

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING  
BOARD OF PILOT COMMISSIONERS  
Hilton Cocoa Beach Oceanfront  
1550 North Atlantic Avenue  
Cocoa Beach, Florida 32931  
321-799-0003  
May 4, 2022  
GENERAL BOARD BUSINESS  
APPROVED**

**Call to Order**

Meeting was called to order by Chair Kurtz at 9:46 am EST

**Members Present:**

Commissioner Kurtz, Chair  
Commissioner Benson  
Commissioner Cumings  
Commissioner Phipps  
Commissioner Seuter

**Members Absent:**

Commissioner Assal – Excused  
Commissioner Jaccoma – Excused  
Commissioner Russo – Excused

**Others Present**

Amanda Ackermann, Executive Director  
Marlene Stern, Board of Pilot Commissioners Counsel  
Donna McNulty, Pilotage Rate Review Committee Attorney  
Mollie Peck, Government Analyst  
Captain Tom Bushy, Board Consultant  
Warren Husband, Florida Harbor Pilots Association  
Gretchen Winters, Florida Harbor Pilots Association  
Ben Borgie, Florida Harbor Pilots Association

**St. Johns Bar Pilot Association Notification of Service Suspension** – Amanda Ackermann asked if a Notice of development could be opened, and Marlene Stern agreed. Warren Husband stated that this notice is to notify the Board of the service suspension. Once the rule language has been finalized, the language will be brought back to the Board for approval.

A motion was made by Commissioner Cumings to approve the suspension of service as written from the St. Johns Bar Pilot Association. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Phipps. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Seuter to open rule development for rule 61G14-15.004(1)(b). The motion was seconded by Commissioner Phipps. Motion carried.

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

Captain Bushy stated the following applicants met the requirements to take the Deputy Pilot examination for Port of Tampa Bay: Aguiar, Andrew Edward, Bell, Casey Glenn, Brow, Patrick Haley, Erickson, Ethan James, Gresh, Nathan James, Hanson, Daniel George, Hemmer, Daniel David, Hermes, Alex Cameron, Jimenez, Michelle Marie, Johnson, Robert Dale Jr., Lowe, Jeremy, Nolan, Richard, O'Connell, Michael William Francis, Piper, Morgan, Purcell, Joseph Francis, Sellers, Thomas Raymond, Shubel, James Edward, Swinehart, Timothy Alan, Timmel, Charles Carter

Commissioner Phipps made a motion to approve the candidates as presented by Captain Bushy to sit for the June 2022 Port of Tampa Bay Pilot Examination. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Cumings. Motion carried.

**Elections for Pilotage Rate Review Committee** – Commissioner Phipps motioned to nominate Commissioners Kurtz and Jaccoma to continue serving on the Pilotage Rate Review Committee. Commissioner Cumings seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Rules Report** – Marlene Stern stated there are no new rules to report. Commissioner Kurtz inquired if rule development could be done to allow for an alternative pilot for the Pilotage Rate Review Committee. Marlene Stern agreed to provide draft rule language at the next Pilotage Rate Review Committee meeting.

**Chairs Report** – Commissioner Kurtz thanked the Secretary for coming to Port of Tampa Bay for a visit, and it was a pleasure.

**Deputy Pilot Advancement Committee – Commissioner Phipps**

Approval of January 31, 2022 minutes

Approval of February 21, 2022 minutes

Approval of March 18, 2022 minutes

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

**Prosecuting Attorneys Report – Elizabeth Henderson**

No report.

**Executive Director's Report**

**New Business** – Commissioner Phipps indicated that applicants are being denied the opportunity to challenge exam scores by the Bureau of Education and Testing.

**Old Business**

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**Public Comments** – Captain Ben Borgie from the Canaveral Pilots Association welcomed the board to the Port Canaveral Community and looks forward to having the Pilotage Rate Review in June.

**Adjournment**

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Commissioner Phipps and seconded by Commissioner Seuter. The meeting was adjourned at 10:16 a.m. EST.