

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

FINANCE COMMITTEE BOARD OF PILOT COMMISSIONERS Crowne Plaza Hotel 200 E. Gregory Street Pensacola, FL

April 29, 2010

CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Bryson, Chair of the committee, called the meeting to order at 2:45 p.m. CST.

Members Present

Commissioner Bryson, Chair
Commissioner Bohnsack
Commissioner Buford
Commissioner de la Parte
Commissioner Fernandez
Commissioner Frudaker
Commissioner Molitor, Vice-Chair
Commissioner Phipps
Commissioner Viso

Members Not Present

Commissioner Jones

Others Present

Robyn Barineau, Executive Director
Elise Rice, Government Analyst
Michael Flury, Board Counsel
Diane Moore, Prosecuting Attorney
Galen Dunton, Board Consultant
Jay Winegeart, St. Johns Bar Pilot Association
Tony Hogg, Florida Docking Masters
Frank Knowles, St. Andrew Bay Pilots Association
Drew Winters, Grossman, Furlow & Bayo
Gretchen Rayborn, Florida Harbor Pilots Association (FHPA)
Steve Gasecki, FHPA
Allen Thompson, Tampa Bay Pilots Association
Margaret Mathews, Akerman Senterfitt

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING January 28, 2010

MOTION: Commissioner Molitor made a motion that the committee approve the minutes as submitted.

SECOND: Commissioner Viso seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

REVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE QUARTER ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2009 –COMMISSIONER BRYSON

Commissioner Bryson informed the committee that the financial reports show a larger cash balance than expected. He stated that they have a balance projection of \$100,000 which needs to be reduced. Commissioner Bryson asked Captain Steve Gasecki, Vice-President of FHPA, if the bill regarding Chapter 310, Florida Statutes, passed. Captain Gasecki responded that the bill had passed both the Senate and the House, and it was now awaiting the Governors' signature.

Captain Gasecki informed the committee that several individuals worked very hard with the cruise lines and the pilots, and the consensus was to dissolve the rate review board. The Board of Pilot Commissioners will have a Pilotage Rate Review subcommittee consisting of seven of the board members.

Following discussion, Commissioner Bryson recommended that the recommendation be made to reduce the gross pilotage assessment to one tenth of one percent (.001) effective July 1 and adjustments would be made, if necessary.

MOTION: Commissioner Buford made a motion that the Finance Committee recommend to the Rules Committee that the gross pilotage assessment be reduced to one tenth of one percent (.001) effective July 1, 2010.

SECOND: Commissioner Fernandez seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Flury informed the committee that a bill had been filed which would amend Chapter 120, F.S., pertaining to small businesses requiring that rules ratified each year by the Legislature. He stated that if this passes they would not be able to amend rules as easily.

Commissioner Bryson stated that at the last meeting the board approved the request that transcripts of rate hearings be provided for their review. He added that reading through them was difficult. He commented that the last year was difficult to watch and with the reduced number of members on the board, they had a hard time doing business. He stated that from his personal perspective, he has seen a degeneration of the rate-setting process where there was a knowledge of business when the original rate review board knowledge disappeared. He stated that he hopes this information was beneficial and will help when this board takes over the rate review process.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business to come before the committee at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business to come before the committee at this time.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 3:14 p.m. CST.