



RI STATE PILOTAGE COMMISSION

235 Promenade Street
Providence, RI 02908

APPROVED MEETING MINUTES

RHODE ISLAND STATE PILOTAGE COMMISSION MEETING

held on Thursday, March 3rd, 2022 at 9:30am

Room 300, 235 Promenade Street, Providence RI 02903 and via Zoom

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Capt. E. Howard McVay, Chair
Capt. Peter Fritz, Vice Chair
Jason McNamee, RIDEM, Deputy Director, Member

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:

Lt. Michael Schipritt, RIDEM, Division of Law
Enforcement

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Chris Murray Executive Director, NEMP Assn.
Christina Hoefsmit, Esq., Legal Counsel for RISPC
Mary Dalton, RIDEM, Secretary for RISPC
David Gray, Chairman, Rhode Island State Pilot Board
Vince Kirby, NEMP Association
Sean Bogus,

CALL TO ORDER

A meeting of the RI State Pilotage Commission took place in Room 300, 235 Promenade Street, Providence, RI and via Zoom on Thursday, March 3, 2022 at 9:30 a.m. The Chair called the meeting to order at 9:36 a.m. After a roll call was taken, Chairman McVay confirmed that a quorum was present.

I. INTRODUCTION OF THE COMMISSIONERS AND THE PUBLIC

II. FEBRUARY 3, 2022 MEETING MINUTES VOTE

Commissioners reviewed the draft meeting minutes from the February 3, 2022 meeting. Vice Chairman Fritz **MOVED** to accept the minutes as presented. Mr. McNamee **SECONDED** the **MOTION**. Vote was **UNANIMOUS**, *3-0 to approve*.

III. COMMUNICATIONS RECEIVED BY THE COMMISSION

Chairman McVay stated that the Commission received a packet from the State Pilot Board for Theodore Sanford and Matthew Stevens along with a letter from David Gray, Chairman of RI State Pilot Board, certifying that Apprentices Sanford and Stevens be considered and evaluated for Probationary Licenses. Vice Chair Fritz stated that Apprentice Sanford was scheduled for his last required training in March. Vice Chair Fritz **MOVED** to accept Apprentice Sanford and Apprentice Stevens as qualified to sit for the exam contingent upon receiving the balance of the paperwork. Mr. McNamee **SECONDED** the **MOTION**. Vote was **UNANIMOUS**, *3-0 to approve*.

IV. COMMUNICATIONS SENT BY THE COMMISSION

There was no communication sent by the Commission.

V. OLD BUSINESS

a. Review of pilot licenses, certifications and medicals for 2022.:

Ms. Dalton stated that no licenses were up for expiration.

b. Pilotage Commission accident investigation protocol and VDR recovery

Capt. Murray stated there are no updates.

c. Pilot President/NEMP Executive Director

Capt. Murray stated that they had a new contract for dispatch software that will be cloud-based and the current software is 20 years old. Chairman McVay asked if it would integrate with Quickbooks and Capt. Murray stated that it would. Capt. Murray stated the current software would not be supported after June 30.

Chairman McVay confirmed with Ms. Dalton that the Commission had received the pilot boat inspections.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

Chairman McVay stated that some pilot organizations are refusing to dock Russian ships due to the current situation and stated there were no Russian ships currently utilizing Narragansett Bay.

Chairman McVay stated that the Commission would defer to the federal and/or state government declarations if and when this might become an issue.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, The Chair entertained a **MOTION** to adjourn the meeting. Vice Chairman Fritz **MOVED** to adjourn the meeting at approximately 10:05 a.m. Mr. McNamee **SECONDED** the **MOTION**. Vote was **UNANIMOUS** 3-0 to adjourn.

2022 Meeting Schedule:

April 7
May 5
June 2
July 7
August 4
September 1
October 6
November 3
December 1

*Meeting dates are subject to change.

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