

**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 Prael 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.