

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Board of Pilot Commissioners

I. General Information

Meeting Type: General Business Meeting
Meeting Date: Wednesday, July 31, 2013
Meeting Location: Hyatt Regency Orlando International Airport
9300 Jeff Fuqua Boulevard
Orlando, Florida 32827

Attendees:

Commissioner John Fernandez, Chair
Commissioner Eric Bryson
Commissioner John Fox
Commissioner Stephen Nielsen
Commissioner Robert "Bob" Swindell
Commissioner Carlos Trueba
Commissioner David Ulrich
Commissioner Cliff Walters

Robyn Barineau, Executive Director, Department of Business and Professional Regulation (DBPR)

Elise Rice, Government Analyst, DBPR

Michael Flury, Assistant Attorney General, Office of the Attorney General

Stuart Lilly, President, Florida Harbor Pilots Association (FHPA)

Warren Husband, Attorney for FHPA

Ben Borgie, FHPA

Allen L. Thompson, Jr., Executive Director, Tampa Bay Pilots Association (TBPA)

Clyde Mathis, Director, Port of Pensacola

Wayne Stubbs, Director, Port of Panama City

Dan Ramsey, Florida Docking Masters Association

Bill Leshe, Offshore Tugs Corporation

Mike Pate, Mike Pate Stevedore Company, Inc.

Marsha Frudaker

Diana Brundage, Court Reporter

II. Major Issues/Actions

- Chair John Fernandez welcomed Commissioners Stephen Nielsen, Cliff Walters, and Carolyn Kurtz to the Board of Pilot Commissioners. He excused Commissioner Kurtz from the meeting.
- The board approved the following requests for the issuance of deputy pilot certificates:
 - Captain Christopher Marlow – Biscayne Bay Pilots Association
 - Captain Todd Cooper – Port Everglades Pilots Association
 - Captain Carl Mahler – Port Everglades Pilots Association.

- The board approved the request of the St. Johns Bar Pilots Association to allow Captain Jeffrey Ritter to sit for the state pilot examination.
- The board approved the request of the Port Everglades Pilots Association for at least one deputy pilot from the March 2014 examination.
- The board took no action on combining the Ports of Panama City, Port St. Joe and Pensacola. In addition, another request was received from a second Port Everglades state pilot to cross-license in Pensacola. One of the Port of Pensacola users was present and expressed a concern with having only one state pilot in the port and the lack of pilot coverage should the current state pilot become ill or unavailable to bring vessels in/out of the port. The user agreed that two cross-licensed deputy pilots would help the situation in the future, but if an emergency occurred immediately, there would be no back-up. The board was understanding but reminded the meeting attendees that they are bound by the current laws and rules. The board agreed that the best course of action is for the Port of Pensacola to move forward with cross-licensing the two state pilots who have volunteered to assist in Pensacola.
- The pilot members on the board voted to appoint Commissioner David Ulrich to serve on the Pilotage Rate Review Committee (PRRC). They also voted to appoint Commissioner Carolyn Kurtz as an alternate member on the PRRC.
- Chair Fernandez informed the board that Commission Bob Swindell has been appointed to serve on the Probable Cause Panel.
- Ms. Robyn Barineau, Executive Director, informed the board that the location of the October 2013 meeting has been changed from Tampa to Palm Beach.

III. Legislation/Rule Promulgation

- There was no legislative or rule promulgation at this meeting.

IV. Action Required

- There was no additional action required.

Robyn Barineau
Executive Director
August 2, 2013