

## Minutes of the Lower Coastal Commission of Pilotage Meeting

March 12, 2019  
1142 Morrison Dr.  
ILA Local 1422 Union Hall  
Chas, SC 29403

Board Members present were:

Mr. David Galloway (Chairman)  
Mr. Henry Hay  
Ms. Amy Riley  
Capt. Chris Thornton

Excused Absences were noted for:

Mr. Ken Riley  
Mr. Darrell Johnson  
Mr. Keith Nell

Staff and other present were:

Capt. John Cameron, Charleston Pilot Assoc.  
Capt. Whit Smith, Charleston Pilot Assoc.  
Ms. Elizabeth Hills, Charleston Pilot Assoc.  
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 March 12, 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 Hay moved to approve the agenda and Commissioner Riley seconded it. **The motion passed.** Chairman Galloway asked the members to read the draft of minutes taken during the February 12, 2018 meeting. **Motion:** Commissioner Thornton moved to accept the minutes and Commissioner Riley seconded the motion. **The motion passed.** Next, the Financial Report showed that checks written since the last meeting totaled \$538.86 and there was one deposit of \$4,5600.00, the Commission had \$16,372.78 on hand. **Motion:** Commissioner Thornton moved to accept the Financial Report and Commissioner Riley seconded the motion. **The motion passed.**

Under Old Business, the Coast Guard did not have any representation at the meeting.

Dr. Melton gave the LLR Report. There is one physical for the month of March and there are two physicals for April. There was no new information to report on the Lower Pilotage Policies and Procedures Manual. Dr. Melton reminded all Commissioners to file their Ethics Statement by March 30. Commissioner Thornton asked Dr. Melton if there was a way for the Commissioners to confirm that the Ethics Statement was filed. She did not think so. Please continue to send updates to the LLR Web site.

Capt. Cameron said that the oxygenation system is being tested in the Savannah River but there are no results yet.

Under new business, the pilots submitted the COLA (Cost of living rate adjustments) for CY2018 is 1.9% based on Chapter 3 in the *Commissioners' Policies and Procedures Manual* and the new 2019 Rate Card. The Gross Tonnage present rate is \$64.60GT and will be adjusted to \$65.85, the Draft Feet present rate is \$26.35DF and will be adjusted to \$26.85. The minimum pilotage present rate of \$1200.00 will be adjusted to \$1300.00. Shifts at the present rate of \$300 for a single zone be adjusted to \$325 and the present rate of \$325 per zone for a multi-zone shift be adjusted to \$350. Regarding rates for cancellation, delay, detention and carrying off of a pilot, they wish to begin documenting annual CPI effect on these rates, to justify a future request for these rates to be adjusted. The rates are all currently set at \$200, \$500 or \$1000 as shown in paragraphs 2,3 and 5 on the enclosed rate card. They do not wish to request these rates be adjusted at this time, but future annual CPI rate adjustments letter will continue to document the cumulative effect of CPI on these rates, in order to justify a rate adjustment for these as appropriate in the future. Mrs. Milligan will send a notice to the *Post and Courier* with the proposed COLA for CY2018 at 1.9% to run from Thursday March 14 through March 17.

Under Commissioners Comments, Chairman Galloway proposed a change to the April meeting date from the 9<sup>th</sup> to the 16<sup>th</sup> to have 30 days notice for the requested COLA.

There were no legal comments.

There were no public comments.

There were no announcements.

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

Respectfully submitted,

David Galloway  
Chairman

Noreen K. Milligan  
Secretary

