

APPROVED MINUTES  
RHODE ISLAND STATE PILOTAGE COMMISSION MEETING  
 Thursday, February 15, 2018  
 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 Frank Floor, Member	Atty. Christina Hoefsmit, Counsel to the RIPC Jo-Anne Scorpio, Secretary to the RISPC Paul Costabile, Ex. Dir., NE Marine Pilots Assn.
Vacancy (1)	

I. REVIEW OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

A regular monthly meeting of the RI Pilot Commission was called to order at approximately 9:30am on Thursday, February 15, 2018 at the headquarters of the RIDEM, Div. Law Enforcement. A quorum was present; the December 7, 2017 minutes were reviewed and voted to approve. Commissioner Floor MOVED to accept the minutes; Vice Chair seconded the MOTION. [Voted 2-0 in favor.](#)

II. OLD BUSINESS

- 1) **State Pilot Board Updates:**  
Dale Harper: The Board has not officially sent the quarterly report to the Commission, however, Chair McVay advised that Apprentice Pilot Dale Harper has been making progress in Narragansett Bay. He should be up for examination in May or June after he's been certified by the Board to take the test.  
  
 Capt. Costabile also stated that Capt Harper is riding all the time and continues to improve.  
  
 McVay said he will send the Board a letter requesting the quarterly report.
- 2) **Schedule Changes:** The Chair advised that the March 1 meeting has been changed to March 8. He will send out a revised schedule to the commissioners, counsel and secretary. The revised copy will be filed with the Secretary of State office.
- 3) **Regulation Recodification Update:** Copies of the draft regulations were distributed for commissioners and legal counsel to discuss comments made by Office of Regulation and Review (ORR). Atty. Hoefsmit advised that some of ORR's questions/comments were substantive. Member Frank Floor remarked saying that because of the amount to time it will take to edit the regulations, perhaps another meeting should be scheduled; or save the regulation review for the last topic on the agenda for each monthly meeting. The

Chair agreed and said he will scheduled another meeting with the Counsel Hoefsmit and the Commission Secretary to edit the draft regs.

- 4) Pilot Advisory Panel Update: No updates on the advisory panel
- 5) RI Pilot Approach Communication System Update: No updates.
- 6) Accident Study: CMA CGM Vasco de Gama: Chair McVay sent commissioners a copy of the “*Report on the investigation of the grounding of the ultra-large container vessel **CMA CGM Vasco de Gama***”. The Chair explained some of the details leading up to the grounding and wanted feedback from the other commissioners on what their opinions were on the results of the investigation. Commissioners continued to discuss the investigation.
- 7) Pilot Certificates and Expiration Dates: Commission Secretary said that all the pilots are up to date with their medical forms, licenses, and radar certificates. Commission secretary sent an email to Capt. Gray reminding him of Radar Observer certification expiration (3-18-18) and his MMD license expiration (5-10-18). Capt Gray said he was aware of the expiration dates.

### III. NEW BUSINESS

- 1) State Pilot Accident Investigation procedure/protocol: Commissioners discussed drafting policy on accident/incident procedure for the Commission to act after being notified that an incident has taken place involving a state pilot. Chair McVay said he would draft policy and email it to the Commission.
- 2) PPU Computers: Capt. Costabile advised that the computers were delivered to the DEM, Off. of Emergency Response (OER). He will contact OER to arrange for pick up/delivery of the equipment.
- 3) The Chair advised that he wants to discuss the possibility of larger ships coming into port and how would the current tugboats respond to larger ships. He would like to have discussions in the future so the state is prepared for those changes.

### IV. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned approximately 11:00 am.

### V. NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

Next schedule meeting will be Thursday, March 8, 2018, beginning at approximately 9:30 am at the Dept. of Environmental Management, Division of Law Enforcement, 235 Promenade Street, Rm. 250, Providence, RI 02908.