

Minutes of the Lower Coastal Commission of Pilotage Meeting

February 13, 2024

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

Board Members Present:

Mr. Henry Hay (Chairman)
Mr. David Galloway
Mr. Joel Britt
Capt. Chris Thornton

Excused Absences were noted for:

Mrs. Amy W. Page
Mr. Darrell Johnson
Mr. Ben Flowers

Staff and Others Present:

Capt. John Cameron, Pilot Commission Consultant
Capt. Crayton Walters, Charleston Pilots Association
Ms. Elizabeth Hills, 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 February 13, 2024 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 Page 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 Hay moved to accept the agenda and Commissioner Thornton seconded. **The motion passed.** Chairman Galloway asked the Commission to approve the January 9, 2024 minutes and the January financial reports. **Motion:** Commissioner Hay moved to accept the minutes and the financial report and Commissioner Britt seconded. **The motion passed.**

Under old business, Lt. Sullivan reported for the Coast Guard. They are still working on Alpha Range in Charleston.

Ms. Smith reported for LLR. Capt. Weil's physical is due 2/29. The ethics reports are due by 3/30.

Capt. Cameron informed the Commission that they are still waiting on the updated changes for the Right Whale Rules, as soon as NOAA makes them available.

Commissioner Galloway reported for the Personnel Committee. Almost all applicant interviews have been completed by the Pilots. Selection of Apprentices will be in the coming weeks.

Under New Business, Capt. Cameron informed the Commission about Bill H4823. It will go through to the Legislative Committee. It is requested that LLR submit policies of the Commission to be put into state regulation to preserve the integrity of the Pilots using Title 54.

Capt. Cameron also informed the Commission of an incident involving a tanker that collided with Pier Bravo. The NTSB and the CG are both investigating the incident. This item can be removed from the agenda until further notice.

Under Commissioner Comments, Capt. Thornton released the Annual Rate Adjustment from the Pilots to the Commission. Commissioner Hay made a motion to accept the proposed letter. Commissioner Britt seconded. The motion passed. Public Notice will be placed in the Post and Courier for thirty days. The rate adjustments will be added to the April Agenda.

There were no legal comments.

There were no public comments.

There being no further business to bring before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Amy W. Page
Chairman

A. Owen Gregory
Secretary