

Minutes of the Lower Coastal Commission of Pilotage Meeting

April 8, 2025

Charleston Branch Pilots Association Office

6 Concord Street

Charleston, South Carolina 29401

Time: 5:04

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Present:

- Board Members: Mr. David R. Galloway (Chairman), Mr. Henry Hay, Mrs. Amy W. Page, Capt. Chris Thornton, Mr. Joel Britt, Mr. Derrick Holmes
- Others: Capt. John Cameron (Pilot Commission Consultant), Capt. Crayton Walters, Mrs. Elizabeth Hills (Charleston Pilots Assoc.), Ms. Laura Smith (SCLLR Board Executive), Mr. Hardwick Stuart (SCLLR Board Counsel) Lt. Ben Severson (USCG), Ms. Valerie Torres (Maritime Assoc. of S.C.)

2. Approval of Agenda

- Motion by Mrs. Page, seconded by Capt. Thornton. Approved unanimously.

3. Approval of Minutes and Financial Report

- Motion by Capt. Thornton, seconded by Mr. Britt. Approved unanimously. (attached)

4. Old Business

- **Coast Guard Updates:**
 - Naval Information Warfare Center testing operations offshore with safety notices on Channels 13 & 16.
 - Charleston Race Week and tug coordination reviewed.
 - Bridge Run: Successful, no issues.
 - Awaiting approval of Pilots' request for light configuration for Delta and Foxtrot Ranges.
- **LLR Report:**
 - Physical reports due for Gerald Lucas and John Dukes.
 - Mrs. Page reappointed; address verification pending.

- **Regulations Update:**

- Proposed regulatory changes include clarifying pilotage areas, incident reporting updates, and other adjustments. Approval received in subcommittees and full committees of both the House and Senate.

- **Legislative Updates:**

- Small Business Regulatory Freedom Act: Pilots flagged concerns; pending in Senate.
- Reciprocity Bill: No progress reported.

- **Rate Adjustments:**

- CPI adjustment of 2.9% approved.
- Ancillary fees remain unchanged.

- **Shift and Transportation Fee Adjustments:**

- Shift fee adjusted for new zone structure, including unmooring/remooring and four new zones. Also approved fee structure for shifts outside of Charleston Harbor.
- \$250 transportation fee approved for inbound and outbound passage for commercial vessels.

- **Rate Card Changes:**

- Approved with clarified detention charges and exceptions. Motion by Mrs. Page, seconded by Mr. Hay. Approved unanimously. (attached)

5. New Business, Comments, and Announcements

- No new business, legal, commissioner, or public comments.
- No announcements.

Meeting adjourned after all business concluded.