

SOUTH CAROLINA COMMISSIONERS OF PILOTAGE LOWER COASTAL

Monthly Meeting Agenda

January 13, 2026, 5:00 PM

Charleston Pilots Office

6 Concord Street, Charleston, SC 29401

Present:

Board Members Present:

Mr. Henry Hay (Chairman), Mrs. Amy W. Page, Mr. Henry Coombs, Mr. Joel Britt

Staff and Others Present:

Capt. Crayton Walters, Charleston Pilots Assoc.

McKenzie Miles-Addison, Charleston Pilots Assoc.

Mrs. Laura Smith, LLR Board Executive

Hardwick Stuart SCLLR Board Counsel

Capt. John Cameron, Charleston Pilots Assoc,

Ms. Valerie Torres, Maritime Assoc. of S.C./Pilot Commission secretary

Call to Order/Attendance

Meeting was called to order at 5:08 pm by Mr. Henry Hay, Lower Pilotage Commission Chairman.

Public Notice of this meeting was properly posted at the office of the LLR South Carolina Board of Commissioners of Pilotage website and at the Charleston Pilots Office, 6 Concord Street, Charleston SC. It was provided to any requesting persons, organizations or news media in compliance with Section 30-4-80 of the 1976 South Carolina Code, as amended, relation to the Freedom of Information Act. A quorum is noted as present/not present. All votes referenced herein were unanimous unless otherwise indicated.

Approval of Agenda Mr. Hay

The agenda was reviewed.

- **Motion:** Approval of the agenda
- **Seconded by:** Mrs. Amy W. Page
- **Vote:** Unanimous approval

Approval of Minutes and Financial Report Mr. Galloway

The minutes November 12, 2025, and financial report was reviewed.

- **Motion:** Approval of the minutes & Financial report, Mrs. Amy W. Page
- **Seconded by:** Mr. Henry Coombs
- **Vote:** Unanimous approval

Old Business

Coast Guard Report

- No report

LLR Report

- Everyone turned in physicals and are up-to-date through December 2025. Christopher Thornton and Jay Stewart are due for January

Policy/Procedure update

- Fully staffed at Charleston Branch Pilots Association
- Recommendation by John Cameron – move forward post haste to chapter 9
- John Cameron to present a draft of the revised chapter 9 at next meeting

- Online application: Mr. Hay questions if we review these online application changes at next meeting to which Mr. Cameron confirms
 - Mr. Cameron presented annual report
 - 1,928 ships arrived; slightly below average but above last year's
 - Bottom line: 202 jobs per licensed pilot
 - Commissioners maintained stewardship to ensure enough pilots retained to do the job
 - Average: 205/206 over last five years – Mr. Hay says well within recommended which is 300 according to policies and procedures manual
 - Difference: Wando 3 burse opening; lost cruise ships in 2025; increase in container ships made up for loss in cruise ships (which negated loss in tanker traffic); + or – 38 at port authority terminals
 - Tankers – 76% to 83% -- losing diversity, but overall tonnage this year is second or third highest ever
- **Motion:** Approval of the Annual Report: Mrs. Amy W. Page
- **Seconded by:** Mr. Henry Coombs
- **Vote:** Unanimous approval
 - Annual pilot registration: Mr. Cameron presents the annual number list
- **Motion:** Approval of the Annual pilot registration: Mrs. Amy W. Page
- **Seconded by:** Mr. Joel Britt
- **Vote:** Unanimous approval

New Business

- There was no new business

Commissioners Comments

- There were no commissioner comments

Legal Comments

- There were no legal comments

Public Comments

- President Walters spoke on the pilot who tragically died in Florida

Announcements

- There were no announcements.

Adjournment

- 5:18 pm

Next Meeting scheduled Tuesday, February 10, 2026