

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING
BOARD OF PILOT COMMISSIONERS
Telephone Conference Call
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September 24, 2020, 10:00 a.m. EDT
UNAPPROVED**

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Kurtz called the conference call meeting to order at 10:01 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Commissioner Carolyn Kurtz, Chair
Commissioner Michael Jaccoma, Vice Chair
Commissioner Bob Benson
Commissioner Bruce Cumings
Commissioner Cheryl Phipps
Commissioner Ed Russo
Commissioner Brian Seuter-unexcused

OTHERS PRESENT

Amanda Ackermann, Executive Director
Anne Ahrendt, Government Analyst
Marlene Stern, Board Counsel
Captain Tom Bushy, Board Consultant
Captain Ben Borgie, Florida Harbor Pilots Association
Captain Gonzalez, Key West Bar Pilots Association
Captain Brian McGee, Pensacola Bay Pilots Association
Warren Husband, Counsel, Florida Harbor Pilots Association
Court Reporter, For the Record

REQUESTS FOR DEPUTY PILOTS FOR THE MARCH 2021 EXAMINATION

COMBINED PORTS OF JACKSONVILLE & FERNANDINA

A motion was made by Commissioner Phipps to approve the request for at least one Deputy Pilot for the combined ports of Jacksonville and Fernandina from the March 2021 Examination. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Benson. Motion carried.

PORT OF PALM BEACH

A motion was made by Commissioner Benson to approve the request for at least one Deputy Pilot for the Port of Palm Beach from the March 2021 Examination. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Phipps. Motion carried.

**REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF APPLICANTS FOR A DEPUTY PILOT OPENING FOR
PORT OF PENSACOLA**

Captain Bushy stated that the following applicants met the requirements to take the Deputy Pilot examination for Port of Pensacola: Thomas Hackett, Joshua Kornblum, Jonathan Ben Leck, Jeremy Lowe, Patricia Ann Malagrino and Nicolas Earl Miller.

Commissioner Jaccoma made a motion to approve the candidates as presented by Captain Bushy to sit for the March 2021 Port Canaveral Deputy Pilot Examination. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Benson. Motion carried

Captain Bushy stated that the application file Britton R. Chadbourne for demonstrated that the applicant was; therefore, the applicant failed to meet the requirements for maritime experience as set forth in section 310.071, F.S., & rule 61G14-11.002 F.A.C.

A motion was made by Commissioner Seuter to deny the application for Britton R. Chadbourne as he did not meet the requirements to sit for the October 2020 Port of Pensacola Deputy Pilot Examination. Motion seconded by Commissioner Cumings. Motion carried unanimously.

Captain Bushy stated that the application file Blake Steven Leahy-Miller for demonstrated that the applicant was; therefore, the applicant failed to meet the requirements for maritime experience as set forth in section 310.071, F.S., & rule 61G14-11.002 F.A.C.

A motion was made by Commissioner Cumings to deny the application for Blake Steven Leahy-Miller as he did not meet the requirements to sit for the October 2020 Port of Pensacola Deputy Pilot Examination. Motion seconded by Commissioner Benson. Motion carried unanimously.

Captain Bushy stated that the application file Matthew Thomas Meilstrup for demonstrated that the applicant was; therefore, the applicant failed to meet the requirements for maritime experience as set forth in section 310.071, F.S., & rule 61G14-11.002 F.A.C.

A motion was made by Commissioner Cumings to deny the application Matthew Thomas Meilstrup as he did not meet the requirements to sit for the October 2020 Port of Pensacola Deputy Pilot Examination. Motion seconded by Commissioner Benson. Motion carried 6-1.

Captain Bushy stated that the application file Benjamin Van Der Like for demonstrated that the applicant was; therefore, the applicant failed to meet the requirements for maritime experience as set forth in section 310.071, F.S., & rule 61G14-11.002 F.A.C.

A motion was made by Commissioner Cumings to deny the application for Benjamin Van Der Like as he did not meet the requirements to sit for the October 2020 Port of Pensacola Deputy Pilot Examination. Motion seconded by Commissioner Benson. Motion carried unanimously.

RULES REPORT – MARLENE STERN, BOARD COUNSEL

REPORTS

Chairs Report – Commissioner Kurtz

No report.

Deputy Pilot Advancement Committee-Commissioner Phipps

Approval of January 31, 2020 minutes

Approval of February 25, 2020 minutes

Approval of April 29, 2020 minutes

Approval of May 29, 2020 minutes

Approval of July 31, 2020 minutes

Approval of August 27, 2020 minutes

Captain Phipps noted the only correction necessary was the spelling of Terry Fluke's name in the May minutes.

A motion was made by Commissioner Kurtz and seconded by Commissioner Jaccoma to accept the minutes as corrected.

Board Attorney's Report – Marlene Stern

No report.

Prosecuting Attorney's Report – Crystal Stephens

No report.

Executive Director's Report – Amanda Ackermann

Ms. Ackermann reported on the Financial Statements for the month ending June 30, 2020. She noted a few items that were incorrect but had reported these to Finance and Accounting for investigation.

RATIFICATIONS

Deputy Pilot Candidates February 2, 2020 through September 5, 2020

A motion was made to ratify the advancements of the Deputy Pilots by Commissioner Jaccoma and was seconded by Commissioner Phipps. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

As a result of changes at the federal level regarding RADAR requirements affecting the state pilots continuing education requirement, Captain Ben Borgie, President of the Florida Harbor Pilots Association, made a presentation on the Maritime Pilots Institute "RADAR Use for Pilots" course.

A motion was made by Commissioner Seuter and seconded by Commissioner Cumings to accept the course "RADAR Use for Pilots" as offered by the Maritime Pilots Institute as an appropriate substitute to an in-person radar certification course as currently required for the pilots' license renewals. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS: none.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

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