

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING
BOARD OF PILOT COMMISSIONERS
Courtyard Jacksonville Beach Oceanfront
1617 N. First Street
Jacksonville, FL 32250
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TUESDAY, JANUARY 21, 2020

Following the Probable Cause Panel which commenced at 9:00 a.m.

APPROVED

GENERAL BOARD BUSINESS

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order by Chair Kurtz at 9:36 am EST

Members Present:

Commissioner Kurtz, Chair

Commissioner Jaccoma, Vice-Chair

Commissioner Assal - Joined the meeting at 9:51 am. after the approval of Tampa Deputy Pilots

Commissioner Benson

Commissioner Cumings

Commissioner Phipps

Commissioner Russo

Commissioner Seuter

Others Present

Amanda Ackermann, Executive Director

Marlene Stern, Board of Pilot Commissioner's Attorney

Crystal Stevens, Prosecuting Attorney

Anne Ahrendt, Government Analyst

Warren Husband, Florida Harbor Pilots Association

Laura Di Bella, Florida Harbor Pilots Association

Gretchen Winters, Florida Harbor Pilots Association

Ben Borgie, Florida Harbor Pilots Association

Nathan Cook, St. Johns Bar Pilots Association

Lee Adolf, St. Johns Bar Pilots Association

Scott O'Connor, St. Johns Bar Pilots Association

Jay Winegeart, St. Johns Bar Pilots Association

Terry Fluke, Tampa Bay Pilots Association

Tobias Rose, Tampa Bay Pilots Association

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of January 18, 2019 Meeting of the Board

A correction to the minutes was made from Seal time to Sea Time by Commissioner Kurtz. A motion was made by Commissioner Cumings to approve the January 18, 2019 minutes as corrected and seconded by Commissioner Seuter. Motion carried.

Minutes of February 28, 2019 Meeting of the Board

A motion was made by Commissioner Benson to approve the February 28, 2019 minutes as corrected and seconded by Commissioner Phipps. Motion carried.

Minutes of June 21, 2019 Meeting of the Board

A motion was made by Commissioner Jaccoma to approve the June 21, 2019 minutes as written and seconded by Commissioner Seuter. Motion carried.

Minutes of August 28, 2019 Meeting of the Board

A motion was made by Commissioner Cumings to approve the August 28, 2019 minutes as written and seconded by Commissioner Phipps. Motion carried.

Minutes of September 5, 2019 Meeting of the Board

A motion was made by Commissioner Phipps to approve the September 5, 2019 minutes as written and seconded by Commissioner Cumings. Motion carried.

Minutes of October 28, 2019 Meeting of the Board

A motion was made by Commissioner Benson to approve the October 28, 2019 minutes as written and seconded by Commissioner Seuter. Motion carried.

Minutes of December 17, 2019 Meeting of the Board

A motion was made by Commissioner Jaccoma to approve the December 17, 2019 minutes as written and seconded by Commissioner Cumings. Motion carried.

**REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF APPLICANTS FOR DEPUTY PILOT OPENINGS FOR PORT
CANAVERAL, PORT EVERGLADES, AND PORTS OF TAMPA BAY**

PORT CANAVERAL

Commander Dunton stated that the following applicants met the requirements to take the Deputy Pilot examination for Port Canaveral: Trevor Mark Cardin, Jordan Dudziak, Owen Gallagher, Joseph M. Gasecki, Darin L. Huggins, Michelle Marie Jimenez, Robert Dale Johnson Jr., Charles Jennings Jones, Joshua Daryl Kornblum, Jonathan Ben Leck, Sean Lijegren, Christopher Megregian, Patrick William Ryan, Joel Michael Soileau, David Walraven, Chase Russell Westerdorf and Taylor Craig Wyman

Commissioner Phipps made a motion to approve the candidates as presented by Commander Dunton to sit for the March 2020 Port Canaveral Deputy Pilot Examination. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jaccoma. Motion carried.

PORT EVERGLADES

Commander Dunton stated that the following applicants met the requirements to take the Deputy Pilot examination for Port Everglades: Justin Robert Allen, Travis John Campbell, Nathan Cerato, Benjamin Edward Fallon, Edward Alexander Hays, Dustin M. Leserra, Patricia Ann Malagrino, Joseph T. Martinet, Kaitlin O'Brien, Manuel Ernesto Reyes Luciano, Patrick William Ryan, Koutaiba A. Saad, Adel Harold Sotolongo, James Gary Walley Jr., Jasper Henry Walsh, Leslie Ann Walz and Frank A. Westgate.

Commissioner Seuter made a motion to approve the candidates as presented by Commander Dunton to sit for the March 2020 Port Everglades Deputy Pilot Examination. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jaccoma. Motion carried.

PORTS OF TAMPA BAY

Commander Dunton stated that the following applicants met the requirements to take the Deputy Pilot examination for Ports of Tampa Bay: Erik Samuel Boothe, Robert Osborne Brown Jr. Michael Dennis Chretien, Tevin A. Freeman, Darin L. Huggins, Josef Kasprzycki III, Garrett Knese, Clint Kenneth McCay, Richard Theodore Nolan, Michael David Phipps, Thomas Raymond Sellers, Joel Michael Soileau, Adel Harold Sotolongo and Michael Stutevoss.

Commissioner Cumings made a motion to approve the candidates as presented by Commander Dunton to sit for the March 2020 Ports of Tampa Bay Deputy Pilot Examination. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Benson. Motion carried.

MOTION TO DENY

Commander Dunton stated that the application file for George Fadok IV demonstrated that the applicant was shy 101 days of the required sea time; therefore, the applicant failed to meet the requirements for maritime experience as set forth in section 310.071, F.S., & rule 61G14-11.002 F.A.C.

A motion was made by Commissioner Benson to deny the application for George Fadok IV as he did not meet the requirements to sit for the March 2020 Port Canaveral Deputy Pilot Examination. Motion seconded by Commissioner Phipps. Motion carried.

Commander Dunton stated that the application file for Gustavo Martinez demonstrated that the applicant had 962 days sea time as a mate on a tug, lacked 263 days of qualified sea time; failed to provide a physical; a drug test, and a copy of his Coast Guard license, therefore, the applicant failed to meet the requirements for maritime experience as set forth in section 310.071, F.S., & rule 61G14-11.002 F.A.C.

A motion was made by Commissioner Jaccoma to deny the application for Gustavo Martinez as he did not meet the requirements to sit for the March 2020 Port Everglades Deputy Pilot Examination. Motion seconded by Commissioner Assal. Motion carried.

Commander Dunton stated that the application file for Morgan Piper demonstrated that the applicant lacked 239 days of qualified sea time; therefore, the applicant failed to meet the requirements for maritime experience as set forth in section 310.071, F.S., & rule 61G14-11.002 F.A.C.

A motion was made by Commissioner Cumings to deny the application Morgan Piper as he did not meet the requirements to sit for the March 2020 Port Canaveral Deputy Pilot Examination. Motion seconded by Commissioner Assal. Motion carried.

Commander Dunton stated that the application file for Sean Sandell demonstrated that the applicant failed to provide proof of education; failed to provide a physical; and all his sea time was on a n offshore support vessel; therefore, the applicant failed to meet the requirements for maritime experience as set forth in section 310.071, F.S., & rule 61G14-11.002 F.A.C.

A motion was made by Commissioner Seuter to deny the application for Sean Sandell as he did not meet the requirements to sit for the March 2020 Port Everglades Deputy Pilot Examination. Motion seconded by Commissioner Assal. Motion carried.

REQUEST FOR STATE PILOT EXAMINATION

Captain Derek W. Day – Biscayne Bay Pilots Association - A motion was made by Commissioner Phipps and Seconded by Commissioner Cumings to approve Captain Derek W. Day to sit for the State Pilot Examination. Motion carried.

Captain Trevor M. Gill – Biscayne Bay Pilots Association A motion was made by Commissioner Assal and Seconded by Commissioner Phipps to approve Captain Trevor M. Gill to sit for the State Pilot Examination. Motion carried.

Captain James Moore – Tampa Bay Pilots Association A motion was made by Commissioner Cumings and Seconded by Commissioner Phipps to approve Captain James Moore to sit for the State Pilot Examination. Motion carried.

REPORTS

Deputy Pilot Advancement Committee Report-Commissioner Phipps.

Commissioner Phipps approved the February 28, 2019 minutes, the April 2, 2019 minutes, the April 25, 2019 minutes, the May 23, 2019 minutes, the June 24, 2019 minutes, the August 28, 2019 minutes, the October 3, 2019 minutes, the October 28, 2019 minutes, and the December 17, 2019 minutes.

Board Attorney Report – Marlene Stern

Ms. Stern discussed with the Board rules that would be reopened for changes and brought back to the Board at a later date for review and approval.

Chair Report – Commissioner Kurtz

The chair recognized former Commissioners Oatis and Wilkins for their service and dedication to the Board of Pilot Commissioners.

Prosecuting Attorney’s Report – Crystal Stephens

Ms. Stephens said that at this time there are 12 private cases and no public cases.

Executive Director Report-Amanda Ackermann

Director Ackermann presented the Financial Reports as of September 30, 2019. Commissioner Benson made a correction to the Board of Pilot Commissioners Operating Account Statement of Revenue and Expenditures for the Twelve Months ending June 30, 2018 Account Balance, End of Period for June 30, 2017. The amount on the report was \$(186,925). The correct amount should be \$ (186,923).

RATIFICATION LISTS

Deputy Pilot Advancement Ratifications

A motion was made by Commissioner Kurtz and seconded by Commissioner Benson to approve the Deputy Pilot Advancements from March 1, 2019 through January 2, 2020. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS - ELECTIONS

A motion was made by Commissioner Phipps and seconded by Commissioner Benson to retain Commissioner Kurtz as chair for the Board of Pilot Commissioners. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Kurtz and seconded by Commissioner Cumings to retain Commissioner Jaccoma for the position of Vice Chair of the Board of Pilot Commissioners. Motion carried.

Chair Kurtz appointed Commissioner Benson and Commissioner Cumings to the Probable Cause panel with Commissioner Kurtz as an alternate member.

Chair Kurtz appointed Commissioner Phipps as Chair and Commissioner Russo as Vice Chair for the Legislative Committee.

Galen Dunton expressed concerns on Deputy Pilot Applications and other departmental processes.

No action taken

OLD BUSINESS-

Performance Evaluation of Galen Dunton

Commander Dunton will be retiring effective June 30, 2020. Ms. Ackermann gave an update on the hiring of the new consultant.

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PUBLIC COMMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Commissioner Cumings and seconded by Commissioner Phipps. The meeting was adjourned at 10:37 a.m. EST.