

Halsey Beshears, Secretary

Ron DeSantis, Governor

MINUTES

**Florida Board of Pilot Commissioners
Valencia College – East Campus
701 North Econlockhatchee Trail
Building 6 – Gymnasium
Orlando, Florida 32825**

Thursday, January 31, 2019

CALL TO ORDER

MEMBERS PRESENT

Carolyn Kurtz, Chair
Michael Jaccoma, Vice-Chair
Sheriff Assal
Robert Benson
Bruce Cumings
Chris Oatis
Cheryl Phipps
Brian Seuter
David Wilkins

MEMBERS EXCUSED

Welcome speeches were given by Sandy Shugart, President of Valencia College, Ron DeSantis, Governor, Jeanette Núñez, Lieutenant Governor, and Halsey Beshears, Secretary of the Florida Department of Business and Professional Regulation.

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss, debate, and identify existing regulations that could be targeted for reduction or elimination. The Board was asked to make a presentation outlining burdensome regulations that were identified at this meeting.

Chair Kurtz presented the following initiatives to the Secretary:

- Decrease the scope of the deputy pilot examination in the Port of Key West.
- Streamline the deputy pilot examination by automating the grading process, thereby decreasing costs for candidates and the state..
- Reevaluate the re-examination policy that prevents candidates from taking the examination with three (3) years after two (2) failed attempts.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 2:30 p.m.