

Minutes of the Lower Coastal Commission of Pilotage Meeting

July 9, 2024

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

Board Members Present:

Mrs. Amy W. Page (Chairman)
Mr. Joel Britt
Mr. David R. Galloway
Mr. Henry Hay
Capt. Chris Thornton

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. 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 July 9, 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 June 11, 2024 minutes and the June 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. 72 Alpha in the Cooper River is still off station. It looks like it will return sometime next week. A Trump Boat Parade is scheduled for August 3rd, the CG is ironing out the details of the route in the harbor.

Ms. Smith reported for LLR. Capt. MacIntire's physical has not been received, it was due 6/30.

Capt. Cameron informed the Commission that the Pilot's Regulation Committee has met and the Pilots have submitted a letter regarding recommendations for revision to the Commission.

Capt. Cameron informed the Commission that the Pilots received a letter regarding the Right Whale Ruling. The letter was dated June 18, 2024, and the APA did not receive it until July 9, 2024. There is a comment period that ends August 18, 2024. It seems that NOAA would like a complete overhaul in Coastal Zones. The Pilots are asking the Commission to comment by the date specified of August the 18. Commissioner Galloway put forth the motion to give Chairman Riley the authority to Capt. Cameron, Pilot Commission Consultant, to draft a letter to NOAA and other State Agencies regarding the concerns of the ruling. Commissioner Thornton seconded. The motion passed.

There was no New Business.

There were no Commissioner Comments.

Under legal comments, Commissioner Galloway moved to go into Executive. Commissioner Thornton seconded. Everyone will be excused except for the Commission and Legal. Commissioner Page moved to come out of Executive Session.

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