

Minutes of the Lower Coastal Commission of Pilotage Meeting

September 13, 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

Excused Absences were noted for:

Capt. Chris Thornton  
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. T.J.Walker, USCG  
Ms. Owen Gregory, Secretary

The Commissioners of Pilotage for the Port of Charleston met September 10, 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 August 13, 2024 minutes and the August 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. Walker reported for the Coast Guard. The USNF Lewis & Clark will be arriving on September 30 for a week long off-load, and will have increased security. Swim Around Charleston has been rescheduled for October 13 at Rimley's Point. Myrtle Beach is hosting a Maga boat parade that has also been rescheduled for September 14. Weather permitting.

Ms. Smith reported for LLR. Ms. Smith is still waiting on Capt. Kratz's physical..

Capt. Cameron reported to the Commission that the letter regarding the Right Whale Ruling had been submitted and mailed to Myra Reece (DHEC). DES also submitted a letter. Some states have objected to the NOAA ruling, and it is just a waiting game now after the comment period is closed.

There was no New Business.

It was announced that Cpt. Thornton will be stepping down as Commissioner for The Pilots, and the Pilots have voted for Hank Coombs to take the Commissioner Seat. Just awaiting the approval from the Office of the Governor.

Under legal comments, it was advised that Executive session can come off the Agenda.

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

