

Minutes of the Lower Coastal Commission of Pilotage Meeting

February 11, 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
Capt. Chris Thornton

Excused Absences were noted for:

Mr. Ben Flowers

Staff and Others Present:

Capt. John Cameron, Pilot Commission Consultant
Capt. Crayton Walters, Charleston Pilots Assoc.
Mrs. Elizabeth Hills, Charleston Pilots Assoc.
Ms. Mary Lee, 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 February 11, 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 Page moved to accept the agenda and Commissioner Hay seconded. **The motion passed.** Chairman Galloway asked the Commission to approve the January 14, 2024 minutes and the January financial reports. **Motion:** Commissioner Hay moved to accept the minutes and the financial report and Commissioner Page seconded. **The motion passed.**

Under Old Business, Lt. Severson reported for the Coast Guard. Great Lakes Dredging will begin dredging the North side of the Channel on the first of March and continue through the 30th. The Coast Guard is still reviewing the outstanding issues with the changes in the Aids to Navigation.

Mr. Galloway reported for LLR. Capt. Weil has a physical due by the 28th of February.

Capt. Cameron reported that he and Capt. Walters were in Columbia for the Commerce and Industry Committee meeting where the changes in Regulations (that were submitted in Oct.) were reviewed.

Under New Business, Chairman Galloway reminded the Commission that the Bow Triumph Report was completed by the Coast Guard. Capt. Cameron recommended the Commission review the report by the Coast Guard, as well as the NTSB Report. Please leave the Bow Triumph on the Agenda for March to give the Commissioners time to review both Reports. Capt. Walters reported to the Commission that the Pilots had requested that the Commission review the Rate Adjustments for 2025 – including the COLA, an additional fee to the rates and fees for Pilotage and to establish a zone structure for pilotage fees.

There were no Commissioner Comments.

Under legal comments, Commissioner Page moved to go into executive session. Capt. Thornton seconded. The motion passed. Commissioner Thornton moved to come out of executive session. Commissioner Page seconded. The motion passed.

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