

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

**Telephone Conference Call**

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**July 17, 2020, 10:00 a.m. EDT**

**UNAPPROVED**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Kurtz called the conference call meeting to order at 10:01 a.m.

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Commissioner Carolyn Kurtz, Chair  
Commissioner Michael Jaccoma, Vice Chair  
Commissioner Bob Benson  
Commissioner Bruce Cumings  
Commissioner Cheryl Phipps  
Commissioner Ed Russo  
Commissioner Brian Seuter-unexcused

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Amanda Ackermann, Executive Director  
Anne Ahrendt, Government Analyst  
Marlene Stern, Board Counsel  
Captain Tom Bushy, Board Consultant  
Captain Ben Borgie, Florida Harbor Pilots Association  
Warren Husband, Counsel, Florida Harbor Pilots Association  
Captain Reid Hansen, Palm Beach Pilots Association  
Captain Brian McGee, Pensacola Bay Pilots Associations  
Court Reporter, For the Record

**EMERGENCY REQUESTS FOR DEPUTY PILOT FOR THE PORTS OF PALM BEACH AND PENSACOLA**

A motion was made to offer the Deputy Pilot position in the Port of Palm Beach to Captain Eric James Baker, who qualified for the position after passing the 2018 Deputy Pilot Examination. He is to replace Captain James Mayne who resigned. The motion was made by Commissioner Cumings and was seconded by Commissioner Russo. The motion carried.

A request was made by the Pensacola Bay Pilots Association to declare an emergency examination due to none of the candidates who sat for the examination in June 2020 qualified. Commissioner Phipps made a motion to declare an emergency examination and her motion was seconded by Commissioner Cumings. The motion carried.

**RULES REPORT – MARLENE STERN, BOARD COUNSEL**

- **61G14-11.008 CROSS LICENSING**

A motion was made by Commissioner Phipps and seconded by Commissioner Benson to delete section (9)(a) of the rule to eliminate the combined ports of Boca Grande, Fort Myers Beach and Key West. The motion carried.

For the purpose of the Statement of Estimated Regulatory Costs (SERC), the following motions were made:

A motion was made by Commissioner Phipps and seconded by Commissioner Jaccoma stated that there would be no adverse economic impact on small business or directly or indirectly increase regulatory cost for any entity in excess of \$200,000 in Florida within one year of the implementation of the rule. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Kurtz and seconded by Commissioner Phipps that a violation of the rule being designated as a minor violation was not applicable to this rule change. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Russo and seconded by Commissioner Cumings to eliminate a sunset provision to the rule. Motion carried.

- **61G14-11.006-REAPPLICATION**

Discussion on this rule was tabled until a later meeting.

**ANNUAL REGULATORY PLAN – MARLENE STERN, BOARD COUNSEL**

A motion was made by Commissioner Phipps and seconded by Commissioner Benson to accept the annual regulatory plan. The motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS:** A letter from the Florida Harbor Pilot Association detailing the how the Covid 19 pandemic is affecting the Florida Harbor Pilots was presented by President Ben Borgie.

Captain Borgie recognized Commander Galen Dunton who recently retired after twenty seven years as the consultant for the Board of Pilot Commissioners. Commander Dunton will be officially recognized for his service at the next in-person meeting.

**OLD BUSINESS: none.**

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 11:02 a.m.