

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

BOARD OF PILOT COMMISSIONERS

**Tampa Westshore Marriott
1001 North Westshore Boulevard
Tampa, Florida 33607
February 12, 2007 - 9:00 a.m.**

CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Phipps, Chair of the Board, called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Members Present

Commissioner Phipps, Chair
Commissioner Bryson, Vice-Chair
Commissioner Buffington
Commissioner Buford
Commissioner Fernandez
Commissioner Frudaker
Commissioner Molitor
Commissioner Robas
Commissioner Sweeney

Others Present

Robyn Barineau, Executive Director
Elise Rice, Government Analyst
M. Catherine Lannon, Deputy Attorney General, Department of Legal Affairs
Mary Ellen Clark, Board Counsel
Galen Dunton, Board Consultant
Drew Winters, Prosecuting Attorney
Allen Thompson, Executive Director, Tampa Bay Pilots Association
Allen von Spiegelfeld, Attorney for Tampa Bay Pilots Association
Captain Carolyn Kurtz, Tampa Bay Pilots Association
Captain Jorge Viso, Tampa Bay Pilots Association
Captain Gary Maddox, Tampa Bay Pilots Association
Captain John Wrasse, Tampa Bay Pilots Association
David de la Parte, Attorney for the Florida State Pilots Association
Ron Christaldi, Attorney for the Florida State Pilots Association
Captain David Leech, Ft. Pierce Pilots Association
Christopher Fertig, Attorney for Michael Funk
David Abosch, Attorney for Michael Funk
Captain Michael Funk
Sherry Mason, Court Reporter

REVIEW OF DEPUTY PILOT TRAINING FOR MICHAEL FUNK WITH THE TAMPA BAY PILOTS ASSOCIATION

Ms. Clark inquired if any of the members were recusing themselves regarding the matter before the Board.

Commissioner Buffington stated that he was recusing himself since he is a member of the Tampa Bay Pilots Association.

The transcript from this meeting is attached to the minutes.

MOTION: Commissioner Buford made a motion as follows: (1) that the Board authorize counsel to prepare an order adopting the findings of fact and conclusions of law; (2) that the findings of fact will be those factual statements contained in the presentation of Allen Thompson of the Tampa Bay Pilots Association and the facts contained in the presentation of Captain Carolyn Kurtz, Tampa Bay Pilots Association; (3) that the testimony given by Captain Gary Maddox, Tampa Bay Pilots Association, is also to be included as a finding of fact; (4) that the Board, based upon these findings of facts, conclude as a matter of law that they do not recommend a deputy pilot license for Michael Funk for the continuation of 24 months.

SECOND: Commissioner Frudaker seconded the motion which passed unanimously following discussion.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 12:20 p.m.