

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

**Houston, Texas
January 24, 2012**

A public meeting of the Board of Pilot Commissioners for Harris County Ports (the "Pilot Board") was convened on January 24, 2012 at 10:02 a.m., at the Port of Houston Authority Executive Offices, Fourth Floor 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

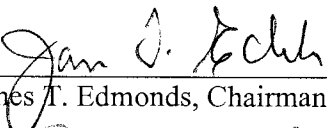
(PB-2012-0124-01) Chairman Edmonds asked if the Pilot Board had changes to the minutes of its December 13, 2011 meeting. Hearing no changes, the Chairman declared the minutes approved as written.

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


(PB-2012-0124-02) RPBA C1 was presented, moved by Commissioner Burke seconded by Commissioner Longoria. Chairman Edmonds and Commissioners Burke, Fonteno, Lanier, Lawal, Longoria, and Phelps voted Aye. Nays none. RPBA C1 PASSED.

At 10:02 a.m., Chairman Edmonds adjourned the meeting of the Pilot Board.

The above is a correct copy of the Minutes of the January 24, 2012 meeting of the Pilot Board.



James T. Edmonds, Chairman



Erik A. Eriksson, General Counsel and Assistant Secretary

Request for Pilot Commission Action

Category: General	Agenda Date: January 24, 2012	Agenda Section: C - 1
From: Division: Port Security & Emergency Operation Department: Marine	Staff Contact: Ruben Arredondo	
Summary Recommendation: Appointment of Captain Richard Ford to the Pilot Board Investigation and Recommendation Committee (PBIRC).		
Background: Prior authorizing Port Commission Action: Minute No. 2011-1213-03 Pursuant to the Rules and Regulations Governing Pilots and Pilotage on the Houston Ship Channel between the Galveston Bar and the Turning Basin, adopted August 25, 1993 by Minute No. 1881, amended by Minute No. 2007-1030-66, and by Minute No. 2010-0323-23 (the "Rules"), the Chairman of the Pilot Board appoints members as necessary to the Pilot Board Investigation and Recommendation Committee ("PBIRC"), subject to approval by the Pilot Board. The Rules provide that the PBIRC shall be composed of voting members from the Houston Pilots Association, Port of Houston, and maritime industry. The PBIRC investigates, holds hearings, and makes recommendations regarding certain accidents on the Houston Ship Channel and matters pertaining to the Rules.		
Staff Evaluation/Justification: The Secretary of the Pilot Board requests that the Pilot Board approve Captain Richard Ford as a new member of the PBIRC, to serve for the calendar year 2012. Captain Ford is replacing Admiral Joel Sipes who resigned last year.		
Full Recommendation: The Board of Pilot Commissioners, at its January 24, 2012 meeting, approve the appointment of Captain Richard Ford to the Pilot Board Investigation and Recommendation Committee for the calendar year 2012 and thereafter until a replacement is named, 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.		