

Minutes of the Lower Coastal Commission of Pilotage Meeting
February 6, 2018
899 Morrison Dr.
Charleston, SC 29402

Board Members present were:

Ms. Amy Riley (Chairwoman)
Mr. David Galloway
Capt. Chris Thornton
Mr. Keith Nell

Excused Absences were noted for:

Mr. Ken Riley
Mr. Henry Hay
Mr. Darrell Johnson

Staff and other present were:

Capt. John Cameron, Charleston Pilot Assoc.
Capt. Whit Smith, Charleston Pilot Assoc.
Ms. Elizabeth Hills, Charleston Pilot Assoc.
Dr. Rita Melton, LLR Administrator
Mr. Hardwick Stuart, LLR Advice Attorney
Ms. Annabelle Thies, Maritime Assoc.
Mrs. Noreen Milligan, Secretary

The Commissioners of Pilotage for the Port of Charleston met Tuesday February 6, 2018 at the Maritime Association Office, 899 Morrison Dr. in Charleston, South Carolina. Whereas, proper notice of date, time, place and agenda information having been properly provide to the Charleston Post and Courier and proper notice also having been posted at the Maritime Association Office 24 hours prior to the time scheduled for the meeting and quorum having been noted as present, Chairman Hay called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM. All votes reference herein was unanimous unless otherwise noted.

Chairwoman Riley asked the Commission to approve the agenda. **Motion:** Commissioner Galloway moved to approve the agenda and Commissioner Thornton seconded it. **The motion passed.** Chairwoman Riley asked the members to read the draft of minutes taken during the January 9, 2018 meeting. **Motion:** The minutes from January's meeting were approved with the exception of an amendment, proposed by Commissioner Galloway. The amendment to the January minutes is as follows: during the apprentice applicant interview process the Committee was not aware of the breakdown of the diversity of the applicants due to the applicant not being asked to define their race or gender identity. Commissioner Thornton moved to accept the minutes and Commissioner Galloway seconded the motion. **The motion passed.** Next, the Financial Report showed that checks written since the last meeting totaled \$857.25 and there was one deposit of \$4,560.00, the Commission had \$10,673.57 on hand. **Motion:** Commissioner Thornton

moved to accept the Financial Report and Commissioner Galloway seconded the motion. **The motion passed.**

Chairwoman Riley asked for public comment. Capt. Smith informed the Commission that Great Lakes Dredging would start next week dredging the Ft. Sumter Range bottom to create reefs. This is a concern for the pilots. This is in the area where the pilot board vessels. The reefs will not be marked. The pilots have contacted the Coast Guard but they have not heard back from them. Mr. Stuart said that the Commission could have an emergency meeting if need be. They just need to have a 24-hour notice. The pilots request this to be added to the agenda for next month's meeting. Capt. Smith presented a letter from the pilots to the Commission requesting the cost of living (COLA) rate adjustment. The pilots request the rate adjustment be placed on the agenda for the next meeting for the Commissioner's review. They are asking for a 2.1% increase. Mrs. Milligan will put a notice in the *Post and Courier* from February 8 through February 11 to notify the public of the request.

There was no representation from the Coast Guard. Capt. Cameron said that the Ft. Sumter Range should be operational at the end of the month. It will have solar LED lights.

Dr. Melton gave the LLR report. There were three physicals in February and one in March. Lesia Kudelka, Communication Director is still reviewing the Pilotage manual. Please continue to send updates to the LLR web site.

There was nothing new to report on the Savannah River Maritime Commission.

There was no new business

Chairwoman Riley asked if there were any announcements. Commissioner Galloway said that the Coast Guard is now testing for opioids. The Commission would like to have Dr. Galaid from Roper St. Francis to attend next months meeting to discuss the issue. Ms. Elizabeth Hills will contact him to see if he can attend. This will be added to the agenda for next months meeting. The Commission would like to add a **Commissioners Comment** section to the agenda. It will be added before the **Announcements section**. Commissioner Nell on behalf of the State Ports Authority thanked the pilots for their help during the Wando Terminal dock construction. Commissioner Nell gave an update on the new cranes delivery date. They will be arriving around the beginning of March. He also said that Berth 3 at the Wando Terminal maybe available around April 13, 2018.

There being no further business to bring before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Riley
Chairwoman

Noreen K. Milligan
Secretary

