

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING
BOARD OF PILOT COMMISSIONERS
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Wednesday, October 12, 2022, 10:00 a.m.
GENERAL BOARD BUSINESS
APPROVED**

Call to Order

Meeting was called to order by Chair Kurtz at 10:00 am EST

Members Present:

Commissioner Kurtz, Chair
Commissioner Jaccoma – Vice-Chair
Commissioner Cumings
Commissioner Phipps
Commissioner Seuter
Commissioner Assal
Commissioner Benson
Commissioner Bernau
Commissioner Hodge

Others Present

Amanda Ackermann, Executive Director
Mollie Peck, Government Analyst
Marlene Stern, Board of Pilot Commissioners Counsel
Captain Tom Bushy, Board Consultant
Captain Geoffrey Pool, Biscayne Bay Pilots Association
Captain Nathan Cook, St. Johns Bar Pilot Association
Terry Fluke, Tampa Bay Pilots Association
Ben Borgie, Florida Harbor Pilots Association
Warren Husband, Florida Harbor Pilots Association
Gretchen Winters, Florida Harbor Pilots Association

Requests for Deputy Pilots for the March 2023 Examination

Port of Miami – Biscayne Bay Pilots Association

A motion was made by Commissioner Cumings to approve the request for a least one or more Deputy Pilots for the Port of Miami from the March 2023 Examination. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Assal. Motion carried.

Port Canaveral – Canaveral Pilots Association

A motion was made by Commissioner Benson to approve the request for a least one or more Deputy Pilots for the Port of Canaveral from the March 2023 Examination. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Assal. Motion carried.

Port of Tampa Bay – Tampa Bay Pilots Association

A motion was made by Commissioner Benson to approve the request for a least one or more Deputy Pilots for the Port of Tampa Bay from the March 2023 Examination. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Cumings. Motion carried.

Port of Jacksonville and Fernandina – St. Johns Bar Pilot Association

A motion was made by Commissioner Hodge to approve the request for a least one or more Deputy Pilots for the Port of Jacksonville and Fernandina from the March 2023 Examination. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jaccoma. Motion carried.

Request for State Pilot Examinations – A motion was made by Commissioner Bernau and seconded by Commissioner Cumings to approve Captain Michael Stutevoss to sit for the State Pilot Examination for the Port of Tampa Bay. Motion carried.

Approval of Changes to the Deputy Pilot Training Program

Commissioner Phipps stated that on page 25 of the agenda material under responsibilities should be a deputy pilot certificate and not a deputy pilot license.

A motion was made by Commissioner Phipps to approve the changes to the Deputy Pilot Training program for the Port of Canaveral as corrected. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jaccoma. Motion carried.

Radar – Continuing Education Issues

After board discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Bernau to accept any USCG radar course that was taken in the past five years for federal requirements will satisfy the State requirement for 2023 renewal. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hodge. Motion carried.

Commissioner Bernau made a motion to amend the previous motion to clarify a valid radar endorsement is an endorsement on a pilot's national MMC pages dated after January 31, 2018. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Cumings. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Jaccoma to accept the 2020 MPI course for the 2023 renewal. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Bernau. Motion carried.

Proposed New Continuing Education Course

A motion was made by Commissioner Seuter to accept the proposed continuing education course. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Phipps. Motion carried.

Sea Service Discussion – Captain Tom Bushy

A motion was made by Commissioner Seuter to adopt the interpretation presented by Captain Tom Bushy for qualifying sea time. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jaccoma. Motion carried.

Updated 2022 Harbor Pilots Renewal Information – Mandie Ackermann, Executive Director

Mandie Ackermann updated the Board that the renewal notices will not be mailed beginning 2025.

Rules Report – Marlene Stern, Board Counsel

New Business - None

Old Business – None

Adjournment – A motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Kurtz. This meeting was adjourned at 10:41 a.m. EST.