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THE BOARD OF PILOT COMMISSIONERS
OF THE PORTS OF HARRIS COUNTY, TEXAS

February 25, 2014

<i>Minute No.</i>	<i>Event/Action</i>
	General
	Chairman Longoria convened the meeting of the Board of Pilot Commissioners
	Minutes
(PB-2014-0225-01)	Approve the Minutes of the Board of Pilot Commissioners Meeting – January 31, 2014
	Appearances
	Chairman Longoria asked if anyone wished to address the Pilot Board; there was no response
	Chairman’s Remarks
	Chairman Longoria presented remarks
	Pilot Matters
(PB-2014-0225-02)	Item E1 was tabled until the next meeting
(PB-2014-0225-03)	Recommendation for Deputy Branch Pilot Certificate for the Houston Ship Channel and Galveston Bar: Captain Jason T. Stancil
	Recess Open Meeting and convene Executive Session
	Adjourn Executive Session and Reconvene Open Meeting
	Adjourn the meeting of the Board of Pilot Commissioners

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

**Houston, Texas
February 25, 2014**

A public meeting of the Board of Pilot Commissioners for Harris County Ports (the "Pilot Board") was convened on February 25, 2014 at 10:58 a.m., at the Port of Houston Authority Executive Offices, Fourth Floor Boardroom, at 111 East Loop North, Houston, Texas 77029. The following Pilot Commissioners and staff were present:

Janiece Longoria, Chairman
Theldon R. Branch, III, Commissioner
Dean E. Corgey, Commissioner
Stephen H. DonCarlos, Commissioner
Clyde E. Fitzgerald, Commissioner
John D. Kennedy, Commissioner
Roy D. Mease, Commissioner
Roger Guenther, Executive Director
Erik A. Eriksson, General Counsel and Assistant Secretary

Chairman Longoria called the meeting of the Pilot Board to order.

(PB-2014-0225-01) Chairman Longoria asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the Pilot Board's January 31, 2014 meeting. The motion was brought by Commissioner Mease, seconded by Commissioner Fitzgerald. Chairman Longoria, and Commissioners Branch, Corgey, DonCarlos, Fitzgerald, Kennedy, and Mease voted Aye. Nays none. The minutes were approved as written.

Chairman Longoria asked if anyone wished to address the Pilot Board; there was no response.

Chairman Longoria remarked that the Pilot Board was hopeful that the pilots and industry would come to a resolution and announce agreed-upon pilot rates and parameters by the March 3, 2014 deadline. She reiterated that the Pilot Board reserved the right to order a resolution of the issues for a longer term than one year and under terms the Pilot Board deemed appropriate, and urged the parties to present the Pilot Board with a mutually-negotiated agreement that resolved the issues and covered a period of more than one year.

Chairman Longoria added that while the Pilot Board reserved the right to address all of the disputed issues, it would serve the best interests of each party (and the entire Port of Houston) to come to mutually agreed-upon terms regarding pilot rates, as opposed to putting the decision on the shoulders of the Pilot Board.

Chairman Longoria additionally commented that while the Pilot Board asked pilots and industry to agree on the appropriate rate for large container ships, the Pilot

Board had approved the current charge of 1.5 times the customary rate, reserving the right to revisit the matter with regard to its application and its timing.

Chairman Longoria encouraged the parties to work together in good faith to determine a resolution, and consider mediation as an option if an agreement could not be reached. She stated the Pilot Board would take all necessary actions, as required under the law, if there was no agreed resolution, noting the Pilot Board has a great deal of discretion in its decision-making.

Chairman Longoria concluded by strongly urging the pilots and industry to negotiate in good faith to fashion their own future.

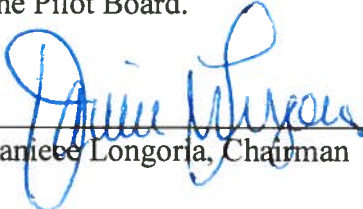
The Pilot Board then considered each Request for Pilot Board Action ("RPBA"), submitted by Chairman Longoria, and attached to these minutes as Exhibit "A."

(PB-2014-0225-02) Chairman Longoria stated at the request of staff, RPBA E1 would be tabled until the next meeting.

(PB-2014-0225-03) RPBA E2 was presented, moved by Commissioner Fitzgerald, seconded by Commissioner Mease. Chairman Longoria, and Commissioners Branch, Corgey, DonCarlos, Fitzgerald, Kennedy, and Mease voted Aye. RPBA E2 PASSED.


At 11:03 a.m. Chairman Longoria adjourned the meeting of the Pilot Board.

The above is a correct copy of the Minutes of the February 25, 2014 meeting of the Pilot Board.



Jamiee Longoria, Chairman

ATTEST:



Erik A. Eriksson, General Counsel and
Assistant Secretary

Request for Pilot Board Action

<p>Category: Pilot Matters</p>	<p>Agenda Date: February 25, 2014</p>	<p>Agenda Section: E - 1</p>
<p>From: Division: Legal Branch: Pilot Administration</p>	<p>Staff Contact: Erik Eriksson</p>	
<p>Summary Recommendation: Recommendation for Deputy Branch Pilot Certificate for the Houston Ship Channel and Galveston Bar: Captain Rebekah R. Martin.</p>		
<p>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 and Galveston Bar. 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 Galveston Bar, and an investigation including a criminal background check and the applicant's accident history is conducted.</p>		
<p>Staff Evaluation/Justification: Captain Rebekah R. Martin 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 Brett Callier expressing his willingness to appoint Captain Rebekah R. Martin as Deputy Branch Pilot and to act as her Master for her proposed deputyship of three years, and evidence of her ability to enter into a faithful performance bond in the amount of \$25,000 payable to the governor.</p> <p>After an assessment of her qualifications and the documents filed with her application, the ARC determined that Captain Rebekah R. Martin meets the requirements of Chapter 66 of the Texas Transportation Code, Houston Pilots Licensing and Regulatory Act, Section 66.034, and the Rules and Regulations governing Pilots and Pilotage on the Houston Ship Channel and Galveston Bar.</p> <p>Accordingly, the ARC respectfully submits to the Pilot Board the application of Captain Rebekah R. Martin for her certificate as Deputy Branch Pilot for the Houston Ship Channel and Galveston Bar. Such certificate is for a three-year term.</p>		
<p>Full Recommendation: The Pilot Board, at its February 25, 2014 meeting, approve the appointment of Captain Rebekah R. Martin as a Deputy Branch Pilot for the Houston Ship Channel and Galveston Bar for a three-year term effective February 25, 2014, 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.</p>		

Request for Pilot Board Action

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