

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

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September 20, 2021, 9:00 a.m. EDT

APPROVED

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Kurtz called the conference call meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Commissioner Carolyn Kurtz, Chair
Commissioner Michael Jaccoma, Vice Chair
Commissioner Sherif Assal (joined in after roll call)
Commissioner Bob Benson (joined in after roll call)
Commissioner Bruce Cumings
Commissioner Cheryl Phipps

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT

Commissioner Ed Russo
Commissioner Brian Seuter - excused

OTHERS PRESENT

Marlene Stern, Board Counsel
Captain Tom Bushy, Board Consultant
Captain Ben Borgie, Florida Harbor Pilots Association
Gretchen Winters, Florida Harbor Pilots Association
Laura Di Bella, Florida Harbor Pilots Association
Warren Husband, Florida Harbor Pilots Association
Captain Zachery Condon, St. Andrews Harbor Pilots Association
Captain Richard Frudaker, St. Andrews Harbor Pilots Association
Keith Morton, Port Everglades Pilots Association
Terry Fluke, Tampa Bay Pilots Association
Court Reporter, For the Record

APPROVAL OF PERMANENT DEPUTY PILOT CERTIFICATIONS

A motion was made by Commissioner Cummings to approve Captain Michael Stutevoss, Jr. for his permanent deputy pilot certification for Port of Tampa Bay.
The motion was seconded by Commissioner Benson. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Benson to approve Captain Joel Soileau for his permanent deputy pilot certification for Port of Tampa Bay.
The motion was seconded by Commissioner Phipps. The motion carried.

REQUESTS FOR DEPUTY PILOTS FOR THE MARCH 2022 EXAMINATION

PORT OF CANAVERAL

A motion was made by Commissioner Cummings to approve the request for a least one Deputy Pilot for the Port of Canaveral from the March 2022 Examination. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Benson. Motion carried.

PORT OF EVERGLADES

A motion was made by Commissioner Jaccoma to approve the request for a least one or more Deputy Pilot for the Port of Everglades from the March 2022 Examination. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Benson. Motion carried.

REQUEST FOR CROSS LICENSING EXAM FOR PORT ST. JOE

A motion was made by Commissioner Phipps to approve the request for Captain Phillip Brady to take his cross license exam when he takes his state pilot exam. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jaccoma. The motion carried.

REVIEW OF REQUEST FROM THE FLORIDA HARBOR PILOTS (FHPA) ON CROSS-LICENSING FOR THE PORT OF KEY WEST

Commissioner Kurtz requested opinions on the matter of a pilot being absorbed into another port without taking a test for the port.

Commissioner Cumings expressed that the ports do not need a deputy pilot temporarily and that this isn't supported by statute.

All Commissioners agreed to pursue adding the discussion to November 9, 2021, in Palm Beach, Florida.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:47 a.m. by Commissioner Cumming and seconded by Commissioner Assal