

**Board of Pilot Commissioners for Harris County Ports
Pilot Board Investigation and Recommendation Committee
Advisory Subcommittee Meeting**

August 1, 2016

A telephonic meeting of the Advisory Subcommittee (the “Subcommittee”) of the Pilot Board Investigation and Recommendation Committee (the “PBIRC”) convened on August 1, 2016. The following members and staff participated:

Captain Marcus Woodring, Chairman
Paul Caruselle
Captain David Foret
Captain Richard Russell
Captain Robert Shearon
Captain Mike Usher, PBIRC Compliance Coordinator

Chairman Woodring called the meeting to order.

Investigation Matter:

M/T TRF BERGEN – Alleged alcohol use by Houston Branch Pilot Captain Larry Evans on July 27, 2016.

Information gathered and presented to Subcommittee:

- 1) Verbal incident summary provided to members by Chairman Woodring;
- 2) Statement of Officer of the Watch (regarding breathalyzer test performed on board vessel by Master);
- 3) Statement of Duty by Able Bodied Seaman (regarding breathalyzer test performed on board vessel by Master);
- 4) Statement of Master (regarding breathalyzer test performed on board vessel by Master);
- 5) Certificate of Test and Calibration (regarding breathalyzer machine on board vessel – no read-out available);
- 6) Bridge Log Book excerpt;
- 7) Communication email from Master to vessel agent;
- 8) Bell Log Book excerpt;
- 9) Statement of Master (regarding series of events);
- 10) Breathalyzer test performed at Pilots’ office (reporting Blood Alcohol Concentration (BAC) levels below CFR 33 parts 95.015 (b) and 95.020 (b) standards); and
- 11) Captain Larry Evans retirement letter (Effective June 23, 2017.)

Proposed Findings:

Lack of sufficient evidence to support allegations.

Proposed Recommendations:

Captain Evans surrenders his State Pilotage Commission to the Pilot Board pending retirement on June 23, 2017;

Accept Captain Evans retirement letter dated August 1, 2016, stating he will “no longer serve as a pilot along the Houston Ship Channel effective as of today.”

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Houston Pilots Association provides letter to the Pilot Board stating the association will not dispatch Captain Evans to pilot ships pending retirement date June 23, 2017;

Captain Usher asked for a motion regarding the findings and recommendations as provided above and thereafter close matter to file. Motion was brought by Captain Foret, seconded by Captain Russell. Chairman Woodring, Mr. Caruselle, and Captain Shearon voted Aye. Nays none. Motion APPROVED.

Adjourned.