

SOUTH CAROLINA COMMISSIONERS OF PILOTAGE LOWER COASTAL

Monthly Meeting Minutes

September 8, 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, Mr. Derrick Holmes,

Staff and Others Present:

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

Call to Order/Attendance Mr. Henry Hay

Meeting was called to order at 5:00 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

Call to Order

Mr. Henry Hay called the meeting to order and confirmed that members had reviewed the agenda.

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

Approval of Minutes and Financial Report, Mr. Hay

The minutes August 11, 2026, and financial report was reviewed. Mr Henry Hay noted a correction to the financial report. The reimbursement listed for the Chair was reported in error and should be voided

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

Old Business

Coast Guard Report

- No report

LLR Report

- No Report

Policy/Procedure Update

- Captain Cameron reported that there were no new policy or procedure updates. He stated that the proposed legislation remains unchanged from the previous meeting, including language concerning the removal of the Tidewater Reach reference.
- No further report was provided.

Legislative Updates

- Captain Cameron advised that his legislative update remained the same as previously reported and that there were no additional developments to discuss.
- Apprenticeship Procedures
 - No report was provided under apprenticeship procedures.

Personnel Committee Activity

- Mrs. Amy W. Page mentioned that notices had been sent to all applicants. There are currently **37 applicants** in the process.
- The committee is working to coordinate a meeting between Valerie Torres, Captain Cameron, and committee members to begin the evaluation process, establish scoring procedures, and schedule interviews.
- Mr. Henry Hay reiterated interest in participating in portions of the interview process to provide continuity and institutional knowledge, similar to prior recruitment efforts.
- The Chair acknowledged the request and stated that interested commissioners would be notified when appropriate.

New Business

- No new business

Commissioners Comments

- No commissioners comment

Legal Comments

- No legal comments

Public Comments

- No Public comments

Announcements

- There were no announcements.

Adjournment

- 5:05pm

Next Meeting scheduled Tuesday, October 13, 2026