

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING
BOARD OF PILOT COMMISSIONERS
Residence Inn Amelia Island
2301 Sadler Road
Fernandina Beach, Florida 32034
904-277-2440
February 3, 2022
GENERAL BOARD BUSINESS
APPROVED**

Call to Order

Meeting was called to order by Chair Kurtz at 9:01 am EST

Members Present:

Commissioner Kurtz, Chair
Commissioner Jaccoma, Vice-Chair
Commissioner Benson
Commissioner Cumings
Commissioner Phipps
Commissioner Russo
Commissioner Seuter

Members Absent:

Commissioner Assal – Excused

Others Present

Amanda Ackermann, Executive Director
Marlene Stern, Board of Pilot Commissioners Counsel
Donna McNulty, Pilotage Rate Review Committee Attorney
Mollie Peck, Government Analyst
Captain Tom Bushy, Board Consultant
Elizabeth Henderson, Assistant General Counsel
Warren Husband, Florida Harbor Pilots Association
Gretchen Winters, Florida Harbor Pilots Association
Laura DiBella, Florida Harbor Pilots Association
Ben Borgie, Florida Harbor Pilots Association
Captain Nathan D. Cook, St. Johns Bar Pilot Association
Galen Dunton, Public
Margaret Bushy, Public

Approval of Minutes

Minutes of November 9, 2021 Meeting of the Board – A motion was made by Commissioner Phipps to approve the November 9, 2021 minutes as written and seconded by Commissioner Cumings.

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Minutes of December 16, 2021 Meeting of the Board – A motion was made by Commissioner Benson to approve the December 16, 2021 minutes as written and seconded by Commissioner Jaccoma.

Request for State Pilot Examinations – A motion was made by Commissioner Jaccoma and seconded by Commissioner Benson to approve Captain Weston J. Stumpf to sit for the State Pilot Examination for Port Everglades. Motion carried.

Request from Tampa Bay Pilots Association for Deputy Pilot Special Examination – A motion was made by Commissioner Phipps to approve the request for at least one Deputy Pilot for the Tampa Bay June special examination. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Cumings. Motion carried.

Review and Approval of Applicants for Deputy Pilot Openings for Port Canaveral

Captain Bushy stated the following applicants met the requirements to take the Deputy Pilot examination for Port Canaveral: Bethlen, Christian A., Boullion, Richard M., Gasecki, Joseph F., Haddock, Westin C., Hanson, Daniel G., Johnson, Robert D. Jr., Kornblum, Joshua D., Lowe, Jeremy P., Macomber, Russell Y., Megregian, Christopher D., Malagrino, Patricia A., Pessa, Daniel G., Piper, Morgan E., Sterling, Tyler W., Walraven, David E., Wyman, Taylor C.

Commissioner Cumings made a motion to approve the candidates as presented by Captain Bushy to sit for the June 2022 Port Canaveral Deputy Pilot Examination. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Benson. Motion carried.

Motion to Deny – Captain Bushy stated that the application file for Conor D. Boyce demonstrated that the applicant was shy 42 days of sea time as Second Mate; therefore, the applicant failed to meet the requirements for maritime experience as set forth in section 310.071, F.S., & rule 61G-11.002 F.A.C.

A motion was made by Commissioner Phipps to deny the application for Conor D. Boyce as he did not meet the requirements to sit for the June 2022 Port Canaveral Deputy Pilot Examination. Motion seconded by Commissioner Benson. Motion carried.

Captain Bushy states that the application file for Joshua O. Bush demonstrated that the applicant was shy 77 days of sea time; therefore, the applicant failed to meet the requirements for maritime experience as set forth in section 310.071, F.S., & rule 61G-11.002 F.A.C.

A motion was made by Commissioner Jaccoma to deny the application for Joshua O. Bush as the applicant did not meet the requirements to sit for the June 2022 Port Canaveral Deputy Pilot Examination. Motion seconded by Commissioner Cumings. Motion carried.

Captain Bushy states that the application file for Tevin M. Cardin demonstrated that the applicant was shy 63 days of seat time; therefore, the applicant failed to meet the requirements for maritime experience as set forth in section 310.071, F.S., & rule 61G-11.002 F.A.C.

A motion was made by Commissioner Phipps to deny the application for Tevin M. Cardin as the applicant did not meet the requirements to sit for the June 2022 Port Canaveral Deputy Pilot Examination. Motion seconded by Commissioner Benson. Motion carried.

Captain Bushy states that the application file for Christopher G. Nowak demonstrated that the applicant was insufficient due to only 118 days of sea time as second mate; therefore, the applicant failed to meet the requirements for maritime experience as set forth in section 310.071, F.S., & rule 61G-11.002 F.A.C.

A motion was made by Commissioner Benson to deny the application for Christopher G. Nowak as the applicant did not meet the requirements to sit for the June 2022 Port Canaveral Deputy Pilot Examination. Motion seconded by Commissioner Cumings. Motion carried.

Review and Approval of Applicants for Deputy Pilot Openings for Port Everglades -

Commissioner Seuter made a motion to approve Casey G. Bell's application to sit for the Deputy Pilot exam for Port Everglades. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Benson. Commissioner Russo opposed. Motion carried.

Captain Bushy state the following applicants met the requirements to take the Deputy Pilot examination for Port Everglades: Archer, Ali M., Brow, Patrick H., Campbell, Travis J., Fallon, Benjamin E., Fernandez, Alejandro E., Gomolka, Mathew K., Gonzalez, Alejandro, Gresh, Nathan J., Kohn, Jacob, Kornblum, Joshua D., Leck, Jonathan B., Lowe, Jeremy P., O'Brian, Kaitlin J., O'Connell, Michael W., Prucell, Jospeh F., Sotolongo, Adel H., Sterling, Tyler W., Terek, Nicholas J., Toval, Erik J., Walraven, David E., Westendorf, Chase R.

Commissioner Benson made a motion to approve the candidates as presented by Captain Bushy to sit for the June 2022 Port Everglades Deputy Pilot Examination. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Cumings. Motion carried.

Motion to Deny - Captain Bushy states that the application file for Joshua O. Bush demonstrated that the applicant was shy 77 days of sea time; therefore, the applicant failed to meet the requirements for maritime experience as set forth in section 310.071, F.S., & rule 61G-11.002 F.A.C.

A motion was made by Commissioner Cumings to deny the application for Joshua O. Bush as the applicant did not meet the requirements to sit for the June 2022 Port Everglades Deputy Pilot Examination. Motion seconded by Commissioner Phipps. Motion carried.

Captain Bushy states that the application file for Patrick A. Clarke demonstrated that the applicant was shy 100 sea days of second mate or higher; therefore, the applicant failed to meet the requirements for maritime experience as set forth in section 310.071, F.S., & rule 61G-11.002 F.A.C.

A motion was made by Commissioner Jaccoma to deny the application for Patrick A. Clarke as the applicant did not meet the requirements to sit for the June 2022 Port Everglades Deputy Pilot Examination. Motion seconded by Commissioner Benson. Motion carried.

Captain Bushy states that the application file for Angelos Giatras demonstrated that the applicant does not hold a U.S. License and that all sea time was obtained on foreign flagged vessels; therefore, the applicant failed to meet the requirements for maritime experience as set forth in section 310.071, F.S., & rule 61G-11.002 F.A.C.

A motion was made by Commissioner Seuter to deny the application for Angelos Giatras as he did not meet the requirements to sit for the June 2022 Port Everglades Deputy Pilot Examination. Motion seconded by Commissioner Benson. Motion carried.

Captain Bushy states that the application file for Alexandra Hagarty demonstrated that the applicant was shy 131 days of sea time; therefore, the applicant failed to meet the requirements for maritime experience as set forth in section 310.071, F.S., & rule 61G-11.002 F.A.C.

A motion was made by Commissioner Benson to deny the application for Alexandra Hagarty the applicant did not meet the requirements to sit for the June 2022 Port Everglades Deputy Pilot Examination. Motion seconded by Commissioner Seuter. Motion carried.

Captain Bushy states that the application file for Gerald D. Jordan demonstrated that the applicant was insufficient due to only 50 days of sea time as second mate; therefore, the applicant failed to meet the requirements for maritime experience as set forth in section 310.071, F.S., & rule 61G-11.002 F.A.C.

A motion was made by Commissioner Cumings to deny the application for Gerald D. Jordan as the applicant did not meet the requirements to sit for the June 2022 Port Everglades Deputy Pilot Examination. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Jaccoma. Motion carried.

Captain Bushy states that the application file for Sean L. Sandell demonstrated that the applicant was insufficient due to only 466 days of sea time as second mate; therefore, the applicant failed to meet the requirements for maritime experience as set forth in section 310.071, F.S., & rule 61G-11.002 F.A.C.

A motion was made by Commissioner Phipps to deny the application for Sean L. Sandell as the applicant did not meet the requirements to sit for the June 2022 Port Everglades Deputy Pilot Examination. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Cumings. Motion carried.

Rules Report – Marlene Stern stated that the Pilotage Rate Review Committee, Rule Number 61G14-22.012 will be repeal and will become effective very soon. The Board of Pilot Commissioners has no rules in progress.

Chairs Report – Commissioner Kurtz

No report.

Deputy Pilot Advancement Committee – Commissioner Phipps

Approval of October 29, 2021 minutes

Approval of November 30, 2021 minutes

Approval of December 20, 2021 minutes

A motion was made by Commissioner Kurtz and seconded by Commissioner Cumings to accept the minutes as written.

Prosecuting Attorneys Report – Elizabeth Henderson

No report.

Executive Director’s Report - Amanda Ackermann reported on the Financial Statements as of September 30, 2021 and indicated no changes. Commissioner Benson votes not to accept the report because of no opportunity for revenue for the Pilotage Rate Review process. Commissioner Phipps requested if the investment interest rate could be waived.

New Business – Commissioner Russo wanted to inform and discuss if the board should respond regarding education and awareness and what board members can do individually with the recent controversy surrounding the local proposed ordinance in Key West.

Old Business – Chair Kurtz inquired on a timeline for the Canaveral Rate Review hearing. Amanda Ackermann stated we will coordinate dates with Board consultant, Richard Law. Chair Kurtz inquired when the announcement would be sent out for the Tampa Bay Deputy Pilot Opening.

Public Comments

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Commissioner Russo and seconded by Commissioner Cumings. The meeting was adjourned at 10:18 a.m. EST.