

## **MINUTES OF THE MEETING**

### **FINANCE COMMITTEE BOARD OF PILOT COMMISSIONERS Hutchinson Island Marriott Resort 555 NE Ocean Boulevard Stuart, FL April 29, 2009**

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

Commissioner Bryson, Chair of the Committee, called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m.

#### **Members Present**

Commissioner Bryson, Chair  
Commissioner Bohnsack  
Commissioner Brandenburg  
Commissioner Buford  
Commissioner Frudaker  
Commissioner Jones  
Commissioner Molitor, Vice-Chair  
Commissioner Phipps

#### **Members Not Present**

Commissioner Fernandez

#### **Others Present**

Robyn Barineau, Executive Director  
Elise Rice, Government Analyst  
Tom Barnhart, Board Counsel  
Phil Monte, Prosecuting Attorney  
Joseph Brown, Florida State Pilots Association  
Gretchen Rayborn, Florida State Pilots Association  
Galen Dunton, Board Consultant  
Alex Trgen, Stuart News  
Margaret Mathews, Ackerman Senterfitt  
Bill Wetzal, Fort Pierce Pilots Association

Commissioner Phipps stated that Commissioner Fernandez contacted her and he would be late for the meeting.

#### **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING**

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MOTION: Commissioner Molitor made a motion that the minutes be approved as submitted.

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

### **REVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL REPORT – COMMISSIONER BRYSON**

Commissioner Bryson informed the committee that there was a hand-out provided at the meeting. He stated that there was a 4.2% decline for the first part of fiscal year.

Commissioner Bryson informed the committee that the total expenses for the Pilotage Rate Review Board were \$63,537. He informed the committee that there was language in the budget indicating that the Board of Pilot Commissioners could not finance the Pilotage Rate Review Board. He stated that Captain Joe Brown, President of the Florida State Pilots Association, was present to discuss this issue. Captain Brown discussed with the committee how the line item was developed and the problems that could be caused if this passed.

Following discussion, Captain Brown indicated that a letter from the board would be helpful. Ms. Barineau informed the committee that she would inform the department of their concerns.

Commissioner Bryson continued to review the budget at this time.

### **REVIEW OF CURRENT GROSS PILOTAGE ASSESSMENT RATE**

Commissioner Bryson recommended that the gross pilotage assessment be increased to 1% effective July 1, 2009. He stated that at the next meeting they will make adjustments again, if needed.

MOTION: Commissioner Molitor made a motion that the Finance Committee recommend to the Rules Committee that the gross pilotage assessment be increased to 1% effective July 1, 2009.

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

### **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 1:42 p.m.