

I N D E X

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

July 31, 2018

<i>Minute No.</i>	<i>Event/Action</i>
	General
	Chairman Longoria convened the meeting of the Board of Pilot Commissioners
	Minutes
(PB-2018-0731-01)	Approve the Minutes of the Board of Pilot Commissioners Meeting – June 26, 2018
	Appearances
(PB-2018-0731-02)	Chairman Longoria introduced Captain Mark Mitchem, Presiding Officer, Houston Pilots Association, who addressed the Pilot Board
	Pilot Matters
(PB-2018-0731-03)	Recommendation for renewal of Branch Pilot Commission for the Houston Ship Channel and Galveston Bar: Captain Jason W. Charpentier
(PB-2018-0731-04)	Recommendation for renewal of Branch Pilot Commission for the Houston Ship Channel and Galveston Bar: Captain Michael C. Phillips
(PB-2018-0731-05)	Recommendation for renewal of Branch Pilot Commission for the Houston Ship Channel and Galveston Bar: Captain Phillip P. Reed
(PB-2018-0731-06)	Recommendation for renewal of Branch Pilot Commission for the Houston Ship Channel and Galveston Bar: Captain Jeremiah W. Walcik
(PB-2018-0731-07)	Recommendation for Deputy Branch Pilot Certificate as a Deputy Branch Pilot for the Houston Ship Channel and Galveston Bar: Captain Lucas Beyl
(PB-2018-0731-08)	Recommendation for Deputy Branch Pilot Certificate as a Deputy Branch Pilot for the Houston Ship Channel and Galveston Bar: Captain Ryan J. Casas
(PB-2018-0731-09)	Recommendation for Deputy Branch Pilot Certificate as a Deputy Branch Pilot for the Houston Ship Channel and Galveston Bar: Captain Bradley M. Geoghan
(PB-2018-0731-10)	Recommendation for Deputy Branch Pilot Certificate as a Deputy Branch Pilot for the Houston Ship Channel and Galveston Bar: Captain Curtis L. Laskowski
	Adjourn Meeting

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

**Houston, Texas
July 31, 2018**

A public meeting of the Board of Pilot Commissioners for Harris County Ports (the "Pilot Board") was convened on July 31, 2018 at 10:01 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:

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, arrived at 10:04 a.m.
Roger Guenther, Executive Director
Erik Eriksson, Chief Legal Officer
J. Kent Friedman, outside counsel

Chairman Longoria convened the meeting of the Pilot Board.

(PB-2018-0731-01) Chairman Longoria called for a motion to approve the minutes of the June 26, 2018 Pilot Board meeting. Commissioner Corgey moved for approval, seconded by Commissioner Branch. Chairman Longoria, and Commissioners Branch, Corgey, DonCarlos, Fitzgerald, and Kennedy voted Aye. Nays none. The minutes were approved as written.

(PB-2018-0731-02) Appearances

Chairman Longoria introduced Captain Mark Mitchem, Presiding Officer, Houston Pilots Association ("Houston Pilots"), who addressed the Pilot Board.

Captain Mitchem provided a PowerPoint presentation entitled "Supporting Houston Ship Channel Growth and Expansion." He reported that operations on the ship channel were extremely busy but not congested, as Houston has the work force, infrastructure, and the visionary leadership of the Port Commission.

Captain Mitchem directed the Port Commission to data on the average pilot moves from 2012-2017, demonstrating the continued capacity for growth. The number of pilot jobs per day in 2018 are expected to increase by 4% over 2017. He discussed the diversity of vessel types that move through the Port of Houston and added that Houston is now the #1 liquefied petroleum gas exporting port in the world.

Captain Mitchem noted there were 137 active docks in 2012 and 147 in 2017, with six new docks currently under construction. To properly service the docks the following

efficiency initiatives have been instituted by the Houston Pilots: (i) rule changes to accommodate larger ships; (ii) surge capacity; (iii) participation in stakeholder groups; and (iv) Automatics – a vessel ordering service which has reduced cancellations by 16%.

Captain Mitchem reported that the Beltway 8 Houston Ship Channel bridge replacement project would create traffic management issues and require 110 bridge lifts and 33 lowerings during the course of construction, which in turn would necessitate channel closures.

Captain Mitchem displayed photographs of 13 container boxes-wide vessels verses 19 boxes-wide vessels, and noted that recent Houston Pilot rule changes allow larger container vessels to call at Barbours Cut, with the maximum now 1158 feet by 142 feet by 45 feet, and a maximum size of 1160 feet by 150 feet by 45 feet at Bayport.

Chairman Longoria asked why larger ships are not allowed at Barbours Cut. Captain Mitchem explained that the channel width is not quite sufficient; the Bayport channel when going by the vessels is a 350 foot-wide channel but at Barbours Cut it was only 300 feet. Following calculations of wind, angle, tugboats, etc., that reduced width takes away the safety factor.

Captain Mitchem mentioned the Army Corps of Engineers (“Corps”) design standards, and the ongoing 216 Study which is considering widening the main channel between Texas City and Morgan’s Point to allow large container ships to transit safely and accommodate two-way traffic. He mentioned the Houston Pilots are working with Port Authority staff to promote channel improvement. Chairman Longoria noted that the Port Commission continues to work very hard with the Corps for these improvements and appreciates the Houston Pilots’ advocacy as well. Captain Mitchem stated the goal of safety is paramount.

Captain Mitchem announced that the Houston Pilots intend to file for a tariff adjustment, the last one being in 2014. He mentioned there are ongoing meetings with industry to come to a mutually beneficial agreement and ensure continued growth. He stated it would be a 3-year aggregate agreement with zone-based pricing.

Chairman Longoria recalled a discussion with Captain Mitchem in which he indicated the Houston Pilots would only ask for an increase if he was able to get agreement from all the stakeholders, and he concurred. Chairman Longoria asked for that status. Captain Mitchem noted they were well into the process, that this was not the official filing, and he expected buy-in before filing. Chairman Longoria mentioned to the Pilot Board that Captain Mitchem came to her and Roger Guenther and said that he was working with all the stakeholder communities to get agreement, and that her response was that if he has agreement, and everybody was for it, she did not expect anyone on the Pilot Board to be

opposed. However, if there was no agreement with the shippers, beneficial cargo owners, and other stakeholders, and they were opposed to it, then that would be a different issue. Captain Mitchem concurred.

Chairman Longoria commented that though she hoped there would be agreement, she was aware of some rumblings to the contrary. He acknowledged that was so and that the Houston Pilots were endeavoring to work those out. Captain Mitchem reiterated this presentation was not an official filing and these changes are needed to facilitate growth. He explained that tariffs are based on units and draft; units being one charge which encompasses the entire ship channel. Draft is another charge, and due to the explosive growth in ship size, the Houston Pilots were proposing that it be based on zones related to the type and size of vessels, and where they dock on the channel. He further discussed the customer base of each zone and compared the current tariff to the way the Houston Pilots would like it to be restructured.

Captain Mitchem showed a picture of a vessel he recently rode in Savannah. Its capacity was 8,900 to 9,400 twenty-foot equivalent units, 19 boxes wide, and was the vessel that Mediterranean Shipping Company ("MSC") wants to bring into Houston. He added that the Houston Pilots were talking to MSC and they had agreed to two test runs bringing in two of this size vessel, to determine if there were any surge issues and if they can stay alongside, before any commitments are made. Commissioner Branch asked when these tests were going to take place. Captain Mitchem stated that MSC is working it into its schedule and takes about forty days to cycle one in.

Commissioner Corgey asked about the meaning of keeping them "alongside." Captain Mitchem explained that when a passing ship goes by, surging can cause the vessel to run up and down the dock, and the Houston Pilots want to determine before committing that the ships will not move too much (when the ships move crane operations have to stop). Mr. Guenther noted this is a big issue with the larger ships.

Commissioner Fitzgerald expressed the Pilot Board's appreciation of Captain Mitchem and the Houston Pilots for their efforts to get the big vessels. He noted the larger vessels are the future and if Houston wants to stay competitive, it must get the larger ships in.

Commissioner Fitzgerald asked if there was one-way or two-way traffic in Savannah; Captain Mitchem replied Savannah is of a similar width to Houston, but had a lot of wide passing spots, and runs 7 ships a day, compared to 60 in Houston. He went on to note that Savannah has about 4 meeting zones, with the rest basically one-way and added that the Houston Pilots believe they can safely run this type of vessel (984 feet by 158 feet) two-way, within the current guidelines.

Commissioner Corgey noted the increase in vessel traffic and credited the Houston Pilots with the Matrix system, stating that it was wonderful and a benefit to all stakeholders.

Commissioner Corgey also mentioned recently attending a cybersecurity conference with Charles Thompson, Chief Information Officer, and wondered if the Houston Pilots have taken appropriate steps to maintain the security of that system. Captain Mitchem replied that the Houston Pilots have changed vendors and believe the system is secure. He noted tests done found breaches, so a new vendor was hired and they believe they have the best technology in place to protect their cyber information.

Commissioner Corgey again commended him on the Matrix system, noting prior problems no longer existed. Chairman Longoria commented that continuous improvement is necessary and thanked Captain Mitchem for his presentation.

The Pilot Board considered each Request for Pilot Board Action (“RPBA”) attached to these minutes as Exhibit “A.”

(PB-2018-0731-03) RPBA F1 was presented, moved by Commissioner Branch, seconded by Commissioner Kennedy. Chairman Longoria, and Commissioners Branch, Corgey, DonCarlos, Fitzgerald, Kennedy, and Mease voted Aye. Nays none. RPBA F1 PASSED.

(PB-2018-0731-04) RPBA F2 was presented, moved by Commissioner Corgey, seconded by Commissioner DonCarlos. Chairman Longoria, and Commissioners Branch, Corgey, DonCarlos, Fitzgerald, Kennedy, and Mease voted Aye. Nays none. RPBA F2 PASSED.

(PB-2018-0731-05) RPBA F3 was presented, moved by Commissioner Branch, seconded by Commissioner DonCarlos. Chairman Longoria, and Commissioners Branch, Corgey, DonCarlos, Fitzgerald, Kennedy, and Mease voted Aye. Nays none. RPBA F3 PASSED.

(PB-2018-0731-06) RPBA F4 was presented, moved by Commissioner Mease, seconded by Commissioner Branch. Chairman Longoria, and Commissioners Branch, Corgey, DonCarlos, Fitzgerald, Kennedy, and Mease voted Aye. Nays none. RPBA F4 PASSED.

(PB-2018-0731-07) RPBA F5 was presented, moved by Commissioner Corgey, seconded by Commissioner Branch. Chairman Longoria, and Commissioners Branch, Corgey, DonCarlos, Fitzgerald, Kennedy, and Mease voted Aye. Nays none. RPBA F5 PASSED.

(PB-2018-0731-08) RPBA F6 was presented, moved by Commissioner Mease, seconded by Commissioner DonCarlos. Chairman Longoria, and Commissioners Branch, Corgey, DonCarlos, Fitzgerald, Kennedy, and Mease voted Aye. Nays none. RPBA F6 PASSED.

(PB-2018-0731-09) RPBA F7 was presented, moved by Commissioner Kennedy, seconded by Commissioner Branch. Chairman Longoria, and Commissioners Branch, Corgey, DonCarlos, Fitzgerald, Kennedy, and Mease voted Aye. Nays none. RPBA F7 PASSED.

(PB-2018-0731-10) RPBA F8 was presented, moved by Commissioner Corgey, seconded by Commissioner Kennedy. Chairman Longoria, and Commissioners Branch, Corgey, DonCarlos, Fitzgerald, Kennedy, and Mease voted Aye. Nays none. RPBA F8 PASSED.

At 10:22 a.m., Chairman Longoria adjourned the Pilot Board meeting.

The above is a correct copy of the Minutes of the July 31, 2018 meeting of the Pilot Board of the Port of Houston Authority.



Janiece Longoria, Chairman



Erik A. Eriksson, Secretary

F. PILOT MATTERS

Subject	1. Recommendation for renewal of Branch Pilot Commission for the Houston Ship Channel and Galveston Bar: Captain Jason W. Charpentier.
Meeting	Jul 31, 2018 - BOARD OF PILOT COMMISSIONERS FOR HARRIS COUNTY PORTS
Access	Public
Type	Action
Recommended Action	The Board of Pilot Commissioners for Harris County Ports (the Pilot Board), at its July 31, 2018 meeting, recommend to the governor the commission renewal of Captain Jason W. Charpentier as Branch Pilot for the Houston Ship Channel and Galveston Bar for a four-year term effective October 30, 2018, 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.

Category:

Pilot Matters

Department:

Pilot Administration

Staff Contact:

Erik Eriksson

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.

Staff Evaluation/Justification:

Captain Jason W. Charpentier has applied for commission renewal as Branch Pilot for the Houston Ship Channel and Galveston Bar. The application included proof of continued education training in Radar Observer (Recertification), Raven Electronic Navigation Systems Training, Automatic Identification Systems (AIS), Legal Aspects of Piloting, Bridge Resource Management for Pilots (BRM-P), Incident Management for Pilots, Collision Regulations for Pilots (COLREGS-P), Restricted Visibility Navigation for Pilots, Bayport Flare Turn Using Manned Models, Fatigue, Sleep & Medication (FMS) Course, and a letter on his behalf from the Houston Pilots with 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 Jason W. Charpentier 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 and Galveston Bar.

Accordingly, the ARC respectfully submits to the Pilot Board the application of Captain Jason W. Charpentier for commission renewal as Branch Pilot for the Houston Ship Channel and Galveston Bar. Such commission is for a four-year term.

F. PILOT MATTERS

Subject **2. Recommendation for renewal of Branch Pilot Commission for the Houston Ship Channel and Galveston Bar: Captain Michael C. Phillips.**

Meeting Jul 31, 2018 - BOARD OF PILOT COMMISSIONERS FOR HARRIS COUNTY PORTS

Access Public

Type Action

Recommended Action The Board of Pilot Commissioners for Harris County Ports (the Pilot Board), at its July 31, 2018 meeting, recommend to the governor the commission renewal of Captain Michael C. Phillips as Branch Pilot for the Houston Ship Channel and Galveston Bar for a four-year term effective October 30, 2018, 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.

Category:
Pilot Matters

Department:
Pilot Administration

Staff Contact:
Erik Eriksson

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.

Staff Evaluation/Justification:

Captain Michael C. Phillips has applied for commission renewal as Branch Pilot for the Houston Ship Channel and Galveston Bar. The application included proof of continued education training in Fatigue, Sleep & Medication (FMS) Course, Legal Aspects of Piloting, Radar Observer (Recertification), Emergency Shiphandling for Pilots, Collision Regulations for Pilots (COLREGS-P), Restricted Visibility Navigation for Pilots, and a letter on his behalf from the Houston Pilots with 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 Michael C. Phillips 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 and Galveston Bar.

Accordingly, the ARC respectfully submits to the Pilot Board the application of Captain Michael C. Phillips for commission renewal as Branch Pilot for the Houston Ship Channel and Galveston Bar. Such commission is for a four-year term.

F. PILOT MATTERS

Subject	3. Recommendation for renewal of Branch Pilot Commission for the Houston Ship Channel and Galveston Bar: Captain Phillip P. Reed.
Meeting	Jul 31, 2018 - BOARD OF PILOT COMMISSIONERS FOR HARRIS COUNTY PORTS
Access	Public
Type	Action

Recommended Action The Board of Pilot Commissioners for Harris County Ports (the Pilot Board), at its July 31, 2018 meeting, recommend to the governor the commission renewal of Captain Phillip P. Reed as Branch Pilot for the Houston Ship Channel and Galveston Bar for a four-year term effective October 25, 2018, 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.

Category:
Pilot Matters

Department:
Pilot Administration

Staff Contact:
Erik Eriksson

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.

Staff Evaluation/Justification:

Captain Phillip P. Reed has applied for commission renewal as Branch Pilot for the Houston Ship Channel and Galveston Bar. The application included proof of continued education training in Post Panamax Vessels: New Challenges for Pilots, Escort Tug Operations for Pilots, Automatic Identification Systems (AIS), Brownwater/Bluewater Coordination Course, Bridge Resource Management for Pilots (BRM-P), Emergency Shiphandling for Pilots, Legal Aspects of Piloting, Radar Observer (Recertification), Incident Management for Pilots, Collision Regulations for Pilots (COLREGS-P), Fatigue, Sleep & Medication (FMS) Course, Bayport Flare Turn Using Manned Models, Azimuthing Electric Propulsion Drive (AZIPOD), Restricted Visibility Navigation for Pilots, and a letter on his behalf from the Houston Pilots with 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 Phillip P. Reed 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 and Galveston Bar.

Accordingly, the ARC respectfully submits to the Pilot Board the application of Captain Phillip P. Reed for commission renewal as Branch Pilot for the Houston Ship Channel and Galveston Bar. Such commission is for a four-year term.

F. PILOT MATTERS

Subject	4. Recommendation for renewal of Branch Pilot Commission for the Houston Ship Channel and Galveston Bar: Captain Jeremiah W. Walcik.
Meeting	Jul 31, 2018 - BOARD OF PILOT COMMISSIONERS FOR HARRIS COUNTY PORTS
Access	Public
Type	Action

Recommended Action The Board of Pilot Commissioners for Harris County Ports (the Pilot Board), at its July 31, 2018 meeting, recommend to the governor the commission renewal of Captain Jeremiah W. Walcik as Branch Pilot for the Houston Ship Channel and Galveston Bar for a four-year term effective October 25, 2018, 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.

Category:
Pilot Matters

Department:
Pilot Administration

Staff Contact:
Erik Eriksson

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.

Staff Evaluation/Justification:

Captain Jeremiah W. Walcik has applied for commission renewal as Branch Pilot for the Houston Ship Channel and Galveston Bar. The application included proof of continued education training in Brownwater/Bluewater Coordination Course, PPU Electronic Navigation System Training, Manned Model Shiphandling, Bridge Resource Management for Pilots (BRM-P), Incident Management for Pilots, Radar Observer (Recertification), Collision Regulations for Pilots (COLREGS-P), Restricted Visibility Navigation for Pilots, Bayport Flare Turn Using Manned Models, Emergency Shiphandling for Pilots, AZIPOD Azimuthing Electric Propulsion Drive, and a letter on his behalf from the Houston Pilots with 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 Jeremiah W. Walcik 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 and Galveston Bar.

Accordingly, the ARC respectfully submits to the Pilot Board the application of Captain Jeremiah W. Walcik for commission renewal as Branch Pilot for the Houston Ship Channel and Galveston Bar. Such commission is for a four-year term.

F. PILOT MATTERS

Subject **5. Recommendation for Deputy Branch Pilot Certificate as a Deputy Branch Pilot for the Houston Ship Channel and Galveston Bar: Captain Lucas Beyl.**

Meeting Jul 31, 2018 - BOARD OF PILOT COMMISSIONERS FOR HARRIS COUNTY PORTS

Access Public

Type Action

Recommended Action The Board of Pilot Commissioners for Harris County Ports (the Pilot Board), at its July 31, 2018 meeting, approve the appointment of Captain Lucas Beyl, after meeting full requirements, as Deputy Branch Pilot for the Houston Ship Channel and Galveston Bar for a three-year term, 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.

Category:
Pilot Matters

Department:
Pilot Administration

Staff Contact:
Erik Eriksson

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.

Staff Evaluation/Justification:

Captain Lucas Beyl has applied for certificate as Deputy Branch Pilot for the Houston Ship Channel and Galveston Bar. The application includes a letter from Master Houston Branch Pilot Captain Michael A. Curtiss expressing his willingness to appoint Captain Lucas Beyl as Deputy Branch Pilot and to act as his Master for the proposed deputyship of three years, and evidence of Captain Beyl's 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, upon U.S. Coast Guard issuance of his First Class Pilot's License, which is expected shortly, Captain Lucas Beyl will meet 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.

Accordingly, the ARC respectfully submits to the Pilot Board the application of Captain Lucas Beyl for Deputy Branch Pilot for the Houston Ship Channel and Galveston Bar, after meeting full requirements. Such commission is for a three-year term.

F. PILOT MATTERS

Subject **6. Recommendation for Deputy Branch Pilot Certificate as a Deputy Branch Pilot for the Houston Ship Channel and Galveston Bar: Captain Ryan J. Casas.**

Meeting Jul 31, 2018 - BOARD OF PILOT COMMISSIONERS FOR HARRIS COUNTY PORTS

Access Public

Type Action

Recommended Action The Board of Pilot Commissioners for Harris County Ports (the Pilot Board), at its July 31, 2018 meeting, approve the appointment of Captain Ryan J. Casas, after meeting full requirements, as Deputy Branch Pilot for the Houston Ship Channel and Galveston Bar for a three-year term, 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.

Category:

Pilot Matters

Department:

Pilot Administration

Staff Contact:

Erik Eriksson

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.

Staff Evaluation/Justification:

Captain Ryan J. Casas has applied for certificate as Deputy Branch Pilot for the Houston Ship Channel and Galveston Bar. The application includes a letter from Master Houston Branch Pilot Captain Sean P. Arbogast expressing his willingness to appoint Captain Ryan J. Casas as Deputy Branch Pilot and to act as his Master for the proposed deputyship of three years, and evidence of Captain Casas' 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, upon U.S. Coast Guard issuance of his First Class Pilot's License, which is expected shortly, Captain Ryan J. Casas will meet 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.

Accordingly, the ARC respectfully submits to the Pilot Board the application of Captain Ryan J. Casas for Deputy Branch Pilot for the Houston Ship Channel and Galveston Bar, after meeting full requirements. Such commission is for a three-year term.

F. PILOT MATTERS

Subject **7. Recommendation for Deputy Branch Pilot Certificate as a Deputy Branch Pilot for the Houston Ship Channel and Galveston Bar: Captain Bradley M. Geoghan.**

Meeting Jul 31, 2018 - BOARD OF PILOT COMMISSIONERS FOR HARRIS COUNTY PORTS

Access Public

Type Action

Recommended Action The Board of Pilot Commissioners for Harris County Ports (the Pilot Board), at its July 31, 2018 meeting, approve the appointment of Captain Bradley M. Geoghan, after meeting full requirements, as Deputy Branch Pilot for the Houston Ship Channel and Galveston Bar for a three-year term, 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.

Category:

Pilot Matters

Department:

Pilot Administration

Staff Contact:

Erik Eriksson

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.

Staff Evaluation/Justification:

Captain Bradley M. Geoghan has applied for certificate as Deputy Branch Pilot for the Houston Ship Channel and Galveston Bar. The application includes a letter from Master Houston Branch Pilot Captain Jason Stancil expressing his willingness to appoint Captain Bradley M. Geoghan as Deputy Branch Pilot and to act as his Master for the proposed deputyship of three years, and evidence of Captain Geoghan's 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, upon U.S. Coast Guard issuance of his First Class Pilot's License, which is expected shortly, Captain Bradley M. Geoghan will meet 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.

Accordingly, the ARC respectfully submits to the Pilot Board the application of Captain Bradley M. Geoghan for Deputy Branch Pilot for the Houston Ship Channel and Galveston Bar, after meeting full requirements. Such commission is for a three-year term.

F. PILOT MATTERS

Subject **8. Recommendation for Deputy Branch Pilot Certificate as a Deputy Branch Pilot for the Houston Ship Channel and Galveston Bar: Captain Curtis L. Laskowski.**

Meeting Jul 31, 2018 - BOARD OF PILOT COMMISSIONERS FOR HARRIS COUNTY PORTS

Access Public

Type Action

Recommended Action The Board of Pilot Commissioners for Harris County Ports (the Pilot Board), at its July 31, 2018 meeting, approve the appointment of Captain Curtis L. Laskowski, after meeting full requirements, as Deputy Branch Pilot for the Houston Ship Channel and Galveston Bar for a three-year term, 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.

Category:
Pilot Matters

Department:
Pilot Administration

Staff Contact:
Erik Eriksson

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.

Staff Evaluation/Justification:

Captain Curtis L. Laskowski has applied for certificate as Deputy Branch Pilot for the Houston Ship Channel and Galveston Bar. The application includes a letter from Master Houston Branch Pilot Captain Frank J. Loeffler IV expressing his willingness to appoint Captain Curtis L. Laskowski as Deputy Branch Pilot and to act as his Master for the proposed deputyship of three years, and evidence of Captain Laskowski's 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, upon U.S. Coast Guard issuance of his First Class Pilot's License, which is expected shortly, Captain Curtis L. Laskowski will meet 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.

Accordingly, the ARC respectfully submits to the Pilot Board the application of Captain Curtis L. Laskowski for Deputy Branch Pilot for the Houston Ship Channel and Galveston Bar, after meeting full requirements. Such commission is for a three-year term.