



RI STATE PILOTAGE COMMISSION

235 Promenade Street
Providence, RI 02908

APPROVED MEETING MINUTES

RHODE ISLAND STATE PILOTAGE COMMISSION MEETING

held on Thursday, June 2, 2022 at 9:30am

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

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Capt. E. Howard McVay, Chair
Capt. Peter Fritz, Vice Chair
Jason McNamee, RIDEM, Deputy Director, Member
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
Vince Kirby, 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, June 2, 2022 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. MAY 12, 2022 MEETING MINUTES VOTE

Commissioners reviewed the draft meeting minutes from the May 12, 2022 meeting. Vice Chairman Fritz **MOVED** to accept the minutes as presented. Mr. McNamee **SECONDED** the **MOTION**. Vote was **UNANIMOUS**, *4-0 to approve*.

III. COMMUNICATIONS RECEIVED BY THE COMMISSION

Chairman McVay stated that the Commission had not received any communications.

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 no licenses were up for expiration.

b. Pilotage Commission accident investigation protocol and VDR recovery

Lt. Schipritt advised that there had been six officers able to board officers. He further stated that would like to get at least the supervisors aboard so they would be familiar with the procedure.

c. Pilot President/NEMP Executive Director

Captain Astles reported that the probationary pilots have about seven (7) trips each as pilot of record without any incidents and they were both highly motivated to meet the requirements for the next probationary level.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

Chairman McVay clarified the regulations regarding when and under what circumstances a pilot must notify the Commission when they are out of work due to a medical condition. The Commission relies on the Coast Guard medical form and the information provided on said form unless the pilot is out of work more than three (3) months. He further stated that there were no disqualifying medical conditions based on his research. Captain Kirby stated that the NEMP had stricter “in house” rules that the pilots adhere to.

Chairman McVay stated that Captain Vince Kirby would be taking his position on the Commission. Captain Kirby stated that he had already had his hearing and he was awaiting the vote of the full Senate to approve his nomination to the Commission.

Chairman McVay shared with the Commission the reports written by probationary Captains Matthew Stevens and Theodore Sanford. The Commission had requested regarding the licensing procedures and training requirements put in place by the Commission.

Ms. Hoefsmit presented Chairman McVay with a Certificate of Appreciation signed by Governor McKee for his more than thirty-five (35) years of work with the Commission.

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 10:14 a.m. Mr. McNamee **SECONDED** the **MOTION**. Vote was **UNANIMOUS 4-0 to adjourn**.

2022 Meeting Schedule:

July 7
August 4
September 1
October 6
November 3
December 1

*Meeting dates are subject to change.