

Minutes of the Lower Coastal Commission of Pilotage Meeting

November 19, 2014  
899 Morrison Drive  
Charleston, SC 29402

Board members present were:

Mr. David Galloway, Chairman  
Mr. Henry Hay  
Mr. Billy Lempesis  
Capt. Chris Thornton

Excused absence was noted for:

Mr. Ken Riley  
Mr. John Hassell

Staff and others present were:

CDR Heath Hartley, USCG  
Capt. Whit Smith, Harbor Pilot  
Capt. John Cameron, Harbor Pilot  
Mr. Brad Waring, Harbor Pilot  
Mrs. Kitty Cox, LLR Administrator  
Mr. Hardwick Stuart, LLR Advice Attorney  
Ms. Pam Zaresk, Maritime Assoc.  
Mr. Denver Merrill  
Mr. John Archer, Moran Towing  
Mr. Albert Nance  
Mrs. Julia Bennett, Charleston Pilot Assoc.  
Mrs. Noreen Milligan, Secretary

The Commissioners of Pilotage for the Port of Charleston met Wednesday, November 19, 2014, 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 October 14th meeting. **Motion:** Commissioner Lempesis moved to accept the minutes. Commissioner Thornton seconded the motion. **The motion passed.** Next, the Finance Report showed that checks written since the last meeting totaled \$2,886.50 and there were no deposits with all bills being paid, the Commission had \$4,944.51 on hand. **Motion:** Commissioner Thornton moved to accept the Finance Report. Commissioner Lempesis seconded the motion. **The motion passed.**

Chairman Galloway asked for public comment. **Motion:** Commissioner Lempesis made a motion to move New Business to be addressed first. The motion was seconded. **The motion was passed.**

Under New Business Mr. Nance ask to address the Commission in reference to his application for Harbor Pilot apprentice. First, he thanked LLR and Mrs. Milligan for all their help with the application process. He handed the Commissioners a detailed report on his scores and his maritime experience; and he reviewed his application submission. Discussion followed. **Motion:** Commissioner Lempesis made a motion to go into Executive Session for legal advice. The motion was seconded. **The motion passed.** **Motion:** A motion was made by Commissioner Lempesis to return to open session. The motion was seconded. **The motion passed.** When the meeting reconvened Chairman Galloway stated no votes were taken and informed Mr. Nance that the Commissioners looked over all his concerns. Chairman Galloway stated the Commission and the Personnel Committee stand by the score that he was given.

**Motion:** Commissioner Hay made a motion to not have a meeting in December and the next Commission meeting will be January 13, 2015. The motion was seconded. **The motion passed.**

Under Old Business, the Coast Guard gave their report. CDR Hartley said that the new Coast Guard cutter Hamilton will be commissioned on December 6<sup>th</sup>. The NAV-Op will be meeting on December 20<sup>th</sup>. The boat parade will be on December 13<sup>th</sup>. Caption Smith will meet with Commissioner Lempesis on the harbor closer for the parade.

Mrs. Cox gave the LLR report. There was one physical in November and there are two for December. She reported DHEC continues to have weekly conference call to keep CDC contact information current on the Ebola issues. She noted again that LLR is prepared to help with the drafting of regulations for any needs that the Commission has and said the NOD is good for 12 months.

Capt. Cameron said that there has been no action on the Savannah River Maritime Commission.

**Motion:** Commissioner Lempesis made a motion to go into Executive Session for legal advice. The motion was seconded. **The motion passed.** **Motion:** A motion was made by Commissioner Lempesis to return to open session and stated that no votes were taken in Executive Session. The motion was seconded. **The motion passed.** The Commission reviewed the letter that the pilots submitted on the scores for the pilot apprentices finalists. **Motion:** A motion was made to accept the scores and add them to the scores from the Personnel Committee for selecting new pilot apprentices. The motion was seconded. **The motion passed.**

Capt. Cameron will start to make recommendation on the pilot physical regulations. He will have more information for the next meeting.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Noreen K. Milligan  
Executive Secretary

David Galloway  
Chairman