

Minutes of the Lower Coastal Commission of Pilotage Meeting

April 11, 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.  
Mr. Hardwick Stuart, LLR Counsel  
Lt. James Sullivan, USCG  
Ms. Valerie Torres, Maritime Assoc.  
Ms. Owen Gregory, Secretary

The Commissioners of Pilotage for the Port of Charleston met April 11, 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 Thornton seconded. **The motion passed.** Chairman Hay asked the Commission to approve the March 14, 2023 minutes and the March financial reports. **Motion:** Commissioner Galloway moved to accept the minutes and the financial report and Commissioner Thornton seconded. **The motion passed.**

Under old business, Lt. Sullivan reported for the Coast Guard. Charleston Race Week is April 20-23 and Lowcountry Swim Event will be in May; there will be some marine tweaking for water traffic. Lt. Sullivan reminded the Commission about the Change of Command ceremony for the new Sector of Command Capt. DelRosso.

Capt. Cameron informed the Commission that the Pilots would be following Maryland in their new protocol regarding cell phone use while on the bridge of a ship. The new protocol will be included in Chpt.14 – Job Description and Principles of Conduct in Section A and Paragraph 31. This would keep cellular use at a minimum while on a vessel. Chairman Hay asked the Commission to approve the

wording as written. **Motion:** Commissioner Galloway moved to accept and Commissioner Thornton seconded. **The motion passed.**

Mrs. Smith reported for LLR. LLR is expecting health forms from Capt. Lucas by April 30,2023. Mr. Stuart reminded the Commission that their ethics forms are due by the end of March.

Capt. Cameron discussed his latest trip to Columbia and going in front of the House Regulations Committee. He was asked questions regarding the Pilots and reported that no questions were asked regarding the details of the regulatory changes. All changes were adopted as proposed and passed unanimously.

Under New Business, the proposed Pilotage Rate Increase based on the Consumer Price Index/Cost of Living Increase was put on Public Notice for thirty days prior to this meeting. Commissioner Galloway made a motion to approve the rate increase as per the Public Notice. Commissioner Riley seconded the motion. **The motion passed.**

Regarding the Personnel Committee for Apprentices, Commissioners Galloway and Riley have volunteered to be on the Committee. It is requested that the Personnel Committee for the application process for new applicants be added to the agenda.

Under Commissioner comments, Chairman Hay introduced the Committee to Valerie Torres who was present representing the Maritime Association of S.C.

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