

Minutes of the Lower Coastal Commission of Pilotage Meeting

November 12, 2024  
Charleston Branch Pilots Association Office  
6 Concord Street  
Charleston, South Carolina 29401

Board Members Present:

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

Staff and Others Present:

Capt. John Cameron, Pilot Commission Consultant  
Capt. Crayton Walters, Charleston Pilots Association  
Ms. Laura Smith, LLR  
Mr. Cory Griffen, LLR  
Mr. Hardwick Stuart, LLR Counsel  
Lt. James Sullivan, USCG  
Ms. Owen Gregory, Secretary

The Commissioners of Pilotage for the Port of Charleston met November 12, 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 Thornton moved to accept the agenda and Commissioner Britt seconded. **The motion passed.** Chairman Page asked the Commission to approve the October 8, 2024 minutes and the October financial reports. **Motion:** Commissioner Britt 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. There will be 2 dead ship tows in the next two weeks. The Coast Guard is aware that there are some issues with the Notice to Mariners, and are working on it.

Ms. Smith reported for LLR. Physicals are due for Capt Ward 10/31, Capt. Cisco and Capt. Rowe 11/30, and Capt. Logan and Capt. Teal 12/31.

Capt. Cameron reported on the Regulation update. The Pilots from VA, NC and SC posed objections to some of the new policies proposed from the Right Whale Rule. Mediation can be pursued in this instance, and DES is planning on requesting mediation. NOAA has still not published the ruling as of yet.

There was no New Business.

Commissioner Thornton reported to the Commission that the Pilots had requested a new Blue Sheet grading scale for Apprentices. Four main attributes for grading standards will include communications, procedures, skill fullness and attitude. New grading system will focus more in depth of the four attributes. The 6 month performance reports are coming due for the Apprentices, so those need to be added to the December Agenda.

There were no legal comments.

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

**Financial Report**

Commissioners of Pilotage

December 1, 2024

**Balance as of October 31, 2024** **\$ 52,251.10**

11/8	Check #1352	David Galloway, Jr (Reimbursement APA Convention)	<b>-1,854.71</b>
11/12	Check #1353	Tradeworthy, Inc. (Invoice 2022-2024)	<b>-27,437.50</b>
11/12	Check #1354	Amy W Riley (Reimbursement APA Convention)	<b>-2,143.52</b>
11/30	Interest Payment		<b>+0.39</b>

**Balance as of November 30, 2024** **\$ 20,814.98**