

Minutes of the Lower Coastal Commission of Pilotage Meeting

June 13, 2023

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

Board Members Present:

Mr. Henry Hay (Chairman)
Ms. Amy R. Page
Mr. David Galloway
Capt. Chris Thornton
Mr. Joel Britt
Mr. Ben Flowers

Excused Absences were noted for:

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

The Commissioners of Pilotage for the Port of Charleston met June 13, 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 Thornton moved to accept the agenda and Commissioner Britt seconded. **The motion passed.** Chairman Hay asked the Commission to approve the May 9, 2023 minutes and the April financial reports. **Motion:** Commissioner Britt 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. Winyah Bay entrance buoys comment period is open until June 19. The Soccastee Swing bridge is operating on a limited schedule.

Ms. Smith reported for LLR. Andrew McIntire's physical is due by June 30, 2023.

Capt. Cameron reported that he was informed that the regulations that were proposed to the Assembly have passed. Mr. Stuart also informed the Commission that the statute had passed as well. Changes to the policy manual are pending, and need to be added to the agenda.

Commissioner Thornton proposed a motion to the Commission to apply new Short Branch draft limits. The Fourth Short Branch draft is no up to 7 feet deeper than the Third Short Branch draft, which now is 45 feet to any terminal. Motion passed unanimously.

The Personnel Committee regarding New Apprentices met in May and went through all active applicants and inactive applicants. Letters were drafted and mailed to those who are active. At the time of this Commission meeting, 16 applicants had replied to the correspondence out of a total of 25 applicants. Capt. Cameron informed the Commission that he had searched through his emails, and found two additional applicants with active applications. It was recommended to add those two names to the applicant list. Letters will be sent to those two applicants.

Under New Business, Capt. Thornton proposed a motion to changes to the rate card. Commissioner Thornton asked that it be added to the July agenda to clarify detention changes and add interest to late payments. Commissioner Britt seconded. The motion passed.

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