

## **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

### **Pilot Commissioners Board**

#### General Information

**Meeting Type:** General Board Meeting

**Meeting Date:** January 8-9, 2004, Don Vincent de Ybor Historic Inn, Tampa, Florida

**Board Members:** Victoria Robas, Chair  
Cheryl Phipps, Vice Chair  
Eugene Sweeney  
Michael Buffington  
Earl McMillin  
David Leech  
Richard Frudaker  
Donald Molitor  
John Hiers  
Rivers Buford

**Other Attendees:** Mark Whitten, Division Director for Professions and Regulation  
Anthony Spivey, Executive Director  
Elise Rice, Government Analyst I  
Drew Winters, Prosecuting Attorney  
Ed Tellechea, Assistant Attorney General

#### **Major Issues/Actions**

- Commissioner Buffington reviewed the financial reports with the board providing a detailed analysis of the figures, re-establishing the five-year totals for use by the department.
- Board Counsel Tellechea provided an overview of the Sunshine Law to the board members at the request of Commissioner McMillin. Commissioner Molitor requested council to supply a copy of the pamphlet containing the information on the Sunshine Law. Board council agreed to provide the copies to the board members.
- Commissioner McMillin requested that the minutes from the October 2003, board meeting include a verbatim record of the conversation between him and Commissioner Buffington regarding the selection process of the Deputy Pilots. Commissioner Robas requested Ms. Rice to review the tapes and include the amended information into the October minutes.

- Commander Dunton briefed the board on the situation of applications for the March 2004, Deputy Pilot examination being pulled late from the mailroom and not being provided to him in a timely manner.

After the board was advised of the isolated situation and the actions taken by the board office to remedy the situation, Commissioner Robas expressed that she was displeased with the occurrence Commander Dunton had experienced. Commissioner Robas indicated she would send a letter to the Secretary explaining her displeasure in this matter.

- Commissioner Sweeney requested that board staff notify the board members of the selections by the Secretary for Deputy Pilot appointments. The board was advised that upon appointment of the Deputy Pilots by the Secretary, a notification would be provided to the members.

- Commissioner Robas expressed her extreme displeasure in having the information provided by Mr. Stovall of Jacksonville placed on the agenda. The information contained a letter of concern between Mr. Stovall and a Jacksonville Pilot. The information was submitted for informational purposes only. Commissioner Robas then directed the Executive Director to have all future agendas reviewed with her for approval.

- The board inquired into the progress of a licensed pilot as a patient in the Impaired Pilots program. The board was informed that no information has been provided to date. Board council will contact the PRN board for a status and inquire if a representative can appear before the board and make a presentation as to their function.

- Commissioner Weingart will serve as a member of the probable cause panel for future meetings. This is the result of the board approving a former board member with an active pilot's license to serve on the probable cause panel.

- Mr. Tellechea informed the board he had recently received a suit against the department and others lodged by a Deputy Pilot from Port Everglades. Mr. Tellechea informed the board he will apprise the board of the issue at the next meeting.

- Mr. Winters provided information regarding the board's cases and status of the cases. Mr. Winters was requested by the board to provide the age of the cases in order that the board can ensure the cases are moving on a regular basis. Mr. Winters informed the board he will provide the requested information at future meetings.

- Commissioner Sweeney requested that the information on the newly appointed Pilotage Rate Review members be supplied to the board for review.

## **Legislation/Rule Promulgation**

The rules committee tabled the discussion for implementation of the rule allowing licensees whom are spouses of military members to be exempt from the renewal process when accompanying the military member outside of the State of Florida because of deployment orders.

### **Action Required**

- Schedule a telephone meeting 23:59 hours before the March 2004 Deputy Pilot examination to allow ports with approved openings to request additional openings if necessary. This is per Rule 61G14-11.001(2), Florida Administrative Code.
- Provide information to the board on the newly appointed Pilotage Rate Review board members.
- Have Pilot files checked to determine if all pilots have a current annual physical on file.
- Schedule joint meeting between the Pilot Commissioners Board and Pilotage Rate Review Board at the April 2004, meeting in Cape Canaveral, Florida.
- Place Board Chair on agenda review list.
- Provide a copy of the minutes from the telephone conference regarding Ft. Pierce to the board members.

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Anthony B. Spivey  
Executive Director  
January 11, 2004