

Minutes of the Lower Coastal Commission of Pilotage Meeting

March 12, 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  
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 March 1, 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 Page asked the members to approve the agenda. **Motion:** Commissioner Hay moved to accept the agenda and Commissioner Thornton seconded. **The motion passed.** Chairman Page asked the Commission to approve the February 13, 2024 minutes and the February financial reports. **Motion:** Commissioner Hay 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. Spanish Reach is up for final approval with a completion date of May or June. Folly Beach renourishment request has come through, buoys will be moved. A reminder that security and limited accessibility around the bridge for the Cooper River Bridge Run on April 6, 2024.

Ms. Smith reported for LLR. Capt. Coombs and Capt. Sanders physical are due 3/31. 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.

Commissioner Page reported for the Personnel Committee. After all applicants had been interviewed by the Personnel Committee and the top list of 11 applicants had been interviewed by the Pilots, 3 Apprentices were selected with 5 alternates. This completes the process by the Personnel Committee.

Under New Business, the Pilots recommended Micah Sim, Ryan Sellers and Stephanie Sykora as New Apprentices for the Apprenticeship. **Motion:** the Personnel Committee recommends Sims, Sellers and Sykora as new Apprentices. **The motion passed.** The 5 alternates will follow the process in accordance with the policy.

There were no Commissioner Comments.

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