

Minutes of the Lower Coastal Commission of Pilotage Meeting
January 9, 2018
899 Morrison Dr.
Charleston, SC 29402

Board Members present were:

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

Excused Absences were noted for:

Mr. Darrell Johnson

Staff and others present were:

Capt. John Cameron, Charleston Pilot Assoc.
Capt. Whit Smith, Charleston Pilot Assoc.
Ms. Elizabeth Hills, Charleston Pilot Assoc.
Mr. Brad Waring, Charleston Pilot Assoc.
Mr. Chatham Rowe, Charleston Pilot Assoc.
Mr. Joe Ward, Charleston Pilot Assoc.
Mr. Michael Kratz, Charleston Pilot Assoc.
Lt. Justin Heck, USCG
Dr. Rita Melton, LLR Administrator
Mr. Hardwick Stuart, LLR Advice Attorney
Mr. Dean Greg, LLR Deputy Director

The Commissioners of Pilotage for the Port of Charleston met Tuesday January 9, 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 Riley called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM. All votes reference herein was unanimous unless otherwise noted.

Chairman Riley asked the members to read the draft of minutes taken during the November 7th meeting. Capt. Cameron presented the amended minutes from the December 19th commission meeting. **Motion:** Commissioner Thornton moved to approve the amended minutes and Commissioner Nell seconded it. **The motion passed.** Next, the Financial Report showed that checks written since the last meeting totaled \$727.19 and there was a deposit of \$900, the Commission had \$15,644.84 on hand. **Motion:**

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

Chairman Riley asked for public comment. There was none.

Lt. Heck gave the Coast Guard report. The district approved the movement of buoys 3, 4, 5 and Town Creek number 37. The Maria Bray (?) is going to Savannah. Due to the Willow's crane issues, they are sending it North for ice breaking.

The Fort Sumter Range light will be repaired by the end of February.

The Ravenel bridge – Raycon is on backup power, there is a long lead time for a new transformer. Commissioner Thornton mentioned the center line is down; Lt. Heck had not heard this and noted it. The fix on the bridge is temporary and everything there currently will work.

Dr. Melton gave the LLR report. She introduced LLR Deputy Director Mr. Dean Greg, who was visiting from Columbia. Dr. Melton stated that the Ethics commission filing deadline is March 30th. She will send an email reminder stating this. Pilots Thornton, Coombs, Weil and Sanders have physicals due by the end of February. Capt. Cameron confirmed that the pilot whose physical was due in January was in fact the Stephen Swan Sr, who is now retired. 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 stated that the Pilots are currently out of the LLR physical forms, but more are on order.

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

Under new business the Charleston Branch Pilots' Association submitted their Annual Report to the commission, in accordance with SC Code 136-030 (A) & (B). There were 2,225 piloted arrivals in 2017, 161 piloted shifts, 4,615 piloted moves, and 243 jobs per registered pilot.

Capt. Cameron presented the new current Registration List of Harbor Pilots and reviewed several major changes on the list. There were three retirees: Capt. Patrick Kennedy, Capt. Stephen Swan, Sr and Capt. Jerry Lockwood. There are three new Short Branch Pilots: Capt. Brian Cisco, Capt. George Campsen and Capt. Jason Teal. There are three new apprentice pilots: Joseph Ward, Michael Kratz and Chatham Rowe. **Motion:** Chairman Riley requested to review the changes and approve them. Commissioner Thornton moved to approve, and Commissioner Galloway seconded the motion. **The motion passed.**

Commissioner Nell stated that since he is relatively new to the commission and was not part of the apprentice applicant and interview selection process, he would like a breakdown of the diversity of applicants. Captain Cameron stated that there were 54 total applicants, 4 did not qualify for an interview, 6 withdrew and 48 were interviewed. Among those, there were no minority applicants. There were 6 female applicants.

Motion: Chairman Riley requested to change the February meeting date to February 6th. Commissioner Galloway moved to approve the change. Commissioner Thornton seconded the motion. **The motion passed.**

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Amy Riley
Chairman

Elizabeth Hills
Charleston Branch Pilots Association