

Minutes of the Lower Coastal Commission of Pilotage Meeting

January 14, 2025  
Charleston Branch Pilots Association Office  
6 Concord Street  
Charleston, South Carolina 29401

Board Members Present:

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

Excused Absences were noted for:

Mr. Ben Flowers

Staff and Others Present:

Capt. John Cameron, Pilot Commission Consultant  
Ms. Laura Smith, LLR  
Mr. Hardwick Stuart, LLR Counsel  
Lt. Ben Severson, USCG  
Ms. Valerie Torres, Maritime Assoc. of S.C.  
Ms. Owen Gregory, Secretary

The Commissioners of Pilotage for the Port of Charleston met January 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 Galloway asked the members to approve the agenda. **Motion:** Commissioner Hay moved to accept the agenda and Commissioner Page seconded. **The motion passed.** Chairman Galloway asked the Commission to approve the December 10, 2024 minutes and the December financial reports. **Motion:** Commissioner Page moved to accept the minutes and the financial report and Commissioner Britt seconded. **The motion passed.**

Under old business, Lt. Severson reported for the Coast Guard. There will be a dead ship tow from Virginia that should be arriving on the 20<sup>th</sup> off January. The Bow Triumph CG report is finished. There will be a security drill on Sunday the 12<sup>th</sup> of January; no distractions to channel traffic. The Harbor Safety Committee will be meeting on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of January. The CG D7 meeting will be taking place on January 28<sup>th</sup> and will include Brunswick and Savannah.

Ms. Smith reported for LLR. Physicals for Capt. Thornton and Capt. Stewart are due on by the 31<sup>st</sup> of January.

Capt. Cameron was informed about Bill H-3021, pre-filed, regarding the ‘Small Business Regulatory Freedom Act.’ Basically, New Regulations to Reduce Regulations.

Under New Business, Capt. Cameron informed the Commission that the Annual Report had been released for 2024. There had been 1,890 arrivals, 3,994 moves with 200 moves per Pilot. There are 20 licensed Pilots, and the goal is still to have no more than 300 moves per pilot. 10% of business in 2024 was in bulk ships. The Annual Pilot Register includes all 20 Pilots. Commissioner Hay moved to accept the Register of Pilots. Commissioner Page seconded. **The motion passed.**

Chairman Galloway informed the Commission that the Bow Triumph report was under review with Counsel and would like to have it added to the Agenda for February.

Under Commissioner Comments, Chairman Galloway reminded the Commission that Ms. Gregory was resigning, and that there is an interested candidate to take her place, Valerie Torres.

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,

Mr. David R. Galloway, Jr.  
Chairman

A. Owen Gregory  
Secretary

