

Minutes of the Lower Coastal Commission of Pilotage Meeting

November 14, 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
Mr. Joel Britt
Capt. Chris Thornton

Excused Absences were noted for:

Mr. Darrell Johnson
Mr. Ben Flowers

Staff and Others Present:

Capt. John Cameron, Pilot Commission Consultant
Capt. Crayton Walters, Charleston Pilots Association
Ms. Laura Smith, LLR
Mr. Hardwick Stuart, LLR Counsel
Lt. James Sullivan, USCG
Ms. Owen Gregory, Secretary

The Commissioners of Pilotage for the Port of Charleston met November 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 Page moved to accept the agenda and Commissioner Galloway seconded. **The motion passed.** Chairman Hay asked the Commission to approve the October 10, 2023 minutes and the October financial reports. **Motion:** Commissioner Britt moved to accept the minutes and the financial report and Commissioner Galloway seconded. **The motion passed.**

Under old business, Lt. Sullivan reported for the Coast Guard. There is authorization for the rebuild in the Cooper River. Wando 7, 7A and 8 will be relocating in December. The Parade of Boats is scheduled for December 9.

Ms. Smith reported for LLR. Capt. Swan, Capt. Cisco, Capt. Teal and Capt. Rowe all have physicals due by 11/30.

Capt. Cameron reported that changes regarding the right whale issue would be incorporated after they are issued by the Federal Government. NOAA should have the new regulations by the end of the year.

Commissioner Galloway reported for the Personnel Committee. Interviews have been scheduled and are underway.

Under New Business, Chairman Hay put forth a motion to close the meeting. Commissioner Galloway seconded. Everyone will be excused except for the Commission, staff and Capt. Cameron. The sole purpose for this closed meeting was to review the Coast Guard's draft facts statement and to provide any comment, which is part of the NTSB joint investigation into the incident involving the BOW TRIUMPH. Pursuant to 49.C.F.R.Part 831, this information is confidential and the NTSB is the sole source of any public information regarding the progress of an accident investigation. Chairman Hay put the motion to come out of closed session. Commissioner Galloway seconded.

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