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BOARD OF PILOT COMMISSIONERS**

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Monday, May 11, 2026, 10:00 a.m.

GENERAL BOARD BUSINESS

Unapproved

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 Assal
Commissioner LaMarca
Commissioner Darienzo
Commissioner Robbins
Commissioner Baker

Members Absent

Commissioner Seuter – excused
Commissioner Gramling – unexcused

Others Present

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

Approval of BOPC Meeting Minutes

- April 27, 2026

Commissioner Phipps made a motion to approve the April 27, 2026, BOPC Meeting Minutes as corrected. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Review and Approval of Applicants for the Deputy Pilot Openings for the Port of Panama City

Motion made by Commissioner Baker and seconded by Commissioner LaMarca to approve the following applicants to sit for the May 2026 exam for the Port of Panama City. Motion carried unanimously:

Blaine A. Atkinson
Christian N. Gayo
Brett A. Monthie
Benjamin L. Van Der Like

Motion made by Commissioner Baker and seconded by Commissioner LaMarca to deny applicant John R. Begley for not meeting the requirements in Section 310.071, Florida Statutes, and Rule 61G14-11.002, Florida Administrative Code. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Commissioner Baker and seconded by Commissioner Assal to deny applicant Stanley A. Desonia for not meeting the requirements in Section 310.071, Florida Statutes, and Rule 61G14-11.002, Florida Administrative Code. Motion carried unanimously.

New Business

Captain Bushy expressed that he believes there should be discussion among the Board and to the Pilots' Associations about moving to the ports too fast. Captain Bushy said he submitted to the United States Coast Guard in Tampa Bay a cautionary note to be added to Chapter 5 of the Coast Pilot about Hillsborough Bay to Oldsmar. Commissioner Baker confirmed he is familiar with this submission and that it has been added to the chart for the area by NOAA.

Commissioner Phipps asked what became of the Coast Guard backlog and the cross-licensing of Captain Meilstrup to Panama City. Ms. McNulty confirmed that it is currently being reviewed and if needed will be brought to the Board.

Old Business

None.

Public Comment

None.

Adjournment – This meeting was adjourned by Commissioner Jaccoma at 10:13 a.m. EST.