

Minutes of the Lower Coastal Commission of Pilotage Meeting

May 14, 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

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 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 May 14, 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 Britt seconded. **The motion passed.** Chairman Page asked the Commission to approve the April 9, 2024 minutes and the April 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. The light at Drum Idland has been extinguished due to an osprey nest, waiting on the nest to be cleared. Still awaiting news on the Union Pier property and Bennetts Reach. Lowcountry Splash is taking place on the 18th of May and harbor traffic will be moved during the swim.

Ms. Smith reported for LLR. Capt. MacIntire's physical is due by 6/30.

Capt. Cameron informed the Commission that they are still waiting on the updated changes for the Right Whale Rules. NOAA was in Savannah with the Savannah Pilots and investigating the impact. There is no new news from Columbia regarding the Permitting Bill.

Commissioner Page reported for the Personnel Committee. The Apprentices began their Apprenticeship on May 1, 2024. Performance evaluations will be conducted every 6 months. The Personnel Committee can now be removed from the Agenda.

Under New Business. Capt. Cameron informed the Commission that the NTSB had published their report regarding the Bow Triumph incident in September 2022. The Coast Guard has not finished with their report. NTSB findings are not scathing to Pilot.

There were no Commissioner Comments.

Under legal comments, Commissioner Galloway moves to go into Executive Session. Commissioner Hay seconded. All in favor say "Aye." Everyone will be excused except for the Commission and Legal. Commissioner Hay moves to come out of Executive Session. Commissioner Galloway seconded.

There were no Announcements.

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