

**Board of Pilot Commissioners for Harris County Ports
Public Meeting**

**Houston, Texas
July 26, 2011**

A public meeting of the Board of Pilot Commissioners for Harris County Ports (the "Pilot Board") was convened on July 26, 2011 at 9:50 a.m., at the Port of Houston Authority Executive Office Boardroom, at 111 East Loop North, Houston, Texas 77029. The following Commissioners, staff, and counsel were present:

James T. Edmonds, Chairman
Jimmy A. Burke, Commissioner
Jim Fonteno, Jr., Commissioner
Elyse B. Lanier, Commissioner
Kase L. Lawal, Commissioner
Janiece Longoria, Commissioner
Steve L. Phelps, Commissioner
Alec G. Dreyer, Secretary
Erik A. Eriksson, General Counsel and Assistant Secretary
David H. Brown of Brown & Kornegay, LLP, Litigation Counsel
J. Kent Friedman of Haynes and Boone, LLP, Special Counsel

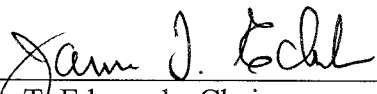
(PB-2011-0726-01) Chairman Edmonds asked if the Pilot Board had changes to the minutes of its June 28, 2011 meeting. Hearing no changes, the Chairman declared the minutes approved as written.

The Pilot Board then considered the Request for Pilot Board Action ("RPBA") submitted by Mr. Dreyer, attached to these minutes as Exhibit "A."


(PB-2011-0726-02) RPBA C1 was presented, moved by Commissioner Longoria, seconded by Commissioner Burke. All voting Aye. Nays none. RPBA C1 PASSED.

At 9:51 a.m., Chairman Edmonds adjourned the meeting of the Pilot Board.

The above is a correct copy of the Minutes of the July 26, 2011 meeting of the Pilot Board.



James T. Edmonds, Chairman



Erik A. Eriksson, General Counsel and Assistant Secretary

Request for Board of Pilot Commissioner Action

Category: Deputy Branch Pilot Appointment	Agenda Date: July 26, 2011	Agenda Section: C - 1
From: Division: Operations Department: Marine	Staff Contact: Jimmy Jamison	
Summary Recommendation: Recommendation for Approval of the Appointment of Deputy Branch Pilot in and for the Houston Ship Channel and Galveston Bar: Captain Sheldon J. Ginsburg.		
Background: The Application Review Committee (ARC) of the Pilot Board considers whether applicants meet the statutory and regulatory requirements for pilots on the Houston Ship Channel. Among other things, applicants undergo a physical examination to determine if an applicant is in good mental and physical health in order to perform the duties of pilotage on the Houston Ship Channel, and an investigation including a criminal background check and the applicant's accident history is conducted.		
Staff Evaluation/Justification: Captain Sheldon J. Ginsburg has applied for Appointment as Deputy Branch Pilot for the Houston Ship Channel and Galveston Bar. The application includes a letter from Master Houston Branch Pilot Captain Monte Warren expressing his willingness to appoint Captain Sheldon J. Ginsburg as Deputy Branch Pilot and to act as his master for his proposed deputyship of three years and evidence of his ability to enter into a faithful performance bond in the amount of \$25,000 payable to the governor. After an assessment of his qualifications and the documents filed with his application, the ARC determined that Captain Sheldon J. Ginsburg meets the requirements of Chapter 66 of the Texas Transportation Code, Houston Pilots Licensing and Regulatory Act, Section 66.041, and the Rules and Regulations governing Pilots and Pilotage on the Houston Ship Channel Between the Galveston Bar and the Turning Basin Terminal. Accordingly, the ARC respectfully submits to the Pilot Board the application of Captain Sheldon J. Ginsburg for appointment as Deputy Branch Pilot for the Houston Ship Channel and Galveston Bar. Such appointment is for a three-year term.		
Full Recommendation: The Pilot Board, at its July 26, 2011 meeting, approve the appointment of Captain Sheldon J. Ginsburg as Deputy Branch Pilot for the Houston Ship Channel and Galveston Bar for a three-year term effective July 26, 2011, and further authorize the Secretary of the Pilot Board to do any and all things in his opinion reasonable or necessary to give effect to the foregoing.		