



RI STATE PILOTAGE COMMISSION

235 Promenade Street
Providence, RI 02908

APPROVED MEETING MINUTES

RHODE ISLAND STATE PILOTAGE COMMISSION MEETING

held on Thursday, December 2, 2021 at 9:30am

235 Promenade Street, Room 300

Providence, RI 02908

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Capt. E. Howard McVay, Chair
Capt. Peter Fritz, Vice Chair
Lt. Michael Schipritt, RIDEM, Div. of Law
Enforcement, Member
Jason McNamee, RIDEM, Deputy Director, Member

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

CALL TO ORDER

A meeting of the RI State Pilotage Commission took place at 235 Promenade Street, Room 300, Providence, RI and through Zoom videoconferencing on Thursday, December 2, 2021 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. DISCUSSION ON THE RESULTS OF PUBLIC HEARING & VOTE ON REGULATIONS

Chairman McVay stated that no comments were received during the Public Hearing. He further stated that the Commission needed to vote on the proposed Regulation so it could be sent to ORR and be published by the Secretary of State's office.

Chairman McVay **MOVED** to accept the proposed Regulation as presented at the Public Hearing. Mr. McNamee **SECONDED** the **MOTION**. Vote was **UNANIMOUS**, 4-0 to accept.

III. NOVEMBER 4, 2021 MEETING MINUTES VOTE

Commissioners reviewed the draft meeting minutes from the November 4, 2021 meeting. Vice Chairman Fritz **MOVED** to accept the November 4, 2021 minutes as presented.

Lt. Schipritt **SECONDED** the **MOTION**. Vote was **UNANIMOUS**, 4-0 to approve.

IV. COMMUNICATIONS RECEIVED BY THE COMMISSION

Chairman McVay stated he received a status report from the State Pilot Board regarding apprentices Matt Stevens and Ted Sanford. State Pilot Board Chairman David Gray is present via Zoom. Chairman McVay read the letter to the Commission. The letter stated that neither apprentice had received an any unsatisfactory evaluations and are where they should be expected at this point in their training or better.

Chairman McVay stated that per the regulations, the apprentices should be given a “grade” and Mr. Gray stated that Mr. Sanford’s was 3.9 and Mr. Steven’s was 3.45 and that the regulations required them to have grades above 3.2.

Chairman McVay asked what the tentative schedule for their probationary exam was and Mr. Gray stated that one year from receiving their Block Island Sound license which would be March.

V. COMMUNICATIONS SENT BY THE COMMISSION

No communications sent by the Commission.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

a. Review of pilot licenses, certifications and medicals for 2021.:

Ms. Dalton stated that there were 5 outstanding medical exams and that she would send a reminder email.

b. Pilotage Commission accident investigation protocol and VDR recovery

Capt. Murray stated there had been no ship visits but stated that Grimaldi has agreed to allow ship visits starting the following day. Lt. Schipritt stated that the issue he was having with putting the kits together was that IT would not allow him to purchase thumb drives due to encryption issues.

c. Pilot President/NEMP Executive Director

Capt. Murray stated that the pilot boats have been inspected and there were no significant findings and reports would be forthcoming.

Chairman McVay asked if there were any extra precautions taken by the pilots due to the omicron variant and Capt. Murray stated if they are not fully vaccinated, they must submit a negative test twice a week.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Dalton provided a proposed 2022 meeting schedule to the Commission and stated Room 300 had been reserved when available. Capt. McVay stated that typically the Commission did not meet in July and August unless there was a pressing matter to discuss.

Capt. McVay stated that he received a phone call about the Quonset Air Show possibly being held at Fort Adams instead of Quonset. Mr. McNamee stated a final decision had not been made yet by DEM. Capt. McVay explained that if the show were held at Fort Adams, all ship traffic in Narragansett Bay would be affected and there would be a huge impact. Capt. McVay stated that the Commission recommends to keep to the air show at Quonset.

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 10:15 a.m. Mr. McNamee **SECONDED** the **MOTION**. Vote was 4-0 to adjourn.

2022 Meeting Schedule:

January 6
February 3
March 3
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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