

Minutes of the Lower Coastal Commission of Pilotage Meeting  
December 19, 2017  
899 Morrison Dr.  
Charleston, SC 29402

Board Members present were:

Mr. Henry Hay (Chairman)  
Mr. David Galloway  
Capt. Chris Thornton  
Ms. Amy Riley  
Mr. Keith Nell  
Mr. Darrell Johnson

Excused Absences were noted for:

Mr. Ken Riley

Staff and other present were:

Capt. John Cameron, Charleston Pilot Assoc.  
Capt. Whit Smith, Charleston Pilot Assoc.  
Ms. Elizabeth Hills, Charleston Pilot Assoc.  
Mr. Brad Warring, Charleston Pilot Assoc.  
Mr. Brian Cisco, Charleston Pilot Assoc.  
Mr. Jason Teal, Charleston Pilot Assoc.  
Lt. Justine Heck, USCG  
Dr. Rita Melton, LLR Administrator  
Mr. Hardwick Stuart, LLR Advice Attorney  
Ms. Annabelle Thies, Maritime Assoc.  
Capt. Chip Searson, Charleston Police Dept.  
Mrs. Noreen Milligan, Secretary

The Commissioners of Pilotage for the Port of Charleston met Tuesday December 19, 2017 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.

Chairman Hay asked the members to read the draft of minutes taken during the November 7th meeting. **Motion:** Commissioner Galloway moved to accept the minutes and Commissioner Riley seconded it. **The motion passed.** Next, the Financial Report showed that checks written since the last meeting totaled \$8,793.27 and there were no deposits, the Commission had \$15,472.03 on hand. **Motion:** Commissioner Galloway moved to accept the Financial Report and Commissioner Riley seconded the motion. **The motion passed.**

Chairman Hay asked for public comment. There was none.

Lt. Heck gave the Coast Guard report. The Fort Sumter Range will be done by the end of January. The buoys in the entrance to the Wando are being worked on and do not pose a safety issue. Commissioner Thornton asked if they could be moved to make more room for tugs to handle vessels. The Coast Guard will check into it.

Dr. Melton gave the LLR report. There were two physicals in December and three in January. LLR will check to see if Capt. Swan is the one that is retiring and will not be submitting a physical. Lesia Kudelka, Communication Director and Wick Stuart Pilotage Commission Advise Counsel are still reviewing the Pilotage manual prior to it being posted on the Pilotage website. Capt. Cameron suggested waiting to prepare recent changes for posting, per minutes of recent meeting, until LLR has approved the pending version, and the Commissioners concurred. Please continue to send updates to the LLR web site.

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

The Charleston Branch Pilots' Association submitted a letter to the Commission in accordance with Chapter 15 of Title 54 of the State Code of Law, and Article 1 of Chapter 136 of the State Code of Regulations, and Chapter Nine of the Policy and Procedures Manual, they reported these results of the Pilot Potential portion of the current selection process and forward recommendations for appointment as Apprentice Pilot. In accordance with 54-15-100 and 136-012, the South Carolina registered Full Branch Pilots have reviewed the files of the applicants forward by the Commissioners and issue scored and recommendations as follows:

-The three applicants recommended for appointment as Apprentice Pilots and awarded 25 points each for Pilot Potential are:

Joseph D. Ward      Michael H. Kratz      T. Chatham Rowe

The Association is prepared to receive the Commissioners' three appointees for Apprentice Pilot on January 1, 2018 to begin their three-year curriculum and training.

**Motion:** Commissioner Thornton made a motion to accept the three appointees recommended by the Charleston Pilots Association and Commissioner Johnson seconded it. **The motion passed.** Capt. Cameron submitted a list of these three appointees as registrants, effective January 1, 2018, for the Commissioners' approval. Approval was granted as per the previous motion. Chairman Hay signed the Apprentice Pilot Certificates. Mrs. Milligan will mail letters of acceptance to Capt. Ward, Capt. Kratz and Mr. Rowe and letters to the 14 applicants that did not make the final three.

Under new business the Charleston Branch Pilots' Association submitted a letter to the Commission in accordance with Chapter 15 of Title 54 of the State Code of Law, Article 1 of Chapter 136 of the State Code of Regulations and Chapter Eight of the Policy and Procedures Manual, they hereby report on the completion of Apprenticeship and forward their recommendation for registration of Short Branch Pilot for Apprentices Brian J. Cisco, George E. Campsen IV, and Jason C. Teal. The Association has full confidence in Apprentices Cisco, Campsen and Teal and certifies each will have satisfactorily fulfilled all requirements to warrant licensure as First Short Branch Pilots upon completion of their three-year term on December 31, 2017. They recommend, in accordance with 54-15-150 and 136-020 and 030, that they be registered as First Short Branch Pilots as of January 1,

2018 as listed on the Short Branch License Registration list presented **Motion:** Commissioner Thornton made a motion to accept the three Apprentices as First Short Branch Pilots. Commissioner Riley seconded it. **The Motion passed.** Apprentices Cisco and Teal were present to take the Pilot Oath from Chairman Hay, and they signed affidavits accordingly. Chairman Hay reported he had administered Apprentice Carnpsen's oath the day prior, and submitted the signed affidavit.

Chairman Hay introduced Commissioner Riley as the new Chairwoman of the Pilot Commission starting January 1, 2018.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Henry Hay  
Chairman

Noreen K. Milligan  
Secretary