



## RI STATE PILOTAGE COMMISSION

235 Promenade Street  
Providence, RI 02908

### APPROVED MEETING MINUTES

#### RHODE ISLAND STATE PILOTAGE COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING & MEETING

held on Thursday, October 6, 2022 at 9:30am

Room 425A, 235 Promenade Street, Providence RI 02903 and via Zoom

#### MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Mr. Jason McNamee, Deputy Director, RIDEM, Chair  
Capt. Peter Fritz, Vice Chair  
Capt. Vincent Kirby, RISP  
NOT IN ATTENDANCE:  
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

### 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, October 6, 2022 at 9:30 a.m. The Chairman called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. After a roll call was taken, Chairman McNamee confirmed that a quorum was present. Chairman McNamee added an agenda item concerning the annual report for discussion.

### I. ANNUAL PUBLIC MEETING PURSUANT TO R.I. GEN. LAWS §46-9-6(8)

Chairman McNamee opened the Annual Meeting of the Rhode Island State Pilotage Commission at 9:33 a.m. pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws §46-9-6(8). No comments were made. Chairman McNamee closed the Annual Meeting at 9:37 a.m.

### II. SEPTEMBER 1, 2022 MEETING MINUTES VOTE

Commissioners reviewed the draft meeting minutes from the September 1, 2022 meeting. Vice Chairman Fritz **MOVED** to accept the minutes as presented. Capt. Kirby **SECONDED** the **MOTION**. Vote was **UNANIMOUS**, *3-0 to approve*.

### III. COMMUNICATIONS RECEIVED BY THE COMMISSION

There were no communications received by the Commission.

### 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 reminders had gone out to the pilots regarding their annual medical exams.

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

Capt. Murray stated that the probationary pilots Stevens and Sanford are moving along with their requirements and should be ready for an upgrade request at the November meeting. He further reviewed their most recent trips since their previous upgrade. Capt. Kirby said he would review their documentation prior to the meeting and provide his input.

**VI. OTHER BUSINESS**

**a. Continued discussions on proposed NOAA Right Whale regulations**

Chairman McNamee advised that he drafted a letter to NOAA addressing the concerns of the RISPC regarding the proposed new Right Whale regulations and forwarded it to the members of the Commission for review. He further advised that NOAA had extended the deadline for submission so he would draft a new letter and would again seek input from the Commission before submitting.

**b. Continued discussion on Pilotage Commission advisory bodies**

Chairman McNamee stated that there was still a motion on the table from the September meeting regarding adding an additional member to the Pilot Advisory Board. Capt. Kirby stated that he had been doing research into the history of the various advisory entities and provided a document that compiled the information he found regarding these entities. He stated that the Commission has established two distinct advisory bodies – one for training and one to serve as an advisory panel to the Commission. He further stated that during his research there is some confusion as to the names and missions of these groups as they were referred by various names in Commission minutes, etc. The Rhode Island Pilot Advisory Board (RIPAB) is the advisory body to the Commission and the Pilot Training Advisory Panel (PTAP) is the pilot training advisory body. Chairman McNamee asked Capt. Kirby to continue to do further research to provide more information to the Commission at the next meeting.

**c. RISPC Annual Report(s)**

Chairman McNamee asked about the status of the Commission's Annual Reports. Ms. Dalton stated that the 2019 Annual Report was the last one completed and submitted to the Legislature and the Governor's Office. She and Chairman McNamee stated they would work together to get the reports updated and submitted.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to discuss, Vice Chairman Fritz **MOVED** to adjourn the meeting at approximately 10:52 a.m. Capt. Kirby **SECONDED** the **MOTION**. Vote was **UNANIMOUS 3-0** *to adjourn*.

**2022 Meeting Schedule:**

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| November 3 |
| December 1 |

\*Meeting dates are subject to change.  
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