

Minutes of the Lower Coastal Commission of Pilotage Meeting

August 9, 2022

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

Board Members Present:

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

Excused Absences were noted for:

Mr. Ben Flowers  
Mr. Darrell Johnson

Staff and Others Present:

Capt. John Cameron, Pilot Commission Consultant  
Capt. Whit Smith, Charleston Pilots Assoc.  
Ms. Elizabeth Hills, Charleston Pilots Assoc.  
Ms. Laura Smith, LLR  
Mr. Hardwick Stuart, LLR Advice Counsel  
Lt. James Sullivan, USCG  
Ms. Owen Gregory, Secretary

The Commissioners of Pilotage for the Port of Charleston met August 9, 2022 at the Charleston Pilots 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, Chairman Galloway called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM. All votes referenced herein were unanimous 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 July 12, 2022 minutes and the July financial reports. **Motion:** Commissioner Thornton moved to accept the minutes and the financial report and Commissioner Hay seconded. **The motion passed.**

Under old business, Lt. Sullivan reported for the Coast Guard. There will be limited access to Kiawah 1sq. mile offshore from August 10 through August 16. Army Corps will be performing their swim around September 18 - 19.

Ms. Smith reported for LLR. LLR is expecting health forms from Capt. Thomas.

Capt. Cameron reported to the Commission regarding the 2022 Regulatory Review Report. Capt. Cameron informed the Commission that a draft of the recommended changes to the report was submitted by August 5, 2022. These changes were with regard to Apprentice and Short Branch

Qualifications, Evaluation and Training, Pilot Administration, Pilot Operations and Pilot Administration. Capt. Cameron will provide the Commission a clean copy of the changes and will be ready for the October 3<sup>rd</sup> deadline.

Under New Business, Capt. Cameron informed the Commission that NOAA was looking into changing the Right Whale Speed of vessels. It states that vessels 65 feet and longer can go no more than 10 knots with the exception to law enforcement vessels. NOAA is looking to change the vessel length down to 35 feet, to include all recreational and commercial vessels. The American Pilot Assoc. tried to have all dredge channels exempted from this rule. NOAA would like to have a form signed by both the Pilot and Master with no coercion if any speed exceeds 10 knots. The Commissioner Galloway requested that Melina Mann, LLR General Counsel, write an opinion to send to the Attorney General's office regarding the consequences of this provision.

There were no Commissioner comments.

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