

I N D E X

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

January 27, 2015

<i>Minute No.</i>	<i>Event/Action</i>
	General
(PB-2015-0127-01)	Commissioner Kennedy convened the meeting of the Board of Pilot Commissioners
	Minutes
(PB-2015-0127-02)	Approve the Minutes of the Board of Pilot Commissioners Meeting – December 16, 2014
	Appearances
(PB-2015-0127-03)	There were no appearances
	Staff Reports
(PB-2015-0127-04)	There were no staff reports
	Pilot Matters
(PB-2015-0127-05)	Appointment of Pilot Board Investigation and Recommendation Committee (PBIRC) Members
(PB-2015-0127-06)	Appointment of Pilot Board Application Review Committee (ARC) Members
(PB-2015-0127-07)	Recommendation for renewal of Branch Pilot Commission for the Houston Ship Channel and Galveston Bar: Captain Elton S. Porter III
(PB-2015-0127-08)	Recommendation for renewal of Branch Pilot Commission for the Houston Ship Channel and Galveston Bar: Captain Stephen J. Conway
(PB-2015-0127-09)	Recommendation for renewal of Branch Pilot Commission for the Houston Ship Channel and Galveston Bar: Captain John C. Blomquist
(PB-2015-0127-10)	Recommendation for renewal of Branch Pilot Commission for the Houston Ship Channel and Galveston Bar: Captain Scott J. Browning
(PB-2015-0127-11)	Recommendation for Deputy Branch Pilot Certificate for the Houston Ship Channel and Galveston Bar: Captain Brandon M. Bass

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(PB-2015-0127-12)	Recommendation for Deputy Branch Pilot Certificate for the Houston Ship Channel and Galveston Bar: Captain Darren W. Collins
(PB-2015-0127-13)	Recommendation for Deputy Branch Pilot Certificate for the Houston Ship Channel and Galveston Bar: Captain William Kern
	Recess Open Meeting
	Convene Executive Session
	Adjourn Executive Session
	Reconvene Open Meeting
	Adjourn the meeting of the Board of Pilot Commissioners

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

**Houston, Texas
January 27, 2015**

A public meeting of the Board of Pilot Commissioners for Harris County Ports (the "Pilot Board") was convened on January 27, 2015 at 11:30 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:

John D. Kennedy, Acting Chair
Theldon R. Branch, III, Commissioner
Dean E. Corgey, Commissioner
Stephen H. DonCarlos, Commissioner
Clyde E. Fitzgerald, Commissioner
Roy D. Mease, Commissioner
Roger Guenther, Secretary
Erik Eriksson, General Counsel and Assistant Secretary
J. Kent Friedman, Haynes and Boone, LLP

(PB-2015-0127-01) Commissioner Kennedy convened the meeting of the Board of Pilot Commissioners.

(PB-2015-0127-02) Commissioner Kennedy called for a motion to approve the minutes of the December 16, 2014 Pilot Board meeting. The motion was brought by Commissioner Mease, seconded by Commissioner Corgey. Commissioners Kennedy, Branch, Corgey, DonCarlos, Fitzgerald, and Mease voted Aye. Nays none. The minutes were approved as written.

(PB-2015-0127-03) Commissioner Kennedy announced there were no appearances.

(PB-2015-0127-04) Commissioner Kennedy announced there were no staff reports and moved to the agenda.

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

(PB-2015-0127-05) RPBA E1 was presented, moved by Commissioner Mease, seconded by Commissioner Branch. Commissioners Kennedy, Branch, Corgey, DonCarlos, Fitzgerald, and Mease voted Aye. Nays none. RPBA E1 PASSED.

(PB-2015-0127-06) RPBA E2 was presented, moved by Commissioner Branch, seconded by Commissioner DonCarlos. Commissioners Kennedy, Branch, Corgey, DonCarlos, Fitzgerald, and Mease voted Aye. Nays none. RPBA E2 PASSED.

Commissioner Branch commented that he had attended the Pilot Board Application Review Committee (“ARC”) meeting the week before, and reported that he was very impressed with its work. The ARC did a very thorough job of reviewing the background information submitted by applicants. He noted that he attended in an effort to determine what additional information should be presented to the Pilot Board to assist it in making the final vote on the ARC’s recommendation, and added that the ARC is also working to devise a system that gives the Pilot Board more information.

Mr. Eriksson suggested that some of that information could be posted into the BoardDocs program, which could provide the Pilot Board with restricted confidential access to it. Commissioner Branch agreed that was the piece the ARC was trying to figure out, as there was so much personal information involved, and added that perhaps it could be provided in executive session.

Commissioner Kennedy thanked Commissioner Branch for passing on the report. He also thanked Marcus Woodring, Managing Director, Health, Safety, Security, and Emergency Management, for his leadership and a job well done leading both committees, the ARC and the Pilot Board Investigation and Recommendation Committee, and thanked the others in attendance who serve on those committees.

Mr. Eriksson thanked Mike Usher, Compliance Coordinator, for the support he provides for the committees. Commissioner Branch agreed, commenting that Mr. Usher does a great job, and then he reiterated that he was impressed with the process and the level of detail covered at the ARC meeting.

(PB-2015-0127-07) RPBA E3 was presented, moved by Commissioner Corgey, seconded by Commissioner Fitzgerald. Commissioners Kennedy, Branch, Corgey, DonCarlos, Fitzgerald, and Mease voted Aye. Nays none. RPBA E3 PASSED.

(PB-2015-0127-08) RPBA E4 was presented, moved by Commissioner Corgey, seconded by Commissioner Fitzgerald. Commissioners Kennedy, Branch, Corgey, DonCarlos, Fitzgerald, and Mease voted Aye. Nays none. RPBA E4 PASSED.

(PB-2015-0127-09) RPBA E5 was presented, moved by Commissioner Corgey, seconded by Commissioner Fitzgerald. Commissioners Kennedy, Branch, Corgey, DonCarlos, Fitzgerald, and Mease voted Aye. Nays none. RPBA E5 PASSED.

(PB-2015-0127-10) RPBA E6 was presented, moved by Commissioner Corgey, seconded by Commissioner Fitzgerald. Commissioners Kennedy, Branch, Corgey, DonCarlos, Fitzgerald, and Mease voted Aye. Nays none. RPBA E6 PASSED.

(PB-2015-0127-11) RPBA E7 was presented, moved by Commissioner Corgey, seconded by Commissioner Fitzgerald. Commissioners Kennedy, Branch, Corgey, DonCarlos, Fitzgerald, and Mease voted Aye. Nays none. RPBA E7 PASSED.

(PB-2015-0127-12) RPBA E8 was presented, moved by Commissioner Corgey, seconded by Commissioner Fitzgerald. Commissioners Kennedy, Branch, Corgey, DonCarlos, Fitzgerald, and Mease voted Aye. Nays none. RPBA E8 PASSED.

(PB-2015-0127-13) RPBA E9 was presented, moved by Commissioner Corgey, seconded by Commissioner Fitzgerald. Commissioners Kennedy, Branch, Corgey, DonCarlos, Fitzgerald, and Mease voted Aye. Nays none. RPBA E9 PASSED.


At 11:36 a.m. Commissioner Kennedy recessed the public meeting and instructed Mr. Eriksson to make the following announcement.

It is now 11:36 a.m. The Board of Pilot Commissioners for Harris County Ports will now convene in a closed meeting, as permitted by the Texas Open Meetings Act and Government Code to conduct a private consultation with its attorneys (Section 551.071, Texas Open Meetings Act), including consultation regarding Rules and Regulations Governing Pilots and Pilotage on the Houston Ship Channel between the Galveston Bar and Turning Basin. The Board of Pilot Commissioners will reconvene in public session after the closed meeting is adjourned.

Immediately thereafter the Board of Pilot Commissioners retired into closed session.

At 11:44 a.m., Commissioner Kennedy reconvened the public meeting and adjourned the Pilot Board meeting.

The above is a correct copy of the Minutes of the January 27, 2015 meeting of the Pilot Board of the Port of Houston Authority.



John D. Kennedy, Acting Chair



Erik A. Eriksson, Assistant Secretary

E. PILOT MATTERS

Subject 1. Appointment of Pilot Board Investigation and Recommendation Committee (PBIRC) Members.

Meeting Jan 27, 2015 - BOARD OF PILOT COMMISSIONERS FOR HARRIS COUNTY PORTS

Access Public

Type Action

Recommended Action The Board of Pilot Commissioners, at its January 27, 2015 meeting, approve the appointment of the following nominees to the Pilot Board Investigation Recommendation Committee for the calendar year 2015 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:

- (a) Captain Marcus Woodring - Port of Houston Authority - Chairman
- (b) Captain Michael Morris - Houston Pilots Association - Presiding Officer
- (c) Captain Michael Curtiss - Houston Pilots Association
- (d) Captain Sean Arbogast - Houston Pilots Association
- (e) Captain Richard Russell - Maritime Industry
- (f) Captain David Foret, Jr. - Maritime Industry
- (g) Captain Richard Ford - Maritime Industry
- (h) Paul Caruselle - Maritime Industry
- (i) Thomas Marian - Maritime Industry

Category:
Pilot Matters

Branch:
Pilot Administration

Staff Contact:
Erik Eriksson

Background:
Prior authorizing Port Commission Action: Minute No. 2014-0131-04

Pursuant to the Rules and Regulations Governing Pilots and Pilotage on the Houston Ship Channel between the Galveston Bar and the Turning Basin Houston, Texas (Rules), adopted August 25, 1993 by Minute No. 1881, amended by Minute No. 2007-1030-66, Minute No. 2010-0323-23, and Minute No. 2013-0723-08, the Pilot Board Investigation Recommendation Committee (PBIRC) investigates, holds hearings, and makes recommendations regarding certain accidents on the Houston Ship Channel and matters pertaining to the Rules. The Rules provide that the PBIRC is appointed annually by the Chairman of the Pilot Board, with the appointees 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 maritime industry, and the Port Authority, and non-voting advisory members from the U.S. Coast Guard, and chaired by a Port Authority voting member.

Staff Evaluation/Justification:

Pursuant to the Rules, the Chairman of the Pilot Board appoints, subject to approval by the Pilot Board, the following as members of the Pilot Board Investigation and Recommendation Committee (PBIRC):

Captain Marcus Woodring - Port of Houston Authority - Chairman

Captain Michael Morris - Houston Pilots Association - Presiding Officer
Captain Michael Curtiss - Houston Pilots Association
Captain Sean Arbogast - Houston Pilots Association
Captain Richard Russell - Maritime Industry
Captain David Foret, Jr. - Maritime Industry
Captain Richard Ford - Maritime Industry
Paul Caruselle - Maritime Industry
Thomas Marian - Maritime Industry

The Secretary of the Pilot Board requests that the Pilot Board approve each PBIRC member appointee, to serve for the calendar year 2015 and thereafter until a replacement is named.

E. PILOT MATTERS

Subject **2. Appointment of Pilot Board Application Review Committee (ARC) Members.**

Meeting Jan 27, 2015 - BOARD OF PILOT COMMISSIONERS FOR HARRIS COUNTY PORTS

Access Public

Type Action

Recommended Action The Board of Pilot Commissioners, at its January 27, 2015 meeting, approve the appointment of the following nominees to the Pilot Board Application Review Committee for the calendar year 2015 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:

- (a) Captain Marcus Woodring - Port Authority - Chairman
- (b) Captain Michael Morris - Houston Pilots Association - Presiding Officer
- (c) Captain Gilberto Martinez - Houston Pilots Association
- (d) Captain Joe Hill - Maritime Industry
- (e) Pat Studdert - Maritime Industry
- (f) Brian Rego - At Large
- (g) Sarah Kay Janes - At Large

Category:

Pilot Matters

Department:

Pilot Administration

Staff Contact:

Erik Eriksson

Background:

Prior authorizing Pilot Board Action: Minute No. 2014-0131-03

Pursuant to the Rules and Regulations Governing Pilots and Pilotage on the Houston Ship Channel between the Galveston Bar and the Turning Basin Houston, Texas (Rules), adopted August 25, 1993 by Minute No. 1881, amended by Minute No. 2007-1030-66, Minute No. 2010-0323-23, and Minute No. 2013-0723-08, an Application Review Committee (ARC) is appointed annually by the Chairman of the Pilot Board, with the appointees subject to approval by the Pilot Board. The Rules provide that the ARC shall be composed of voting members from the Houston Pilots Association, the Port of Houston maritime industry, the Harris County community at large, and the Port Authority, and chaired by a Port Authority voting member.

Staff Evaluation/Justification:

Pursuant to the Rules, the Chairman of the Pilot Board appoints, subject to approval by the Pilot Board, the following as members of the Application Review Committee (ARC):

Captain Marcus Woodring - Port Authority - Chairman
 Captain Michael Morris - Houston Pilots Association - Presiding Officer
 Captain Gilberto Martinez - Houston Pilots Association
 Captain Joe Hill - Maritime Industry
 Pat Studdert - Maritime Industry
 Brian Rego - At Large
 Sarah Kay Janes - At Large

The Secretary of the Pilot Board requests that the Pilot Board approve each ARC member appointee, to serve for the calendar year 2015 and thereafter until a replacement is named.

E. PILOT MATTERS

Subject **3. Recommendation for renewal of Branch Pilot Commission for the Houston Ship Channel and Galveston Bar: Captain Elton S. Porter III.**

Meeting Jan 27, 2015 - BOARD OF PILOT COMMISSIONERS FOR HARRIS COUNTY PORTS

Access Public

Type Action

Recommended Action The Pilot Board, at its January 27, 2015 meeting, recommend to the governor the renewal of the commission of Captain Elton S. Porter III as Branch Pilot for the Houston Ship Channel and Galveston Bar for a four-year term effective April 28, 2015, 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

Branch:
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 Elton S. Porter III has applied for renewal of his commission that expires April 28, 2015, as Branch Pilot for the Houston Ship Channel and Galveston Bar. The application includes proof of continued education training in Emergency Ship Handling, Incident Management for Pilots, Col-Regs for Pilots (Collision Regulations - Pilots), and a renewal request 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 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 and Galveston Bar.

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 Houston Ship Channel and Galveston Bar. Such commission is for a four-year term.

E. PILOT MATTERS

Subject **4. Recommendation for renewal of Branch Pilot Commission for the Houston Ship Channel and Galveston Bar: Captain Stephen J. Conway.**

Meeting Jan 27, 2015 - BOARD OF PILOT COMMISSIONERS FOR HARRIS COUNTY PORTS

Access Public

Type Action

Recommended Action The Pilot Board, at its January 27, 2015 meeting, recommend to the governor the renewal of the commission of Captain Stephen J. Conway as Branch Pilot for the Houston Ship Channel and Galveston Bar for a four-year term effective April 28, 2015, 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

Branch:
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 Stephen J. Conway has applied for renewal of his commission that expires April 28, 2015, as Branch Pilot for the Houston Ship Channel and Galveston Bar. The application includes proof of continued education training in Manned Model Ship Handling, Legal Aspects of Piloting, Raven Wheelhouse II pilot carry aboard navigation system & AIS (Automatic Information System), Col-Regs-Pilots (Collision Regulations - Pilots), Radar Observer (recertification), and a renewal request 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 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 and Galveston Bar.

E. PILOT MATTERS

Subject	5. Recommendation for renewal of Branch Pilot Commission for the Houston Ship Channel and Galveston Bar: Captain John C. Blomquist.
Meeting	Jan 27, 2015 - BOARD OF PILOT COMMISSIONERS FOR HARRIS COUNTY PORTS
Access	Public
Type	Action
Recommended Action	The Pilot Board, at its January 27, 2015 meeting, recommend to the governor the renewal of the commission of Captain John C. Blomquist as Branch Pilot for the Houston Ship Channel and Galveston Bar for a four-year term effective April 28, 2015, 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

Branch:
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 John C. Blomquist has applied for renewal of his commission that expires April 28, 2015, as Branch Pilot for the Houston Ship Channel and Galveston Bar. The application includes proof of continued education training in Manned Model Ship Handling, Legal Aspects of Piloting, Raven Wheelhouse II pilot carry aboard navigation system & AIS (Automatic Information System), Col-Regs-Pilots (Collision Regulations - Pilots), Radar Observer (recertification), Bayport flare turn using manned model, Restricted Visibility Navigation for Pilots, BRM-P (Bridge Resource Management - Pilots), Pilot Incident Management, Fatigue, Sleep and Medications, ECDIS (Electronic Chart Display Information System), Emergency Ship Handling, and a renewal request 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 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 and Galveston Bar.

E. PILOT MATTERS

Subject **6. Recommendation for renewal of Branch Pilot Commission for the Houston Ship Channel and Galveston Bar: Captain Scott J. Browning.**

Meeting Jan 27, 2015 - BOARD OF PILOT COMMISSIONERS FOR HARRIS COUNTY PORTS

Access Public

Type Action

Recommended Action The Pilot Board, at its January 27, 2015 meeting, recommend to the governor the renewal of the commission of Captain Scott J. Browning as Branch Pilot for the Houston Ship Channel and Galveston Bar for a four-year term effective April 19, 2015, 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

Branch:
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 Scott J. Browning has applied for renewal of his commission that expires April 19, 2015, as Branch Pilot for the Houston Ship Channel and Galveston Bar. The application includes proof of continued education training in Radar Observer (recertification), Legal Aspects of Piloting, and a renewal request 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 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 and Galveston Bar.

E. PILOT MATTERS

Subject **7. Recommendation for Deputy Branch Pilot Certificate for the Houston Ship Channel and Galveston Bar: Captain Brandon M. Bass.**

Meeting Jan 27, 2015 - BOARD OF PILOT COMMISSIONERS FOR HARRIS COUNTY PORTS

Access Public

Type Action

Recommended Action The Pilot Board, at its January 27, 2015 meeting, approve the appointment of Captain Brandon M. Bass, 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

Branch:
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 Brandon M. Bass 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 Arthur Tuttle expressing his willingness to appoint Captain Brandon M. Bass as Deputy Branch Pilot and to act as his Master for the 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, upon U.S. Coast Guard issuance of his First Class Pilot's License, which is expected shortly, Captain Brandon M. Bass 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.

E. PILOT MATTERS

Subject **8. Recommendation for Deputy Branch Pilot Certificate for the Houston Ship Channel and Galveston Bar: Captain Darren W. Collins.**

Meeting Jan 27, 2015 - BOARD OF PILOT COMMISSIONERS FOR HARRIS COUNTY PORTS

Access Public

Type Action

Recommended Action The Pilot Board, at its January 27, 2015 meeting, approve the appointment of Captain Darren W. Collins, 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

Branch:
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 Darren W. Collins 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 Stephen Conway expressing his willingness to appoint Captain Darren W. Collins as Deputy Branch Pilot and to act as his Master for the 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, upon U.S. Coast Guard issuance of his First Class Pilot's License, which is expected shortly, Captain Darren W. Collins 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.

E. PILOT MATTERS

Subject **9. Recommendation for Deputy Branch Pilot Certificate for the Houston Ship Channel and Galveston Bar: Captain William Kern.**

Meeting Jan 27, 2015 - BOARD OF PILOT COMMISSIONERS FOR HARRIS COUNTY PORTS

Access Public

Type Action

Recommended Action The Pilot Board, at its January 27, 2015 meeting, approve the appointment of Captain William Kern, 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

Branch:
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 William Kern 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 Thomas Goodwin expressing his willingness to appoint Captain William Kern as Deputy Branch Pilot and to act as his Master for the 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, upon U.S. Coast Guard issuance of his First Class Pilot's License, which is expected shortly, Captain William Kern 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.