

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Pilot Commissioners Board

General Information

Meeting Type: General Board Meeting

Meeting Date: July 24-25, 2003, Northwood Centre, Tallahassee, FL

Board Members: Victoria Robas, Chair
Jay Winegeart, Vice Chair
Eugene Sweeney
Michael Buffington
Cheryl Phipps
David Leech
Richard Frudaker
John Hiers

Other Attendees: Diane Carr, Secretary
Lianne Acebeo, Deputy Secretary
Anthony Spivey, Executive Director
Elise Rice, Government Analyst
Charles Tunncliff, Prosecuting Attorney
Ed Tellechea, Assistant Attorney General

Major Issues/Actions

- A financial workshop was held on July 24, 2003, between the board and the department. Discussion centered on the request of the board to obtain information from the department regarding the finances of the board. The board had previously presented a request to the department to obtain certain financial information to be discussed during the financial workshop. Representatives from the department's Office of Planning and Budget, and Finance and Accounting were in attendance to present the information requested by the board. Secretary Carr expressed her desire and commitment to the board to provide the financial information in a timely manner. Upon completion of the presentation, the board was appreciative of the information presented and the workshop resulted in a positive information sharing for both the department and the board.
- Captain Messer of the Port of Palm Beach appeared by phone and expressed concern to the board that his and Captain Roden's assistance as cross-licensed pilots to Captain Ergle of the Port of Ft. Pierce is becoming taxing on performing their duties as State Pilots in their assigned port at the Port of Palm Beach. Captain Messer requested the board provide relief to the situation at the Port of Ft. Pierce. The board assured Captain Messer that they are reviewing Captain Ergle's status. Captain

Ergle is awaiting completion of a physical to determine his continuing as a Pilot at the port following an accident he sustained earlier in the year.

- The board requested a phone conference be scheduled in approximately four to six weeks to confer with Captain Ergle regarding his status at the Port of Ft. Pierce.

Legislation/Rule Promulgation

- The rules committee would like to see a form developed to capture the information required for submission of a rate review request by the ports. Currently, the rules only provide a list of information required for submission of a rate review. Counsel for the Pilot Board will confer with the Counsel of the Rate Review Board and report back to the board with the information regarding development of the form.

Action Required

- Provide a copy of all staff percentage reports to the board displaying the workload percentages provided to the shared boards.
- Draft a letter for signature by the chair for presentation to Captains Messer and Roden thanking them for their assistance as cross-licensed pilots to the Port of Ft. Pierce.
- Provide a copy of the minutes to the board of the rate review hearing held on July 18, 2003, for the Port of Ft. Pierce.
- Provide a letter to Captain Ergle inquiring of him to provide the status of his required physical.

Anthony B. Spivey
Executive Director
July 25, 2003