coastal Commission of Pilotage Meeting

March 8, 2022

Charleston Branch Pilots Association Office

6 Concord Street

Charleston, South Carolina 29401

\*\*\*Meeting was Conducted via Conference Call\*\*\*1

Board Members Present:

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

Excused Absences were noted for:

Mr. Darrell Johnson

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. Ryan Brodie, USCG  
Mr. Nick Wong, Charleston Maritime Assoc.  
Ms. Owen Gregory, Secretary

The Commissioners of Pilotage for the Port of Charleston met March 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 Riley moved to accept the agenda and Commissioner Thornton seconded. **The motion passed.** Chairman Galloway asked the Commission to approve the February 8, 2022 minutes and the February Financial Reports. **Motion:** Commissioner Thornton moved to accept the minutes and the financial report and Commissioner Riley seconded. **The motion passed.**

Under old business, Lt. Ryan Brodie reported to the Commission that there was a standstill in the Aids of Navigation post 45 dredging. Capt. Cameron informed the Commission that the Pilots were very appreciative in how quickly the buoys were moved back into place.

Ms. Smith reported for LLR. LLR is expecting annual health forms for Capt. Upton and Capt. Coombs, Capt. Dukes and Capt. E. Sanders due by March 31, 2022. Ms. Smith informed the Commission

that the ILA new President, Mr. Charles Brave, will delegate his seat to an individual and we will have that information in the coming weeks.

Capt. Cameron reported that he and Bob Coble with Nexton were pleased with the legislative meeting they attended on February 8, 2022 regarding the reciprocity of apprenticeships. They will work with the Commission making sure no apprenticeships with Pilots can be reciprocal. Regarding the education bill, the Maritime Association has been speaking with Gilliard and he has been receptive in including all aspects of the Maritime Industry in the educational course.

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