



## RI STATE PILOTAGE COMMISSION

235 Promenade Street  
Providence, RI 02908

### MEETING MINUTES

#### RHODE ISLAND STATE PILOTAGE COMMISSION MEETING

held on Thursday, October 7, 2021 at 9:30am

235 Promenade Street, Room 425A

Providence, RI 02908

#### MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

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

#### OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Chris Murray Executive Director, NEMP Assn.  
Christina Hoefsmit, Esq., Legal Counsel for RISPC  
Mary Dalton, RIDEM, Secretary for RISPC  
Richard Astles, NEMP Assn.  
Vince Kirby, NEMP Assn.  
Sean Bogus, NEMP Assn.

### CALL TO ORDER

A meeting of the RI State Pilotage Commission took place at 235 Promenade Street, Room 425A, Providence, RI and through Zoom videoconferencing on Thursday, October 7, 2021 at 9:30 a.m.. The Chair called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. After a roll call was taken, Chair McVay confirmed that a quorum was present.

### I. INTRODUCTION OF THE COMMISSIONERS

Chairman McVay confirmed that the Commission and the Secretary of State's Office had received a copy of the appointment letter from RIDEM Acting Director Gray for Lt. Michael Schipritt. Chairman McVay further stated that pursuant to R. I. Gen. Laws § 46-9-5 (c) he conducted a training course for Lt. Schipritt and Ms. Dalton on September 13, 2021.

### II. SEPTEMBER 2, 2021 MEETING MINUTES VOTE

Commissioners reviewed the draft meeting minutes from the September 2, 2021 meeting. Attorney Hoefsmit pointed out that the votes should be changed to 3-0 instead of 4-0 because Lt. Schipritt was not officially a commission member yet. Chairman McVay then entertained a **MOTION** to approve the draft minutes as written. Vice Chairman Fritz **MOVED** to accept the September 2, 2021 minutes as corrected. Mr. McNamee **SECONDED** the **MOTION**. Vote was **UNANIMOUS, 4-0 to approve.**

### III. & IV. COMMUNICATIONS RECEIVED AND SENT BY THE COMMISSION

Chairman McVay stated he had received a Report of Accident/Occurrence/Incident from Capt. Dale Harper for a loss of power incident that occurred on October 3, 2021. The Commission reviewed copies of the report and Chairman McVay asked if there were any questions. Capt.

Astles proposed that the Commission prepare a letter of commendation for Capt. Harper similar to one he had received from New York for a similar incident. He will provide the Commission with a copy of the commendation. Chairman McVay stated he would work on a draft and send it to the Commission for review.

## **V. OLD BUSINESS**

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

Chairman McVay stated that there was a 5 year training matrix for the pilots and that June 2022 was the target date. Capt. Astles stated that the target date for completion should not be an issue for the pilots to meet.

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

Capt. Murray stated that there had been one onboard ship visit with three EPO's. They ran into an issue with this particular ship not having a USB for downloading the VDR. He stated that this would likely be a slow process because of the requirements of each particular ship regarding visitors, etc. He asked whether the officers could possibly use a simulator instead.

## **VI. NEW BUSINESS**

### **a. Proposed 2022 schedule:**

Chairman McVay stated that he needed to plan next year's meeting schedule and that the Commission could change the day and location of the monthly meeting to accommodate the needs of the members. The members discussed other possible locations for the meetings to include Wickford Marine Base and Fort Wetherell. Lt. Schipritt, Mr. McNamee and Ms. Dalton will get together possible locations for Chairman McVay.

### **b. Public hearing November 4th:**

Chairman McVay asked if there was any issue why the Commission could not move forward with the public hearing on the proposed regulation change voted on at the September 2021 meeting next month. Attorney Hoefsmit stated that this should be fine as the regulation will be submitted to ORR later this week.

## **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 9:57 a.m. Mr. McNamee **SECONDED** the **MOTION**. Vote was 4-0 to adjourn.

### **\*Remainder of 2021 Meeting Schedule:**

November 4
December 2

\*Meeting dates are subject to change.

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