

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING
BOARD OF PILOT COMMISSIONERS**

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Monday, April 27, 2026, 10:00 a.m.

GENERAL BOARD BUSINESS

Approved

Call to Order

Meeting was called to order by Chair Jaccoma at 10:00 am EST.

Members Present:

Commissioner Jaccoma, Chair
Commissioner Hodge, Vice Chair
Commissioner Phipps
Commissioner Seuter
Commissioner LaMarca
Commissioner Darienzo
Commissioner Gramling
Commissioner Robbins
Commissioner Baker

Members Absent

Commissioner Assal - excused

Others Present

Stacey Buccieri, Executive Director
Dillon O'Brien, Government Analyst
Donna McNulty, Board of Pilot Commissioners Counsel
Captain Tom Bushy, Board Consultant
Geoffrey Pool, Florida Harbor Pilots Association
Warren Husband, Florida Harbor Pilots Association
Gretchen Winters, Florida Harbor Pilots Association
For The Record, Court Reporter

Requests for Permanent Deputy Pilot Certificates

- Captain Joseph Jordan – Port Everglades Pilots' Association
- Captain Daniel Pessa – Port Everglades Pilots' Association

Commissioner Phipps made a motion to approve Port Everglades Pilots' Association for Permanent Deputy Pilot Certificates for Captain Joseph Jordan and Captain Daniel Pessa. Commissioner LaMarca seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Request for State Pilot Examination

- Captain Daniel Hemmer – Tampa Bay Pilots Association
- Captain Jeremy Lowe – Tampa Bay Pilots Association
- Captain Robert Johnson – Canaveral Pilots Association

A motion was made by Commissioner Hodge and seconded by Commissioner LaMarca to approve Captain Joseph Daniel Hemmer and Captain Jeremy Lowe to sit for the State Pilot Examination for the Port of Tampa Bay. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Commissioner LaMarca and seconded by Commissioner Gramling to approve Captain Joseph Daniel Johnson to sit for the State Pilot Examination for the Port of Canaveral. Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of BOPC Meeting Minutes

- March 18, 2026

Commissioner Phipps made a motion to approve the March 18, 2026, BOPC Meeting Minutes as corrected. Commissioner LaMarca seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Ratification of DPAC Meeting Minutes

- April 14, 2026

Commissioner Phipps approved the April 14, 2026, DPAC minutes as written. Motion by Commissioner Jaccoma and seconded by Commissioner LaMarca to ratify the DPAC meeting minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

New Business

Captain Geoffrey Pool, Chairman of the Florida Harbor Pilots Association, stated that the FHPA will be submitting a request a variance for the requirement of State Pilots in Florida, and specifically for Cross Licensed Deputy Pilots, to have a federal pilots license due to the federal government shutdown shutting down Coast Guard Regional Exam Centers in January and only recently beginning to restaff, which has created a massive backload of applications.

Mr. Husband stated that there may not be a need for a variance, and that what was needed to bypass the federal pilot license requirement, and that he will lay this out via email to Ms. McNulty.

Ms. McNulty stated she will take a look, but she will be out of the office for the rest of the week, and so to copy Ed Tellechea in the email.

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None.

Adjournment – This meeting was adjourned by Commissioner Jaccoma at 10:12 a.m. EST.