



## RI STATE PILOTAGE COMMISSION

235 Promenade Street  
Providence, RI 02908

### APPROVED MEETING MINUTES

#### RHODE ISLAND STATE PILOTAGE COMMISSION MEETING

held on Thursday, February 3, 2022 at 9:30am  
via Zoom

#### 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  
Clint Walker, NEMP Association  
Vince Kirby, NEMP Association  
Rich Astles, NEMP Association

### CALL TO ORDER

A meeting of the RI State Pilotage Commission took place via Zoom videoconferencing on Thursday, February 3, 2022 at 9:30 a.m. The Chair called the meeting to order at 9:31 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. DECEMBER 2, 2021 MEETING MINUTES VOTE

Commissioners reviewed the draft meeting minutes from the December 2, 2021 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

There was no communication 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 the Medical Certificates were mailed in early January.

**b. Pilotage Commission accident investigation protocol and VDR recovery**

Capt. Murray stated there are no updates.

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

Capt. Murray had no report for the Commission but stated that the apprentices are making great headway and are scheduled for all the required classes. He estimated that they would be ready for exams after they completed all their classes in early spring.

Chairman McVay stated that the new regulations went into effect on December 22, 2021.

**VI. NEW BUSINESS**

Capt. Astles stated that the Coast Guard is experiencing more delays on medical approvals and are advising 6 months before expiration date to send in paperwork. Chairman McVay clarified that as long as the Rhode Island medical form was current, the pilot could continue to work while the federal certificate was being processed.

Vice Chairman Fritz stated that there had been some issues with pilot ladders and the APA was working on modifications for safety. Capt. Astles stated that some organizations were using helmets as an additional safety measure.

**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 9:42 a.m. Mr. McNamee **SECONDED** the **MOTION**. Vote was 4-0 to adjourn.

**2022 Meeting Schedule:**

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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