

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING  
BOARD OF PILOT COMMISSIONERS  
World Golf Village Renaissance St. Augustine  
500 South Legacy Trail  
St. Augustine, Florida 32092  
904-940-8000  
January 31, 2023  
GENERAL BOARD BUSINESS  
APPROVED**

**Call to Order**

Meeting was called to order by Chair Kurtz at 11:17 am EST

**Members Present:**

Commissioner Kurtz, Chair  
Commissioner Jaccoma, Vice-Chair  
Commissioner Cumings  
Commissioner Phipps  
Commissioner Seuter  
Commissioner Benson  
Commissioner Hodge

**Members Absent:**

Commissioner Assal – excused

**Others Present**

Amanda Ackermann, Executive Director  
Marlene Stern, Board of Pilot Commissioners Counsel  
Mollie Peck, Government Analyst  
Captain Tom Bushy, Board Consultant  
Captain David Ulrich, Everglades Pilots Association  
Elizabeth Henderson, Assistant General Counsel  
Anthony Cuva, Public  
Captain Barrie Snyder, St. Johns Bar Pilots Association  
Captain Scott O'Connor, St. Johns Bar Pilots Association  
Lee Adolph, St. Johns Bar Pilots Association  
Thurley Adolph, St. Johns Bar Pilots Association  
Terry Fluke, Tampa Bay Pilots Association  
Warren Husband, Florida Harbor Pilots Association  
Gretchen Winters, Florida Harbor Pilots Association  
Ben Borgie, Florida Harbor Pilots Association

**Disciplinary Cases – DBPR v. James Lewis Prah (2022-008497) – Settlement**

**Stipulation** - A motion was made to accept the settlement stipulation as presented by Commissioner Cumings and seconded by Commissioner Jaccoma. The motion carried.

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**Approval of Changes to the Deputy Pilot Training Program – Port Everglades Pilots’ Association** – A motion was made by Commissioner Seuter to approve the changes to the Deputy Pilot Training program for Port Everglades as written. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Phipps. The motion carried.

**Review of Issuance of Certification – Joseph Martinet, Port Everglades Pilots’ Association** – A motion was made by Commissioner Jaccoma to approve Captain Martinet for his permanent deputy pilot certification for Port of Everglades. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Cumings. The motion carried.

**2023 Deputy Pilot Examination Statistical Analysis – Captain Thomas Bushy**  
Captain Thomas Bushy presented the 2023 Deputy Pilot examination statistical analysis.

**Review and Approval of Applicant for Deputy Pilot Openings for the Port of Jacksonville/Fernandina**

Captain Bushy stated the following applicants met the requirements to take the Deputy Pilot examination for the Port of Jacksonville/Fernandina: Bozich, Matthew Josef, Brown, Sean Joseph, Chretien, Michael Dennis, Heard, Samuel, Jonsson, Zachary Bo, Parrish, Patricia Malagrino, Paulk, Earnest James III, Scollard, Patrick Edmond, Scott, Aaron Kirkconnell, Wyman, and Taylor Craig.

Commissioner Cumings made a motion to approve the candidates as presented by Captain Bushy to sit for the March 2023 Port Jacksonville/Fernandina Deputy Pilot Examination. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Seuter. The motion carried.

**Review and Approval of Applicants for Deputy Pilot Openings for Port Canaveral**

Captain Bushy stated the following applicants met the requirements to take the Deputy Pilot examination for Port Canaveral: Cardin, Trevor Mark, Clark, Matthew, Gasecki, Joseph Michael, Hanson, Daniel George, Johnson, Robert Dale. Jr., Leck, Jonathan Ben, Lowe, Jeremy Paul, Megregian, Christopher David.

Commissioner Benson made a motion to approve the candidates as presented by Captain Bushy to sit for the March 2023 Port Canaveral Deputy Pilot Examination. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Cumings. The motion carried.

**Motion to Deny** – Captain Bushy stated that the application file for Hugh K. Cunningham deemed to be ineligible due to no ocean sea service therefore, the applicant failed to meet the requirements for maritime experience as set forth in section 310.071, F.S., & rule 61G-11.002 F.A.C.

A motion was made by Commissioner Cumings to deny the application for Hugh K. Cunningham as he did not meet the requirements to sit for the March 2023 Port Canaveral Deputy Pilot Examination. Motion seconded by Commissioner Benson. The motion carried.

Captain Bushy states that the application file for Nicholas Bryant Taylor deemed to be ineligible due to only inland waters sea service; therefore, the applicant failed to meet the requirements for maritime experience as set forth in section 310.071, F.S., & rule 61G-11.002 F.A.C.

A motion was made by Commissioner Seuter to deny the application for Nicholas Bryant Taylor as the applicant did not meet the requirements to sit for the March 2023 Port Canaveral Deputy Pilot Examination. Motion seconded by Commissioner Jaccoma. The motion carried.

Captain Bushy states that the application file for Frank A. Westgate was deemed to be ineligible because the application was incomplete from lack of physical; therefore, the applicant failed to meet the requirements as set forth in section 310.071, F.S., & rule 61G-11.002 F.A.C.

A motion was made by Commissioner Cumings to deny the application for Frank A. Westgate as the applicant did not meet the requirements to sit for the March 2023 Port Canaveral Deputy Pilot Examination. Motion seconded by Commissioner Jaccoma. The motion carried.

#### **Review and Approval of Applicants for Deputy Pilot Openings for Port Miami**

Captain Bushy states the following applicants met the requirements to take the Deputy Pilot examination for Port Miami: Dertien, Dominique, Fernandez, Alejandro Eduardo, Hanson, Daniel George, Harmon, Zachary Blaine, Kohn, Jacob, Pessa, Daniel, Purcell, Joseph Francis, Sherman, Zachary Alan, Smith, John D. Jr., Sotolongo, Adel Harold.

Commissioner Seuter made a motion to approve the candidates as presented by Captain Bushy to sit for the March 2023 Port Miami Deputy Pilot Examination. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Cumings. The motion carried.

**Motion to Deny** - Captain Bushy states that the application file for Nicholas Bryant Taylor is deemed to be ineligible due to only inland waters sea service; therefore, the applicant failed to meet the requirements for maritime experience as set forth in section 310.071, F.S., & rule 61G-11.002 F.A.C.

A motion was made by Commissioner Cumings to deny the application for Nicholas Bryant Taylor as the applicant did not meet the requirements to sit for the March 2023 Port Miami Deputy Pilot Examination. Motion seconded by Commissioner Seuter. The motion carried.

#### **Review and Approval of Applicants for Deputy Pilot Openings for the Port of Tampa Bay**

Captain Bushy states the following applicants met the requirements to take the Deputy Pilot examination for the Port of Tampa Bay: Agliata, Jonathan Louis, Aquiar, Andrew Edward, Archer, Ali Michelle, Bell, Casey Glenn, Clarke, Patrick A., Gresh, Nathan

James, Hemmer, Daniel David, Hermes, Alex Cameron, Kasprzycki, Josef, King, Timothy John, Leonardi, Joshua David, Lowe, Jeremy Paul, Nolan, Richard, Scannell, Kyle Rowley, Sellers, Thomas Raymond, Timmel, Charles Carter, Watson, Nicholas.

Commissioner Jaccoma made a motion to approve the candidates as presented by Captain Bushy to sit for the March 2023 Port of Tampa Bay Deputy Pilot Examination. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Benson. The motion carried.

**Motion to Deny** – Captain Bushy states that the application file for Joshua Dane Bass is deemed to be ineligible due to only inland waters sea service; therefore, the applicant failed to meet the requirements for maritime experience as set forth in section 310.071, F.S., & rule 61G-11.002 F.A.C.

A motion was made by Commissioner Jaccoma to deny the application for Joshua Dane Bass as the applicant did not meet the requirements to sit for the March 2023 Port of Tampa Bay Deputy Pilot Examination. Motion seconded by Commissioner Benson. The motion carried.

**Rules Report – Marlene Stern, Board Counsel**

Marlene Stern presented the rules report to the board.

**Chairs Report – Commissioner Kurtz**

No report.

**Deputy Pilot Advancement Committee – Commissioner Phipps**

Approval of August 1, 2022 minutes  
Approval of August 29, 2022 minutes  
Approval of September 14, 2022 minutes  
Approval of October 21, 2022 minutes  
Approval of October 28, 2022 minutes  
Approval of November 28, 2022 minutes  
Approval of December 13, 2022 minutes

A motion was made by Commissioner Kurtz and seconded by Commissioner Cumings to accept the minutes as written. The motion carried.

**Prosecuting Attorneys Report – Elizabeth Henderson**

Elizabeth Henderson presented the prosecuting attorneys report to the board.

**Executive Director’s Report - Amanda Ackermann**

None.

**New Business**

Commissioner Kurtz wants to know at our next board meeting if the board has rule making authority to revoke a Deputy Pilots permanent certification after termination from a Pilot Association.

**Old Business**

**Public Comments**

**Adjournment**

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Commissioner Seuter and seconded by Commissioner Cumings. The motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 12:36 p.m. EST.