

**APPROVED MINUTES**  
**RHODE ISLAND STATE PILOTAGE COMMISSION MEETING**

Wednesday, October 11, 2017  
Held at 235 Promenade Street, Room 250  
Providence, RI 02908

<u>MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE</u>	<u>OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE</u>
Capt. E. Howard McVay, Chair Capt. Peter Fritz, Member Larry Mouradjian, Member Frank Floor, Member	Atty. Gary Powers, Counsel to the RIPC Jo-Anne Scorpio, Secretary to the RISPC Robert Blackburn, Port Director, Quonset Dev. Corp Paul Costabile, Ex. Dir., Northeast Marine Pilots Assn. Ed LeBlanc, USCG Arthur Frook, USCG

**I. REVIEW OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES**

A regular monthly meeting of the RI Pilot Commission was called to order at approximately 9:30am on Wednesday, October, 11, 2017, at the headquarters of the RIDEM, Div. Law Enforcement. A quorum was present; the September 7, 2017 minutes were reviewed and voted to approve. Member Mouradian made the MOTION to accept the minutes; Member Fritz seconded the MOTION. [\*Voted 3-0 in favor.\*](#)

**II. OLD BUSINESS**

- 1) **State Pilot Board Updates:**  
Dale Harper: The Chair advised that Capt. Harper did a trip with Chair McVay on Monday (Oct 9) and then a car ship in Davisville. McVay said that Capt. Harper continues to progress. The Chair added that there has been more yachting activity to the Vineyard this year which has prevented Dale from apprenticing large ships. The Board wants to see him perform more trips.
- 2) **Pilot Advisory Panel Update:**  
Vice Chair Fritz said he expects to have something for the next meeting.
- 3) **Regulations Update:**  
Atty. Powers explained the "Final Rule Making" procedure which is an amendment of the Administrative Procedures Act. He asked the Commissioners to vote so Counsel can move forward and file the regulations for a non-controversial and no public hearing required. Commissioner Floor MOVED to approved Atty. Powers to go forward and file the recodified regulations per the amended Administrative Procedures Act. Commissioner Fritz seconded the MOTION. [\*Voted 3-0 in favor.\*](#)
- 4) **Capt. Sanford Probationary License:** Member P. Fritz made a MOTION to go into executive session so the Commissioners could continue discussing Capt. Sanford's

request for a Full Branch License (10:30 a.m.). Member F. Floor seconded the MOTION. *Voted 3-0 in favor.*

During the executive session, a MOTION was made by Member P. Fritz to have the Commission vote on Capt. Sanford's upgrade at the November 2017 meeting. Member F. Floor seconded the motion. *Voted 3-0 in favor.*

### III. NEW BUSINESS

A link to the NTSB publication, "*Safer Seas Digest, Lessons Learned from Marine Accident Investigations*" was added to the Pilot Commission's webpage.

The Chair advised that he will make arrangements to have the US. Coast Guard's "*Requirements for Uninspected Passenger Vessels*" Posted on the webpage.

### IV. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Mourdjian made a MOTION for the meeting to adjourn. Commissioner Fritz seconded the MOTION. *Voted 3-0 in favor.* The meeting adjourned at 11:05 am.

### V. NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

Next schedule meeting will be Thursday, November 2, 2017, beginning at approximately 9:30 am at the Dept. of Environmental Management, Division of Law Enforcement, 235 Promenade Street, Rm. 250, Providence, RI 02908.