

Minutes of the Lower Coastal Commission of Pilotage Meeting

April 16, 2019
1142 Morrison Dr.
ILA Local 1422 Union Hall
Chas, SC 29403

Board Members present were:

Mr. David Galloway (Chairman)
Mr. Henry Hay
Mr. Joel Britt
Capt. Chris Thornton

Excused Absences were noted for:

Mr. Ken Riley
Mr. Darrell Johnson
Ms. Amy Riley

Staff and other present were:

Capt. John Cameron, Charleston Pilot Assoc.
Capt. Whit Smith, Charleston Pilot Assoc.
Ms. Elizabeth Hills, Charleston Pilot Assoc.
Lt. Justin Heck, USCG
Mr. Keith Nell, SCSPA
Dr. Rita Melton LLR
Mr. Hardwick Stuart, LLR Advice Counsel
Mrs. Noreen Milligan, Secretary

The Commissioners of Pilotage for the Port of Charleston met Tuesday April 16, 2019 at the ILA Local 1422 Union Hall, 1142 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 on the LLR website/Pilotage 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 reference herein was unanimous unless otherwise noted.

Chairman Galloway asked the Commission to approve the agenda. **Motion:** Commissioner Thornton moved to approve the agenda and Commissioner Hay seconded it. **The motion passed.** Chairman Galloway asked the members to read the draft of minutes taken during the March 12, 2019 meeting. **Motion:** Commissioner Hay moved to accept the minutes and Commissioner Thornton seconded the motion. **The motion passed.** Next, the Financial Report showed that checks written since the last meeting totaled \$909.91 and there was one deposit of \$4,585.00, the Commission had \$20,047.87 on hand. **Motion:** Commissioner Hay moved to accept the Financial Report and Commissioner Thornton seconded the motion. **The motion passed.**

Under Old Business, Lt. Heck gave the Coast Guard report. The Easter Regatta is April 18-21. The U.S. Women's open is May 30-June 2 at the Country Club of Charleston. There will be heavy boat traffic during that time in the Wappo Creek. Bouys 7 and 8 are off station at this time.

Dr. Melton gave the LLR Report. There are two physicals for April and no physicals for May. There was no new information to report on the Lower Pilotage Policies and Procedures Manual. Please continue to send updates to the LLR Web site.

Capt. Cameron said that there was nothing new to report on the Savannah River Commission.

In February the Pilots submitted a request for the annual COLA for CY2018/1.9%, single zone and multi zone shifts and the new 2019 rate card. The rate request was put on the agenda for March to be discussed. Mrs. Milligan ran an ad in the Post and Courier from March 14-March 17 for public response. **Motion:** Commissioner Hay moved to accept the COLA for CY2018/1.9% and zone shift increases and Commissioner Britt seconded the motion. **The motion passed.** **Motion:** Commissioner Hay moved to accept the new 2019 Pilot Rate card and Commissioner Britt seconded it. **The motion passed.** The new rates will go into effect on July 1, 2019.

Under new business Mr. Stuart introduced a new cease and desist order recommendation. Mr. Stuart as Commission Advise Counsel would prepare and send cease and desist orders to the Commission Chair for review and approval. The Commission Chair would be authorized by the Commission to sign cease and desist orders as they arise. **Motion:** Commissioner Thornton made a motion that the Commission should authorize the Commission Chairman to sign the cease and desist orders as they arise and Commissioner Britt seconded it. **The motion passed.** Capt. Cameron recommended that this new order be added to the Policies and Procedures Manual. He will submit a letter to the Commission to have this added.

Capt. Cameron introduced the Senate bill #689. There are two parts to the bill. The first part would set forth requirements for boards to consider when denying licensure based on prior criminal convictions. The second part of the bill would create a new pathway to licensure through apprenticeship programs approved by the U.S. Department of Labor. The Harbor Pilots have retained a Lobbyist, Mr. Bob Coble to pursue an amended version of Bill 689. The amended version is: Within the parameters established by the federal Labor Standards for the Registration of Apprenticeship Programs pursuant to 29 C.F.R. Part 29 and 29 U.S.C. Section 50, each regulatory board or commission within the department, except **those commissions established or operating under the provisions of Title 54 Chapter 15 of the South Carolina Code of Laws, as amended**, shall issue a license to an applicant. He asked for the Senate bill #689 to be added to the agenda for the Commission to have updates on this. The Harbor pilots are not listed on the Federal list but a ship pilot is. Mr. Stuart and Capt. Cameron will check to see if there is a difference.

There were no Commissioners Comments.

There were no legal comments.

There were no public comments.

Lt. Heck from the Coast Guard is being transferred to Kodiak Island, Alaska. The Commission and the Pilots have enjoyed working with Lt. Heck and wish him and his family all the best.

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

Respectfully submitted,

David Galloway
Chairman

Noreen K. Milligan
Secretary