

**Port of Houston Authority
Board of Pilot Commissioners Public Meeting**

**Houston, Texas
February 22, 2011**

A public meeting of the Board of Pilot Commissioners for Harris County Ports (the "Pilot Board") was convened on February 22, 2011 at 9:40 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:

Steve L. Phelps, Commissioner, Acting Chair
Jimmy A. Burke, Commissioner
Jim Fonteno, Jr., Commissioner
Elyse B. Lanier, Commissioner
Janiece Longoria, 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-2011-0222-01) The minutes of the Pilot Board's December 14, 2010 meeting were presented, moved by Commissioner Fonteno, seconded by Commissioner Longoria. All voting Aye. Nays none. The minutes were approved.

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

(PB-2011-0222-02) RPBA C1 was presented, moved by Commissioner Longoria, seconded by Commissioner Fonteno. All voting Aye. Nays none. RPBA C1 PASSED.

(PB-2011-0222-03) RPBA C2 was presented, moved by Commissioner Longoria, seconded by Commissioner Fonteno. All voting Aye. Nays none. RPBA C2 PASSED.

(PB-2011-0222-04) RPBA C3 was presented, moved by Commissioner Longoria, seconded by Commissioner Fonteno. All voting Aye. Nays none. RPBA C3 PASSED.

(PB-2011-0222-05) RPBA C4 was presented, moved by Commissioner Longoria, seconded by Commissioner Fonteno. All voting Aye. Nays none. RPBA C4 PASSED.

(PB-2011-0222-06) RPBA C5 was presented, moved by Commissioner Longoria, seconded by Commissioner Fonteno. All voting Aye. Nays none. RPBA C5 PASSED.

(PB-2011-0222-07) RPBA C6 was presented, moved by Commissioner Longoria, seconded by Commissioner Fonteno. All voting Aye. Nays none. RPBA C6 PASSED.

(PB-2011-0222-08) RPBA C7 was presented, moved by Commissioner Longoria, seconded by Commissioner Fonteno. All voting Aye. Nays none. RPBA C7 PASSED.

At 9:41 a.m., Commissioner Phelps adjourned the meeting of the Pilot Board.

The above is a correct copy of the Minutes of the February 22, 2011 meeting of the Pilot Board.



Steve L. Phelps, Commissioner



Erik A. Eriksson, General Counsel and Assistant Secretary

Request for Board of Pilot Commissioner Action

Category: Branch Pilot Commissions	Agenda Date: February 22, 2011	Agenda Section: C - 1
From: Division: Operations Department: Marine	Staff Contact: Jimmy Jamison	
Summary Recommendation: Renewal of Branch Pilot Commission in and for the Houston Ship Channel and Galveston Bar: Captain Kent D. Barton		
Background: Prior authorizing Port Commission action: Minute No. 2006-1127-69 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 Kent D. Barton has applied for renewal of his commission as Branch Pilot for the Galveston Bar and Houston Ship Channel. The application includes a renewal request on his behalf from the Houston Pilots 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 Kent D. Barton 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 Kent D. Barton to renew his commission as Branch Pilot for the Galveston Bar and the Houston Ship Channel. Such commission is for a four-year term.		
Full Recommendation: The Pilot Board, at its February 22, 2011 meeting, recommend to the Governor the renewal of the commission of Captain Kent D. Barton as Branch Pilot for the Galveston Bar and the Houston Ship Channel for a four-year term effective March 25, 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.		

Request for Board of Pilot Commissioner Action

Category: Branch Pilot Commissions	Agenda Date: February 22, 2011	Agenda Section: C - 2
From: Division: Operations Department: Marine	Staff Contact: Jimmy Jamison	
Summary Recommendation: Renewal of Branch Pilot Commission in and for the Houston Ship Channel and Galveston Bar: Captain John C. Blomquist		
Background: Prior authorizing Port Commission action: Minute No. 2007-0122-39 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 John C. Blomquist has applied for renewal of his commission as Branch Pilot for the Galveston Bar and Houston Ship Channel. The application includes a renewal request on his behalf from the Houston Pilots 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 John C. Blomquist 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 John C. Blomquist to renew his commission as Branch Pilot for the Galveston Bar and the Houston Ship Channel. Such commission is for a four-year term.		
Full Recommendation: The Pilot Board, at its February 22, 2011 meeting, recommend to the Governor the renewal of the commission of Captain John C. Blomquist as Branch Pilot for the Galveston Bar and the Houston Ship Channel for a four-year term effective April 28, 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.		

Request for Board of Pilot Commissioner Action

Category: Branch Pilot Commissions	Agenda Date: February 22, 2011	Agenda Section: C - 3
From: Division: Operations Department: Marine	Staff Contact: Jimmy Jamison	
Summary Recommendation: Renewal of Branch Pilot Commission in and for the Houston Ship Channel and Galveston Bar: Captain Scott J. Browning		
Background: Prior authorizing Port Commission action: Minute No. 2007-0122-40 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 Scott J. Browning has applied for renewal of his commission as Branch Pilot for the Galveston Bar and Houston Ship Channel. The application includes a renewal request on his behalf from the Houston Pilots 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 Scott J. Browning 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 Scott J. Browning to renew his commission as Branch Pilot for the Galveston Bar and the Houston Ship Channel. Such commission is for a four-year term.		
Full Recommendation: The Pilot Board, at its February 22, 2011 meeting, recommend to the Governor the renewal of the commission of Captain Scott J. Browning as Branch Pilot for the Galveston Bar and the Houston Ship Channel for a four-year term effective April 19, 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.		

Request for Board of Pilot Commissioner Action

Category: Branch Pilot Commissions	Agenda Date: February 22, 2011	Agenda Section: C - 4
From: Division: Operations Department: Marine	Staff Contact: Jimmy Jamison	
Summary Recommendation: Renewal of Branch Pilot Commission in and for the Houston Ship Channel and Galveston Bar: Captain Stephen J. Conway		
Background: Prior authorizing Port Commission action: Minute No. 2007-0122-38 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 Stephen J. Conway has applied for renewal of his commission as Branch Pilot for the Galveston Bar and Houston Ship Channel. The application includes a renewal request on his behalf from the Houston Pilots 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 Stephen J. Conway 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 Stephen J. Conway to renew his commission as Branch Pilot for the Galveston Bar and the Houston Ship Channel. Such commission is for a four-year term.		
Full Recommendation: The Pilot Board, at its February 22, 2011 meeting, recommend to the Governor the renewal of the commission of Captain Stephen J. Conway as Branch Pilot for the Galveston Bar and the Houston Ship Channel for a four-year term effective April 28, 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.		

Request for Board of Pilot Commissioner Action

Category: Branch Pilot Commissions	Agenda Date: February 22, 2011	Agenda Section: C - 5
From: Division: Operations Department: Marine	Staff Contact: Jimmy Jamison	
Summary Recommendation: Renewal of Branch Pilot Commission in and for the Houston Ship Channel and Galveston Bar: Captain Julian T. Platon		
Background: Prior authorizing Port Commission action: Minute No. 2006-1127-70 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 Julian T. Platon has applied for renewal of his commission as Branch Pilot for the Galveston Bar and Houston Ship Channel. The application includes a renewal request on his behalf from the Houston Pilots 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 Julian T. Platon 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 Julian T. Platon to renew his commission as Branch Pilot for the Galveston Bar and the Houston Ship Channel. Such commission is for a four-year term.		
Full Recommendation: The Pilot Board, at its February 22, 2011 meeting, recommend to the Governor the renewal of the commission of Captain Julian T. Platon as Branch Pilot for the Galveston Bar and the Houston Ship Channel for a four-year term effective March 25, 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.		

Request for Board of Pilot Commissioner Action

Category: Branch Pilot Commissions	Agenda Date: February 22, 2011	Agenda Section: C - 6
From: Division: Operations Department: Marine	Staff Contact: Jimmy Jamison	
Summary Recommendation: Renewal of Branch Pilot Commission in and for the Houston Ship Channel and Galveston Bar: Captain Elton S. Porter, III		
Background: Prior authorizing Port Commission action: Minute No. 2007-0122-41 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 Elton S. Porter, III has applied for renewal of his commission as Branch Pilot for the Galveston Bar and Houston Ship Channel. The application includes a renewal request on his behalf from the Houston Pilots 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 Elton S. Porter, III 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 Elton S. Porter, III to renew his commission as Branch Pilot for the Galveston Bar and the Houston Ship Channel. Such commission is for a four-year term.		
Full Recommendation: The Pilot Board, at its February 22, 2011 meeting, recommend to the Governor the renewal of the commission of Captain Elton S. Porter, III as Branch Pilot for the Galveston Bar and the Houston Ship Channel for a four-year term effective April 28, 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.		

Request for Board of Pilot Commissioner Action

Category: Branch Pilot Commissions	Agenda Date: February 22, 2011	Agenda Section: C - 7
From: Division: Operations Department: Marine	Staff Contact: Jimmy Jamison	
Summary Recommendation: Renewal of Branch Pilot Commission in and for the Houston Ship Channel and Galveston Bar: Captain Robert M. Shearon		
Background: Prior authorizing Port Commission action: Minute No. 2007-0122-36 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 Robert M. Shearon has applied for renewal of his commission as Branch Pilot for the Galveston Bar and Houston Ship Channel. The application includes a renewal request on his behalf from the Houston Pilots 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 Robert M. Shearon 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 Robert M. Shearon to renew his commission as Branch Pilot for the Galveston Bar and the Houston Ship Channel. Such commission is for a four-year term.		
Full Recommendation: The Pilot Board, at its February 22, 2011 meeting, recommend to the Governor the renewal of the commission of Captain Robert M. Shearon as Branch Pilot for the Galveston Bar and the Houston Ship Channel for a four-year term effective March 31, 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.		