



## RI STATE PILOTAGE COMMISSION

235 Promenade Street  
Providence, RI 02908

### APPROVED MEETING MINUTES

#### RHODE ISLAND STATE PILOTAGE COMMISSION MEETING

held on Thursday, May 12, 2022 at 9:30am

Room 425A, 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  
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  
Rich Astles, NEMP Association  
Vince Kirby, NEMP Association  
Matthew Stevens, NEMP Association  
Theodore Sanford, NEMP Association

### CALL TO ORDER

A meeting of the RI State Pilotage Commission took place in Room 425A, 235 Promenade Street, Providence, RI and via Zoom on Thursday, April 7, 2022 at 9:30 a.m. The Chair called the meeting to order at 9:40 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. APRIL 7, 2022 MEETING MINUTES VOTE

Commissioners reviewed the draft meeting minutes from the April 7, 2022 meeting. Vice Chairman Fritz **MOVED** to accept the minutes as presented. Lt. Schipritt **SECONDED** the **MOTION**. Vote was **UNANIMOUS**, *4-0 to approve*.

### III. COMMUNICATIONS RECEIVED BY THE COMMISSION

Chairman McVay stated that the Commission had not received any communications.

### 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**

Lt. Schipritt advised that there had been six officers able to board officers. He further stated that would like to get at least the supervisors aboard so they would be familiar with the procedure.

**c. Pilot President/NEMP Executive Director**

No report.

**VI. NEW BUSINESS**

Chairman McVay stated that the Commission examined Matthew Stevens and Theodore Sanford in April and they are ready to be granted Probationary licenses. Vice Chairman Fritz **MOVED** to grant Probationary Licenses to Matthew Stevens and Theodore Sanford. Mr. McNamee **SECONDED** the **MOTION**. Vote was **UNANIMOUS, 4-0 to approve.**

Chairman McVay explained the progression from probationary license to full branch license. He further explained that their Rhode Island license is dependent upon maintaining their federal license. He advised that their probationary license was good for one year from today's date, May 12<sup>th</sup>. Chairman McVay then delivered the oath to Matthew Stevens and Theodore Sanford.

Chairman McVay stated that he has spoken with the chairman of the New York Pilot Commission concerning the transfer of cargo in Block Island Sound relative to the wind farm construction. Based on case law, New York has the authority to enforce by statute the requirement that pilots be used in Block Island Sound and can enforce such.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to discuss, The Chair entertained a **MOTION** to adjourn the meeting. Lt. Schipritt **MOVED** to adjourn the meeting at approximately 10:02 a.m. Mr. McNamee **SECONDED** the **MOTION**. Vote was **UNANIMOUS 4-0 to adjourn.**

**2022 Meeting Schedule:**

July 7
August 4
September 1
October 6
November 3
December 1

\*Meeting dates are subject to change.

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