

SOUTH CAROLINA COMMISSIONERS OF PILOTAGE LOWER COASTAL

Monthly Meeting Minutes

August 11, 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. David Galloway

Staff and Others Present:

Capt. Crayton Walters, Charleston Pilots Assoc.

McKenzie Miles-Addison, Charleston Pilots Assoc.

Hardwick Stuart SCLLR Board Counsel

Mrs. Laura Smith, LLR Board Executive

Capt. John Cameron, Charleston Pilots Assoc,

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

Lieutenant Nick Jones, USCG

Call to Order/Attendance Mr. Henry Hay

Meeting was called to order at 5:01 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. All votes referenced herein were unanimous unless otherwise indicated.

Approval of Agenda, Mr. Hay

The agenda was reviewed.

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

Approval of Minutes and Financial Report, Mr. Hay

The minutes July 14, 2026, and financial report was reviewed.

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

Old Business

Coast Guard Report

- Lieutenant Jones reported on the planned tow of the Coast Guard vessel Willow from Charleston to Norfolk and agreed to follow up regarding pilotage requirements for the commercial towing vessel.

LLR Report

- Mrs. Laura Smith reported the following physicals due:
 - **August:** Michael Kratz

Policy/Procedure Update

- No activity was reported; Chapter 9 updates remain on the work list.

Legislative Updates

- The Commission discussed federal language that would deauthorize Tidewater Reach and the potential impact on safe navigation in Charleston Harbor.
 - **Motion:** Mr. Henry Coombs made a motion to submit comments opposing the deauthorization of Tidewater Reach using Commission letterhead and to send copies to the appropriate legislative delegation and agencies.
 - **Seconded by:** Mrs. Amy W. Page
 - **Vote:** Unanimous approval

Personnel Committee Activity

- The Personnel Committee reported that notices had been sent to applicants who aged out and that eligible applicants were updating their applications. Interviews are expected to begin in September. Future correspondence should clarify that applicants remain under consideration only while their applications are current and they remain eligible.

New Business

- No new business

Commissioners Comments

- No commissioners comment

Legal Comments

- No legal comments

Public Comments

- Mr. John Cameron reported an August 1, 2026 incident involving the vessel Good Prospect and a McAllister tugboat near the Ravenel Bridge. The Coast Guard is investigating; no injuries or pollution were reported. The Commission will be updated as additional information becomes available.

Announcements

- No announcements.

Adjournment

- 5:40pm

Next Meeting scheduled Tuesday, September 8, 2026