

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

FINANCE COMMITTEE BOARD OF PILOT COMMISSIONERS Hutchinson Island Marriott Resort 555 NE Ocean Boulevard Stuart, FL April 29, 2009

CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Bryson, Chair of the Committee, called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m.

Members Present

Commissioner Bryson, Chair
Commissioner Bohnsack
Commissioner Brandenburg
Commissioner Buford
Commissioner Frudaker
Commissioner Jones
Commissioner Molitor, Vice-Chair
Commissioner Phipps

Members Not Present

Commissioner Fernandez

Others Present

Robyn Barineau, Executive Director
Elise Rice, Government Analyst
Tom Barnhart, Board Counsel
Phil Monte, Prosecuting Attorney
Joseph Brown, Florida State Pilots Association
Gretchen Rayborn, Florida State Pilots Association
Galen Dunton, Board Consultant
Alex Trgen, Stuart News
Margaret Mathews, Ackerman Senterfitt
Bill Wetzal, Fort Pierce Pilots Association

Commissioner Phipps stated that Commissioner Fernandez contacted her and he would be late for the meeting.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING

January 29, 2009

MOTION: Commissioner Molitor made a motion that the minutes be approved as submitted.

SECOND: Commissioner Phipps seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

REVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL REPORT – COMMISSIONER BRYSON

Commissioner Bryson informed the committee that there was a hand-out provided at the meeting. He stated that there was a 4.2% decline for the first part of fiscal year.

Commissioner Bryson informed the committee that the total expenses for the Pilotage Rate Review Board were \$63,537. He informed the committee that there was language in the budget indicating that the Board of Pilot Commissioners could not finance the Pilotage Rate Review Board. He stated that Captain Joe Brown, President of the Florida State Pilots Association, was present to discuss this issue. Captain Brown discussed with the committee how the line item was developed and the problems that could be caused if this passed.

Following discussion, Captain Brown indicated that a letter from the board would be helpful. Ms. Barineau informed the committee that she would inform the department of their concerns.

Commissioner Bryson continued to review the budget at this time.

REVIEW OF CURRENT GROSS PILOTAGE ASSESSMENT RATE

Commissioner Bryson recommended that the gross pilotage assessment be increased to 1% effective July 1, 2009. He stated that at the next meeting they will make adjustments again, if needed.

MOTION: Commissioner Molitor made a motion that the Finance Committee recommend to the Rules Committee that the gross pilotage assessment be increased to 1% effective July 1, 2009.

SECOND: Commissioner Jones seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business to come before the committee at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business to come before the committee at this time.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 1:42 p.m.