

Minutes of the Lower Coastal Commission of Pilotage Meeting

September 13, 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

Excused Absences were noted for:

Mr. Ben Flowers
Mr. Darrell Johnson
Mr. Joel Britt

Staff and Others Present:

Capt. John Cameron, Pilot Commission Consultant
Capt. Whit Smith, Charleston Pilots Assoc.
Ms. Elizabeth Hills, Charleston Pilots Assoc.
Gov. Henry McMaster, Governor of S. C.
Ms. Laura Smith, LLR
Ms. Mary Wheat, LLR Counsel
Ms. Katie Phillips, LLR Govt. Affairs
Lt. Ryan Brodie, USCG
Mr. Nick Wong, Charleston Maritime Assoc.
Ms. Owen Gregory, Secretary

The Commissioners of Pilotage for the Port of Charleston met September 13, 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 Riley moved to accept the agenda and Commissioner Thornton seconded. **The motion passed.** Chairman Galloway asked the Commission to approve the August 9, 2022 minutes and the August financial reports. **Motion:** Commissioner Hay moved to accept the minutes and the financial report and Commissioner Riley seconded. **The motion passed.**

Under old business, Lt. Brodie reported for the Coast Guard. The Cutter Willow will put buoy 23 back on station and will continue their work on the sea buoy.

Ms. Smith reported for LLR. LLR is expecting health forms from Capt. Campsen and Capt. Upton.

Capt. Cameron reported to the Commission regarding the 2022 Regulatory Review Report. Capt. Cameron informed the Commission that the draft of the recommended changes to the report was submitted by August 5, 2022. Regarding updates and changes to the Review, eight (8) regulations were put forth to update and change from the initial package. Those changes would include Apprentice Requirements, Apprentice Training, Short Branch Qualifications, Fees, Pilot Vessel Operations, Pilot Charges and Fees, Pilot Functions and Responsibilities and Pilot Response. **Motion:** Commissioner Hay moved to approve the regulations as presented to the Commission and to send to LLR. Commissioner Thornton seconded. **The motion passed.**

Regarding the Right Whale Rule, NOAA's proposed amendments changing the regulations, Capt. Cameron discussed the updated letter to send to NOAA with comments and concerns of the new regulations. Comments to NOAA must be sent in by September 30, 2022. **Motion:** Commissioner Riley moved to accept the letter as written and amended. Commissioner Hay seconded. **The motion passed.**

There was no New Business.

Under Commissioner comments, Commissioner Thornton informed the Commission that there was incident over the Labor Day weekend. Nothing more was said at the time.

There were no legal comments.

There were no public comments.

Under Announcements: Nick Wong, Charleston Maritime Assoc. informed the Commission and others he was leaving the Maritime Association and thanked everyone for their involvement and wished them well.

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