

Minutes of the Lower Coastal Commission of Pilotage Meeting

February 9, 2016
899 Morrison Drive
Charleston, SC 29402

Board members present were:

Mr. David Galloway, Chairman (by phone)
Mr. Henry Hay
Capt. Chris Thornton
Ms. Amy Riley
Mr. Billy Lempesis
Mr. Stanley Gamble

Excused absences were noted for:

Mr. Ken Riley
Mrs. Kitty Cox (LLR)

Staff and others present were:

LT. John Downing, USCG
Capt. Whit Smith, Charleston Pilot Assoc.
Capt. John Cameron, Charleston Pilot Assoc.
Mr. Denver Merrill, Maritime Assoc.
Ms. Pam Zaresk, Maritime Assoc.
Mrs. Julia Bennett, Charleston Pilot Assoc.
Mrs. Noreen Milligan, Secretary

The Commissioners of Pilotage for the Port of Charleston met Tuesday February 9, 2016 at the Maritime Association Office, 899 Morrison Drive, 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 Galloway called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm. All votes referenced herein were unanimous unless otherwise noted.

Chairman Galloway asked the members to read the draft of minutes taken during the January 12th meeting. **Motion:** Commissioner Thornton moved to accept the minutes. Commissioner Riley seconded the motion. **The motion passed.** Next, the Finance Report showed that checks written since the last meeting totaled \$402.00 and there was one deposit of \$4,597.50 with all bills being paid, the Commission had \$11,240.77 on hand. **Motion:** Commissioner Thornton moved to accept the Finance Report and Commissioner Lempesis seconded the motion. **The motion passed.**

Chairman Galloway asked for public comment. There was no comment.

LT. Downing gave the Coast Guard report. Capt. Cameron asked the Coast Guard if the buoys in the Wando Channel could be moved out of the way when 14,000

TEU vessels are arriving and departing. The Coast Guard will look into it and get back with them.

Commissioner Hay gave the LLR report in Mrs. Cox's absence. There were 4 physicals due in February. The State Ethics Commission Filing is due March 30, 2016. LLR legal is developing a more HIPAA compliant medical release form for the apprentice application. A list of Occupational Medicine Physicians was given to Chairman Galloway and Capt. Cameron. The list contained physicians specializing in this practice who are licensed by South Carolina. LLR Director Taylor has been contacted again and given the most current NTSB letter approved by the Commission. Please continue to send in information to be posted on the web site for the Commission.

There is nothing new to report on the Savannah River Commission.

The Commission went over a *Request for Proposals* – They seek a South Carolina Licensed Physician to serve as a consultant and Reviewing Physician.
Motion: Commissioner Thornton motioned to have LLR legal go over the proposal and give their approval. Commissioner Riley seconded it. **Motion passed.**

Under new business the Commission was given an update on the performance of the 3 apprentices. They are all performing above average. They have completed the 1st year of the 3 year program. The pilots have requested that a cost of living (COLA) rate adjustment be placed on the agenda for the next meeting for the Commissioner's review. They are asking for a .7% increase. Mrs. Milligan will put a notice in the *Post and Courier* from 2/11-2/14 to notify the public of the request. The next meeting will be held on March 15 for the 30 days requirement. A synopsis was given to the Commission on the changes for Regulations 136-030 and 136-730. A Notice of Drafting was published in the *State Register* on May 22, 2015.

Synopsis: The South Carolina Commissioners on Pilotage propose to amend Regulation 136-030 for the Lower Coastal Area and amend Regulation 136-730 for the Upper Coastal Area regarding the physical examination requirements for pilots.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Noreen K. Milligan
Executive Secretary

David Galloway
Chairman