

I N D E X

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

June 28, 2016

<i>Minute No.</i>	<i>Event/Action</i>
	General
	Chairman Longoria convened the meeting of the Board of Pilot Commissioners
	Minutes
(PB-2016-0628-01)	Approve the Minutes of the Board of Pilot Commissioners Meeting – May 23, 2016
	Pilot Matters
(PB-2016-0628-02)	Recommendation for Deputy Branch Pilot Certificate, after meeting full requirements, as a Deputy Branch Pilot for the Houston Ship Channel and Galveston Bar: Captain Nicholas C. Henrich
(PB-2016-0628-03)	Recommendation for renewal of Branch Pilot Commission for the Houston Ship Channel and Galveston Bar: Captain John M. Bratcher
(PB-2016-0628-04)	Recommendation for renewal of Branch Pilot Commission for the Houston Ship Channel and Galveston Bar: Captain Robert V. Arthur, Jr.
(PB-2016-0628-05)	Recommendation for renewal of Branch Pilot Commission for the Houston Ship Channel and Galveston Bar: Captain Criss K. Schroeder
(PB-2016-0628-06)	Recommendation for renewal of Branch Pilot Commission for the Houston Ship Channel and Galveston Bar: Captain Sean P. Arbogast
	Recess Open Meeting and Convene Executive Session
	Reconvene Open Meeting
	Adjourn Meeting

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

**Houston, Texas
June 28, 2016**

A public meeting of the Board of Pilot Commissioners for Harris County Ports (the "Pilot Board") was convened on June 28, 2016 at 10:08 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
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 Eriksson, Chief Legal Officer
J. Kent Friedman, Counsel

Chairman Longoria convened the meeting of the Board of Pilot Commissioners.

(PB-2016-0628-01) Chairman Longoria called for a motion to approve the minutes of the May 23, 2016 Pilot Board meeting. Commissioner Mease moved for approval, seconded by Commissioner Corgey. Chairman Longoria, and Commissioners Corgey, DonCarlos, Fitzgerald, Kennedy, and Mease voted Aye. Nays none. The minutes were approved as written.

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-2016-0628-02) RPBA F1 was presented, moved by Commissioner Mease, seconded by Commissioner Fitzgerald. Chairman Longoria, and Commissioners Corgey, DonCarlos, Fitzgerald, Kennedy, and Mease voted Aye. Nays none. RPBA F1 PASSED.

(PB-2016-0628-03) RPBA F2 was presented, moved by Commissioner DonCarlos, seconded by Commissioner Mease. Chairman Longoria, and Commissioners Corgey, DonCarlos, Fitzgerald, Kennedy, and Mease voted Aye. Nays none. RPBA F2 PASSED.

(PB-2016-0628-04) RPBA F3 was presented, moved by Commissioner Corgey, seconded by Commissioner Fitzgerald. Chairman Longoria, and Commissioners Corgey, DonCarlos, Fitzgerald, Kennedy, and Mease voted Aye. Nays none. RPBA F3 PASSED.

(PB-2016-0628-05) RPBA F4 was presented, moved by Commissioner DonCarlos, seconded by Commissioner Kennedy. Chairman Longoria, and Commissioners Corgey, DonCarlos, Fitzgerald, Kennedy, and Mease voted Aye. Nays none. RPBA F4 PASSED.

(PB-2016-0628-06) RPBA F5 was presented, moved by Commissioner Corgey, seconded by Commissioner Mease. Chairman Longoria, and Commissioners Corgey, DonCarlos, Fitzgerald, Kennedy, and Mease voted Aye. Nays none. RPBA F5 PASSED.

At 10:11 a.m., Chairman Longoria recessed the public meeting and instructed Mr. Eriksson to make the following announcement.

It is now 10:11 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 Attorneys (Section 551.071, Texas Open Meetings Act), including consultations regarding (i) Chapter 66, Texas Transportation Code, Houston Pilots Licensing and Regulatory Act; and (ii) collision between M/V CONTI PERIDOT and M/T CARLA MAERSK on March 9, 2015, in the Houston Ship Channel. 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 10:22 a.m., Chairman Longoria reconvened the public meeting and adjourned the Pilot Board meeting.

The above is a correct copy of the Minutes of the June 28, 2016 meeting of the Pilot Board of the Port of Houston Authority.



Janiede Longoria, Chairman



Erik A. Eriksson, Assistant Secretary

F. PILOT MATTERS

Subject	1. Recommendation for Deputy Branch Pilot Certificate, after meeting full requirements, as a Deputy Branch Pilot for the Houston Ship Channel and Galveston Bar: Captain Nicholas C. Henrich.
Meeting	Jun 28, 2016 - 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 June 28, 2016 meeting, approve the appointment of Captain Nicholas C. Henrich, 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 Nicholas C. Henrich 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 Clint Winegar expressing his willingness to appoint Captain Nicholas C. Henrich as Deputy Branch Pilot and to act as his Master for the proposed deputyship of three years, and evidence of Captain Henrich'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 Nicholas C. Henrich 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 Nicholas C. Henrich 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 **2. Recommendation for renewal of Branch Pilot Commission for the Houston Ship Channel and Galveston Bar: Captain John M. Bratcher.**

Meeting Jun 28, 2016 - BOARD OF PILOT COMMISSIONERS FOR HARRIS COUNTY PORTS

Access Public

Type Action

Recommended The Board of Pilot Commissioners for Harris County Ports (the Pilot Board), at its June
Action 28, 2016 meeting, recommend to the Governor the commission renewal of Captain
John M. Bratcher as Branch Pilot for the Houston Ship Channel and Galveston Bar for a
four-year term effective August 22, 2016, 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 John M. Bratcher 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 Collision Regulations for Pilots (Col-Regs-Pilots), Electronic Chart Display and Information System (ECDIS), Bridge Resource Management for Pilots (BRM-P), Basic Azipod Operations, Restricted Visibility Navigation for Pilots, Bayport Flare Turn using Manned Model, Emergency Ship Handling, Pilot Incident Management, Error Detection and use of Advanced Radar Techniques in Restricted Waters, Legal Aspects of Piloting, and Manned Model Ship Handling, and a 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 M. Bratcher 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 John M. Bratcher 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 Robert V. Arthur, Jr.
Meeting	Jun 28, 2016 - 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 June 28, 2016 meeting, recommend to the Governor the commission renewal of Captain Robert V. Arthur, Jr. as Branch Pilot for the Houston Ship Channel and Galveston Bar for a four-year term effective August 24, 2016, 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 Robert V. Arthur, Jr. 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, and Medication Course, Emergency Ship Handling, Radar Observer (recertification), and Raven Wheelhouse II Pilot carry aboard Navigation System and AIS (Automatic Information System), and a 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 Robert V. Arthur, Jr. 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 Robert V. Arthur, Jr. 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 Criss K. Schroeder.
Meeting	Jun 28, 2016 - 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 June 28, 2016 meeting, recommend to the Governor the commission renewal of Captain Criss K. Schroeder as Branch Pilot for the Houston Ship Channel and Galveston Bar for a four-year term effective August 24, 2016, 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 Criss K. Schroeder 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 Manned Model Ship Handling, Legal Aspects of Piloting, Electronic Chart Display and Information System (ECDIS), Fatigue Management for Pilots, Bayport Flare Turn using Manned Model, Raven Electronics Navigation Systems Training, Emergency Ship Handling for Pilots, Collision Regulations for Pilots (Col-Regs-Pilots), Automatic Information System (AIS), Pilot Incident Management, and Error Detection and Advanced Radar Techniques in Restricted Visibility, and a 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 Criss K. Schroeder 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 Criss K. Schroeder 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 renewal of Branch Pilot Commission for the Houston Ship Channel and Galveston Bar: Captain Sean P. Arbogast.
Meeting	Jun 28, 2016 - 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 June 28, 2016 meeting, recommend to the Governor the commission renewal of Captain Sean P. Arbogast as Branch Pilot for the Houston Ship Channel and Galveston Bar for a four-year term effective August 22, 2016, 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 Sean P. Arbogast 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 Bayport Flare Turn using Manned Model, Bridge Resource Management-Pilots (BRM-P), Restricted Visibility Navigation for Pilots, Radar Observer (recertification), Brownwater/Bluewater Coordination, Fatigue, Sleep, & Medication Course, Raven Wheelhouse II Pilot carry aboard Navigation System & AIS (Automatic Information System), Collision Regulations for Pilots (Col-Regs-Pilots), Incident Management for Pilots, and Manned Model Ship Handling, and a 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 Sean P. Arbogast 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 Sean P. Arbogast for commission renewal as Branch Pilot for the Houston Ship Channel and Galveston Bar. Such commission is for a four-year term.