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

October 23, 2017

<i>Minute No.</i>	<i>Event/Action</i>
	General
	Chairman Longoria convened the meeting of the Board of Pilot Commissioners
	Minutes
(PB-2017-1023-01)	Approve the Minutes of the Board of Pilot Commissioners Meeting – September 26, 2017
	Appearances
(PB-2017-1023-02)	Chairman Longoria recognized Captain Robert Shearon, Houston Pilots, who addressed the Port Commission
	Pilot Matters
(PB-2017-1023-03)	Recommendation for renewal of Branch Pilot Commission for the Houston Ship Channel and Galveston Bar: Captain Michael K. Lawson II
(PB-2017-1023-04)	Recommendation for original Branch Pilot Commission for the Houston Ship Channel and Galveston Bar: Captain Rohit Malhotra
(PB-2017-1023-05)	Recommendation for renewal of Branch Pilot Commission for the Houston Ship Channel and Galveston Bar: Captain Kenneth Jones
	Adjourn Meeting

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

**Houston, Texas
October 23, 2017**

A public meeting of the Board of Pilot Commissioners for Harris County Ports (the "Pilot Board") was convened on October 23, 2017 at 9:57 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
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

Chairman Longoria convened the meeting of the Pilot Board.

(PB-2017-1023-01) Chairman Longoria called for a motion to approve the minutes of the September 26, 2017 Pilot Board meeting. Commissioner Mease moved for approval, seconded by Commissioner Kennedy. Chairman Longoria, and Commissioners Branch, DonCarlos, Fitzgerald, Kennedy, and Mease voted Aye. Nays none. The minutes were approved as written.

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

(PB-2017-1023-02) Chairman Longoria called for appearances and recognized Captain Robert Shearon, Houston Pilots, Presiding Officer, who addressed the Pilot Board. Captain Shearon reported that the new Barbour's Cut cranes were estimated to arrive later in the day at 10:30 a.m., and he gave directions for viewing their arrival.


(PB-2017-1023-03) RPBA F1 was presented, moved by Commissioner Kennedy, seconded by Commissioner Mease. Chairman Longoria, and Commissioners Branch, DonCarlos, Fitzgerald, Kennedy, and Mease voted Aye. Nays none. RPBA F1 PASSED.

(PB-2017-1023-04) RPBA F2 was presented, moved by Commissioner Mease, seconded by Commissioner Kennedy. Chairman Longoria, and Commissioners Branch, DonCarlos, Fitzgerald, Kennedy, and Mease voted Aye. Nays none. RPBA F2 PASSED.

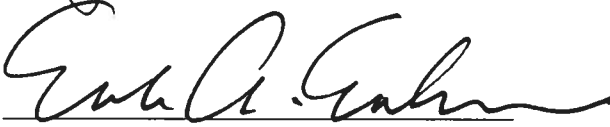
(PB-2017-1023-05) RPBA F3 was presented, moved by Commissioner Branch, seconded by Commissioner Fitzgerald. Chairman Longoria, and Commissioners Branch, DonCarlos, Fitzgerald, Kennedy, and Mease voted Aye. Nays none. RPBA F3 PASSED.

At 9:58 a.m., Chairman Longoria adjourned the Pilot Board meeting.

The above is a correct copy of the Minutes of the October 23, 2017 meeting of the Pilot Board of the Port of Houston Authority.



Janiece Longoria, Chairman



Erik A. Eriksson, Assistant Secretary

F. PILOT MATTERS

Subject **1. Recommendation for renewal of Branch Pilot Commission for the Houston Ship Channel and Galveston Bar: Captain Michael K. Lawson II.**

Meeting Oct 23, 2017 - 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 October 23, 2017 meeting, recommend to the governor the commission renewal of Captain Michael K. Lawson II as Branch Pilot for the Houston Ship Channel and Galveston Bar for a four-year term effective December 14, 2017, 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 K. Lawson II 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 Automatic Identification Systems (AIS), Legal Aspects of Piloting, Bridge Resource Management for Pilots (BRM-P), Fatigue, Sleep, and Medication Course (FSM), Raven Electronic Navigation Training, Incident Management for Pilots, Bayport Flare Turn using Manned Model, Restricted Visibility Navigation for Pilots, Radar Observer (recertification), 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 K. Lawson II 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 K. Lawson II 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 original Branch Pilot Commission for the Houston Ship Channel and Galveston Bar: Captain Rohit Malhotra.

Meeting Oct 23, 2017 - 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 October 23, 2017 meeting, recommend to the governor the original commission of Captain Rohit Malhotra as Branch Pilot for the Houston Ship Channel and Galveston Bar for a four-year term effective December 10, 2017, 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 Rohit Malhotra has applied for original commission as Branch Pilot for the Houston Ship Channel and Galveston Bar. The application included proof of continued education training in Manned Model Shiphandling, Bayport Flare Turn Using Manned Model, Raven Electronic Navigation Systems Training, Tractor Tug Operations Training, Legal Aspects of Piloting, Bridge Resource Management for Pilots (BRM-P), Restricted Visibility Navigation for Pilots, Fatigue, Sleep, and Medication Course (FMS), Radar Observer (recertification), 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 Rohit Malhotra meets the requirements of Chapter 66 of the Texas Transportation Code, Houston Pilots Licensing and Regulatory Act, Section 66.033, 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 Rohit Malhotra for original commission 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 Kenneth Jones.
Meeting	Oct 23, 2017 - 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 October 23, 2017 meeting, recommend to the governor the commission renewal of Captain Kenneth Jones as Branch Pilot for the Houston Ship Channel and Galveston Bar for a four-year term effective January 22, 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 Kenneth Jones 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 Shiphandling, Restricted Visibility Navigation for Pilots, Error Detection and Use of Advanced Radar Techniques in Restricted Waters, COLREG-Collision Regulations for Pilots, Automatic Identification Systems (AIS), Bayport Flare Turn using Manned Model, 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 Kenneth Jones 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 Kenneth Jones for commission renewal as Branch Pilot for the Houston Ship Channel and Galveston Bar. Such commission is for a four-year term.