

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING
BOARD OF PILOT COMMISSIONERS
DEPUTY PILOT ADVANCEMENT COMMITTEE
January 20, 2026, 10:00 a.m. EDT
Unapproved**

CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Cheryl Phipps called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. EDT.

Members Participating

Commissioner Cheryl Phipps, Chair

Others Participating

Stacey Buccieri, Executive Director

Donna McNulty, Board Counsel

Dillon O'Brien, Government Analyst

Captain Tom Bushy, Pilot Board Consultant

Terry Fluke, Executive Director, Tampa Bay Pilots' Association

Captain Barrie Snyder, St. Johns Bar Pilot Association

Captain Reid Hanson, Palm Beach Pilots' Association

Captain Geoffrey Pool, Biscayne Bay Pilots' Association

Captain Brian Seuter, Alternate

For The Record, Court Reporter

APPROVAL OF DEPUTY PILOTS FOR THE NEXT TRAINING LEVEL

The Deputy Pilot Advancement Committee reviewed and approved the following Deputy Pilots for the next applicable training level:

Captain Jeremy Lowe for Level 8 of the Port of Tampa Bay's approved training program for the Tampa Bay Pilots' Association, effective January 18, 2026.

Captain Daniel Hemmer for Level 8 of the Port of Tampa Bay's approved training program for the Tampa Bay Pilots' Association, effective January 18, 2026.

Captain Thomas Sellers for Level 4 of the Port of Tampa Bay's approved training program for the Tampa Bay Pilots' Association, effective January 17, 2026.

Captain Matthew Bozich for Phase 5 of the Port of Jacksonville's approved training program for the St Johns Bar Pilot Association, effective February 1, 2026. (St Johns Bar Pilot Association uses the term "Phase" as opposed to "Level")

Captain Garrett Knese for Phase 5 of the Port of Jacksonville's approved training program for the St Johns Bar Pilot Association, effective February 1, 2026. (St Johns Bar Pilot Association uses the term "Phase" as opposed to "Level")

Captain Brendan Kelly for Level 2 of the Port of Palm Beach's approved training program for the Palm Beach Pilots' Association, effective February 1, 2025, pending his receipt of his federal license.

Captain Joseph Purcell for Level 9 of the Port of Miami's approved training program for the Biscayne Bay Pilots' Association, effective February 1, 2026. (Overall length limitation: 1,120 ft)

Captain Zachary Sherman for Level 9 of the Port of Miami's approved training program for the Biscayne Bay Pilots' Association, effective February 1, 2026. (Overall length limitation: 1,120 ft)

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the conference call was adjourned at 10:29 a.m. EDT.