

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

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Thursday, October, 9 2025, 10:00 a.m. EST

GENERAL BOARD BUSINESS

APPROVED

I. Call to Order

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

II. Members Present

Commissioner Jaccoma, Chair
Commissioner Cumings
Commissioner Phipps
Commissioner Seuter
Commissioner Assal
Commissioner Darienzo
Commissioner LaMarca
Commissioner Hodge

Members Absent

None.

Others Present

Stacey Buccieri, Executive Director
Dillon O'Brien, Government Analyst
Donna McNulty, Board of Pilot Commissioners Counsel
Captain Thomas Bushy, Board Consultant
Terry Fluke, Tampa Bay Pilots' Association
Captain James Prahl, Biscayne Bay Pilots Association
Captain Ben Borgie, Florida Harbor Pilots Association
Gretchen Winters, Florida Harbor Pilots Association
For The Record, Court Reporter

III. Requests for Deputy Pilots for the March 2026 Examination

- Key West Bar Pilots Association

Commissioner Phipps made a motion to approve Key West Bar Pilots Association for one or more Deputy Pilots. Commissioner Assal seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

- St. Johns Bar Pilot Association

Commissioner Cumings made a motion to approve St. Johns Bar Pilot Association for one or more Deputy Pilots. Commissioner LaMarca seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

- Tampa Bay Pilots Association

Commissioner LaMarca made a motion to approve Tampa Bay Pilots Association for one or more Deputy Pilots. Commissioner Phipps seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

IV. Approval of Changes to the Deputy Pilot Training Program

- Key West Bar Pilots Association

Commissioner Phipps made a motion to approve the changes to Key West Bar Pilots Association's Deputy Pilot Training Program. Commissioner LaMarca seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

- Biscayne Bay Pilots Association

Captain Bushy and Captain Prahl suggested changing the effective date of the changes to Biscayne Bay Pilots Association's Deputy Pilot Training Program from 10/9/2025 to 11/1/2025 to allow two of the port's Deputy Pilots to advance to the appropriate level of the new program. Commissioner Phipps suggested changing the minus symbols in the training program to the word "minus" spelled out.

Commissioner Cumings made a motion to approve the changes to Biscayne Bay Pilots Association's Deputy Pilot Training Program with the above amendments. Commissioner LaMarca seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

V. Approval of Board Meeting Minutes

- July 24, 2025 – BOPC

Commissioner Hodge made a motion to approve the July 24, 2025, BOPC Meeting Minutes. Commissioner Assal seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

VI. Ratification of DPAC Meeting Minutes

- July 18, 2025 – DPAC

Commissioner Phipps approved the July 18, 2025, DPAC minutes as written and the board approved the ratification of the minutes as written.

VII. New Business

Commissioner Jaccoma, Commissioner Seuter, and Commissioner Phipps expressed concerns about an email about Deputy Pilot Exam questions being determined by active pilots and retired pilots rather than just retired pilots. Ms. Buccieri said she would take their concerns to the Bureau of Education and Testing.

VIII. Old Business

Commissioner Jaccoma asked what the status was on the ratification of the Annual Regulatory Plan. Ms. Buccieri said its ratification would be on the agenda for the next meeting.

IX. Public Comment

No public comment.

X. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 10:20 a.m.