

APPROVED MINUTES
RHODE ISLAND STATE PILOTAGE COMMISSION MEETING
Thursday, December 7, 2017
Held at 235 Promenade Street, Room 250
Providence, RI 02908

<u>MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE</u>	<u>OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE</u>
Capt. E. Howard McVay, Chair Capt. Peter Fritz, Member Larry Mouradjian, Member Frank Floor, Member	Atty. Gary Powers, Counsel to the RIPC Jo-Anne Scorpio, Secretary to the RISPC Paul Costabile, Ex. Dir., Northeast Marine Pilots Assn. Vincent Kirby, RI State Pilot Board Sean Bogus, President, Northeast Marine Pilots Assn. Adam Sanford, Northeast Marine Pilots Assn.

I. REVIEW OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

A regular monthly meeting of the RI Pilot Commission was called to order at approximately 9:30am on Thursday, December 7, 2017, at the headquarters of the RIDEM, Div. Law Enforcement. A quorum was present; the November 2, 2017 minutes were reviewed and voted to approve. Commissioner Mouradjian MOVED to accept the minutes; Commissioner Fritz seconded the MOTION. [Voted 3-0 in favor.](#)

II. OLD BUSINESS

- 1) **State Pilot Board Updates:**
Dale Harper: No reports from the State Pilot Board, however, the Chair advised that they will have a report on Capt Harper for the fourth quarter for next month's meeting (January 4).
- 2) **Pilot Advisory Panel Update:** Vice Chair Fritz stated that he is moving forward and assembled a four-member panel of highly qualified ex-mariners.
- 3) **Regulations Update:** Atty. Powers advised that the pilot regulations have finally been approved by the Office of Regulation Review and will be in final form for the Secretary of States Office by the end of 2017. He also advised that after his departure from state service (end of 2017), Atty. Joe LoBianco will be in communication with the commission secretary regarding any regulatory matters going forward. Power's also mentioned that RIDEM Executive Counsel Mary Kay has NOT officially appointed an attorney to carry on with commission regulatory matters to date.

- 4) Communication's System: Capt. Costabile (NEMP) stated that a technician advised him that the Pilot's communication system is not tied in with the State Police unit. Commissioner Floor said he will send the contact information to Capt. Costabile to get their unit up and running.

III. PILOT CERTIFICATES AND EXPIRATION DATES:

- 5) Pilot Certificates and Expiration Dates: Commission Secretary advised that Capt. Gray's Radar Certificate and MMR license will expire this spring. A reminder will be sent out to Capt. Gray.

IV. REGULATIONS CHANGE FOR USCG 719K:

- 6) Regulation change for medical certificate: Atty. Powers distributed revisions to Pilotage Regulation 9.17K Annual Physical Examination -Annual Medical Certificate. Commissioners and pilots discussed whether pilots should submit their medical report annually or every two years.

Vice Chair Fritz **MOVED** to approved Atty. Powers' proposal to modify the state requirements for submitted medical reports to the commission. Commissioner Floor seconded the **MOTION**. *Voted 3-0 in favor.*

Atty. Powers will amend the above regulation stating that the "attending physician has reviewed the 719K".

V. NEW BUSINESS

Capt. Sanford Sworn in for Full Branch License: Probation Pilot Capt. Sanford was sworn in for his full branch license for Narragansett Bay. Atty. Powers, officer of the court, administered the oath. Each commissioner then signed Capt. Sanford's license. A copy was filed with the commission files.

V. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned approximately 11:00 am.

VI. NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

Next schedule meeting will be Thursday, January 4, 2017, beginning at approximately 9:30 am at the Dept. of Environmental Management, Division of Law Enforcement, 235 Promenade Street, Rm. 250, Providence, RI 02908.