

Minutes of the Lower Coastal Commission of Pilotage Meeting

February 14, 2023
Charleston Branch Pilots Association Office
6 Concord Street
Charleston, South Carolina 29401

Board Members Present:

Mr. Henry Hay (Chairman)
Ms. Amy Riley
Mr. David Galloway
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. Crayton Walters, Charleston Pilots Assoc.
Ms. Elizabeth Hills, Charleston Pilots Assoc.
Ms. Laura Smith, LLR
Mr. Hardwick Stuart, LLR Counsel
Lt. James Sullivan, USCG
Lt. Ryan Brodie
Ms. Owen Gregory, Secretary

The Commissioners of Pilotage for the Port of Charleston met February 14, 2023 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 Hay called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM. All votes referenced herein were unanimous otherwise noted.

Chairman Hay asked the members to approve the agenda. **Motion:** Commissioner Riley moved to accept the agenda and Commissioner Galloway seconded. **The motion passed.** Chairman Hay asked the Commission to approve the January 10, 2022 minutes and the January financial reports. **Motion:** Commissioner Britt 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. AIDS of Navigation wrapped up its post 45 moves, and they are awaiting the final chart locations from NOAA. Work on the entrance channel should wrap up by the end of the month. Buoy 6 is sunk offshore, Army Corps has it marked and it should be salvaged/replaced in March.

Capt. Cameron reported on the USCG report and findings regarding the Ever Forward. The policy can provide guidance to maintain focus, professionalism and vigilance while Piloting ships and to

keep distractions at bay. The Pilots are going to review the Policy and Procedure Manual and look to strengthen the regulations and policies.

Ms. Smith reported for LLR. LLR is still expecting health forms from Capt. Weil's health forms are due by February 28, 2022. Ms. Smith reminded the Commission that their ethics forms are due by the end of March.

Capt. Cameron reported that the License Reciprocity bill is going back up in front of the Legislature on February 15, 2023. The bill had been modified before to exclude pilotage, and now we must make sure to get it back in for a modification. Capt. Cameron will be present in the session.

Under New Business, Capt. Cameron reported that a foreign flag ship shifted in the river without a state Pilot on board. A letter has been drafted to the Shipping Company, the Ship, the Shipyard where this move took place and to the Charleston Pilots regarding this incident.

Under Commissioner comments, Capt. Cameron released the Annual Rate Adjustment from the Pilots to the Commission. The new increase was discussed and proposed. The rate adjustments will be added to the April Agenda. Public Notice will be placed in the Post and Courier for thirty days.

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. Henry Hay
Chairman

A.Owen Gregory
Secretary