

**Board of Pilot Commissioners for Harris County Ports  
Pilot Board Application Review Committee Meeting**

January 15, 2019

A meeting of the Pilot Board Application Review Committee (the "ARC") was convened on Tuesday, January 15, 2019 at 12:13 p.m., at the Port of Houston Authority Executive Offices, Fourth Floor Boardroom, at 111 East Loop North, Houston, Texas 77029. The following members and staff were present:

Captain Marcus Woodring, Chairman  
Captain M. Tyler Gavis, Vice Chairman  
Captain Mark Mitchem  
Captain Gilbert Martinez  
Pat Studdert  
Sallie Kay Janes  
Margot Campbell, ARC Legal Advisor

**A. Minutes**

Chairman Woodring moved for approval of the ARC meeting minutes of December 4, 2018, seconded by Ms. Janes. Captain Mitchem, Mr. Studdert, and Captain Martinez voted Aye. Nays none. Motion APPROVED.

**B. Branch Pilot**

Recommendation for renewal of Branch Pilot Commission in and for the Houston Ship Channel and Galveston Bar: Captain Julian T. Platon

The ARC reviewed Captain Platon's application file. Captain Gavis asked for a motion to recommend renewal; the motion was brought by Mr. Studdert, seconded by Ms. Janes. Chairman Woodring, Captain Mitchem, and Captain Martinez voted Aye. Nays none. Motion APPROVED.

Recommendation for renewal of Branch Pilot Commission in and for the Houston Ship Channel and Galveston Bar: Captain Robert M. Shearon

The ARC reviewed Captain Shearon's application file. Captain Gavis asked for a motion to recommend renewal; the motion was brought by Mr. Studdert, seconded by Captain Martinez. Chairman Woodring, Ms. Janes, and Captain Mitchem voted Aye. Nays none. Motion APPROVED.

Recommendation for Original Branch Pilot Commission in and for the Houston Ship Channel and Galveston Bar: Captain Brian G. Saba

The ARC reviewed Captain Saba's application file. Captain Gavis asked for a motion to recommend original commission; the motion was brought by Chairman Woodring, seconded by Captain Mitchem. Captain Martinez, Ms. Janes, and Mr. Studdert voted Aye. Nays none. Motion APPROVED.

**C. Deputy Branch Pilot**

Approve recommendation for Deputy Branch Pilot Certificate after meeting full requirements as a Deputy Branch Pilot for the Houston Ship Channel and Galveston Bar: Captain Bryan A. English

The ARC reviewed Captain English's application file. Captain Gavis asked for a motion to recommend Deputy Branch Pilot Certificate after meeting full requirements as a Deputy Branch Pilot for the Houston Ship Channel and Galveston Bar; the motion was brought by Mr. Studdert, seconded by Captain Martinez. Captain Mitchem, Ms. Janes, and Chairman Woodring voted Aye. Nays none. Motion APPROVED.

Approve recommendation for Deputy Branch Pilot Certificate after meeting full requirements as a Deputy Branch Pilot for the Houston Ship Channel and Galveston Bar: Captain Justin R. Eusepi

The ARC reviewed Captain Eusepi's application file. Captain Gavis asked for a motion to recommend Deputy Branch Pilot Certificate after meeting full requirements as a Deputy Branch Pilot for the Houston Ship Channel and Galveston Bar; the motion was brought by Chairman Woodring, seconded by Ms. Janes. Captain Martinez, Mr. Studdert, and Captain Mitchem voted Aye. Nays none. Motion APPROVED.

Approve recommendation for Deputy Branch Pilot Certificate after meeting full requirements as a Deputy Branch Pilot for the Houston Ship Channel and Galveston Bar: Captain Ian S. Manthey

The ARC reviewed Captain Manthey's application file. Captain Gavis asked for a motion to recommend Deputy Branch Pilot Certificate after meeting full requirements as a Deputy Branch Pilot for the Houston Ship Channel and Galveston Bar; the motion was brought by Captain Mitchem, seconded by Ms. Janes. Captain Martinez, Mr. Studdert, and Chairman Woodring voted Aye. Nays none. Motion APPROVED.

Approve recommendation for Deputy Branch Pilot Certificate after meeting full requirements as a Deputy Branch Pilot for the Houston Ship Channel and Galveston Bar: Captain Mark E. Scott II

The ARC reviewed Captain Scott's application file. Captain Gavis asked for a motion to recommend Deputy Branch Pilot Certificate after meeting full requirements as a Deputy Branch Pilot for the Houston Ship Channel and Galveston Bar; the motion was brought by Ms. Janes, seconded by Chairman Woodring. Captain Mitchem, Mr. Studdert, and Captain Martinez voted Aye. Nays none. Motion APPROVED.

**D. Pilot Pool**

Recommendation to enter into the Pilot Pool: William G. Butler IV

The ARC reviewed Mr. Butler's application file. Captain Gavis asked for a motion to recommend entering into the Pilot Pool; the motion was brought by Mr. Studdert, seconded by Captain Martinez. Captain Mitchem, Ms. Janes, and Chairman Woodring voted Aye. Nays none. Motion APPROVED.

Recommendation to enter into the Pilot Pool: Thomas M. Lisante II

The ARC reviewed Mr. Lisante's application file. Captain Gavis asked for a motion to recommend entering into the Pilot Pool; the motion was brought by Mr. Studdert, seconded by Captain Martinez. Ms. Janes, Chairman Woodring, and Captain Mitchem voted Aye. Nays none. Motion APPROVED.

**E. General**

The ARC discussed the ongoing government shutdown, and its impact on delays in receiving MISLE data records for future applicants. The ARC determined that these records are not mandatory, and are a secondary check to completed merchant mariner credential verifications. The ARC decided to continue reviewing future applications, and to reassess such applications should derogatory MISLE data records arrive at a later time.

Adjourned the ARC Meeting. Next requested meeting, February 12, 2019.

The above is a correct copy of the Minutes of the January 15, 2019 meeting of the ARC.

  
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Captain Marcus Woodring, Chairman