

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING  
BOARD OF PILOT COMMISSIONERS  
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Thursday, May 27, 2021, 10:00 a.m. EDT  
APPROVED**

**GENERAL BOARD BUSINESS**

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

**Members Present:**

Commissioner Kurtz, Chair  
Commissioner Jaccoma, Vice-Chair  
Commissioner Benson  
Commissioner Cumings  
Commissioner Russo  
Commissioner Phipps

**Members Not Present & Unexcused:**

Commissioner Assal  
Commissioner Seuter

**Others Present:**

Amanda Ackermann, Executive Director  
Marlene Stern, Board of Pilot Commissioner's Attorney  
Captain Thomas Bushy, Consultant to the Board  
Laura Di Bella, Florida Harbor Pilots Association  
Captain Brian McGee, Pensacola Bay Pilots Association  
Captain Richard Frudaker, St. Andrews Bay Pilots Association  
Captain Zach Condon, St. Andrews Bay Pilots Association  
Ben Borgie, Florida Harbor Pilots Association  
Court Reporter, For the Record Court Reporting, Tallahassee

**REQUEST FOR STATE PILOT EXAMINATIONS**

**Captain Niall Kennedy- Canaveral Pilots Association** - A motion was made by Commissioner Cumings and seconded by Commissioner Benson to approve Captain Niall Kennedy to sit for the State Pilot Examination for the Port of Canaveral. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF CHANGES TO THE DEPUTY PILOT TRAINING PROGRAM – PORT OF PENSACOLA**

Commissioner Kurtz stated that the traffic has changed in the Port of Pensacola, so the old program would be impossible to follow.

Commissioner Phipps stated that a paragraph in the approved program should say the deputy pilot is appointed by the department, not by the board.

The Commissioners are satisfied with the proposed language change from Captain Tom Bushy and Marlene Stern to level four of the deputy pilot training program. All levels of the program will be changed to months and will be consistent throughout the document.

The Commissioners agreed to strike language from levels two and three regarding Deputy Pilot's attending other deep-water ports in the state to ride and observe.

The Commissioners agreed to strike language that the Florida Board of Pilot Commissioners appoints the Deputy Pilot, the Department of Business and Professional Regulations makes all Deputy Pilot appointments.

A motion was made by Commissioner Phipps to approve the changes to the Deputy Pilot Training program for the Pensacola Pilots Association. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Benson. The motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF CHANGES TO THE DEPUTY PILOT TRAINING PROGRAM – PORT OF PANAMA CITY**

Captain Frudaker stated that this request pertains to guidelines and procedures within the Port of Panama City. This is not part of the training program.

A motion was made by Commissioner Cumings to approve the changes to the Deputy Pilot Training program for the St. Andrew Bay Pilots Association. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Benson. The motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS: NONE**

**OLD BUSINESS:** Commissioner Cumings asked about the Deputy Pilots being allowed to cross license from the Port of Key West. The cross licensing of Key West Deputy Pilots to be added to future agenda.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Commissioner Cumings and seconded by Commissioner Phipps. The meeting was adjourned at 10:36 a.m. EST.