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

February 26, 2019

<i>Minute No.</i>	<i>Event/Action</i>
	General
	Chairman Campo convened the meeting of the Board of Pilot Commissioners
	Minutes
(PB-2019-0226-01)	Approve the Minutes of the Board of Pilot Commissioners Meeting – January 29, 2019
	Pilot Matters
(PB-2019-0226-02)	Recommendation for renewal of Branch Pilot Commission for the Houston Ship Channel and Galveston Bar: Captain John C. Blomquist
(PB-2019-0226-03)	Recommendation for renewal of Branch Pilot Commission for the Houston Ship Channel and Galveston Bar: Captain Scott J. Browning
(PB-2019-0226-04)	Recommendation for renewal of Branch Pilot Commission for the Houston Ship Channel and Galveston Bar: Captain Stephen J. Conway
	Adjourn Meeting

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

**Houston, Texas
February 26, 2019**

A public meeting of the Board of Pilot Commissioners for Harris County Ports (the “Pilot Board”) was convened on February 26, 2019 at 11:25 a.m., at the Port of Houston Authority Executive Office, Fourth Floor Boardroom, at 111 East Loop North, Houston, Texas 77029. The following Commissioners, staff, and counsel were present:

Ric Campo, Chairman
Theldon R. Branch, III, Commissioner
Dean E. Corgey, Commissioner
Stephen H. DonCarlos, Commissioner
Clyde E. Fitzgerald, Commissioner
Roy D. Mease, Commissioner
Roger Guenther, Executive Director
Erik Eriksson, Secretary and General Counsel
J. Kent Friedman, outside counsel

Chairman Campo convened the meeting of the Pilot Board.

(2019-0226-01) Minutes

Chairman Campo called for a motion to approve the minutes of the January 29, 2019 Port Commission meeting. Commissioner Mease moved for approval, seconded by Commissioner DonCarlos. The minutes were approved as written.

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

Marcus Woodring, Chief Port Security and Emergency Operations Officer, introduced himself as Chair of the Application Review Committee (ARC) and the Pilot Board Investigation and Recommendation Committee (PBIRC).

Mr. Woodring explained that the three different types of personnel actions that normally appear on the agenda are recommendations for (i) a new Deputy Pilot, someone who would be entering the Pilots’s three-year training or apprentice program; (ii) a new Branch Pilot, someone has finished the three-year training program and wants to become a full Pilot; and (iii) renewals, every four years for Branch Pilots.

Mr. Woodring noted that two of the pilots on the agenda were up for their fifth renewal and the other pilot was up for his seventh renewal. Mr. Woodring asked for any questions; there were none.

(PB-2019-0226-02) RPBA F1 was presented, moved by Commissioner Fitzgerald for approval, seconded by Commissioner Mease. Chairman Campo, and

Commissioners Branch, Corgey, DonCarlos, Fitzgerald, and Mease voted Aye. Nays none.
RPBA F1 PASSED.

(PB-2019-0226-03) RPBA F2 was presented, moved by Commissioner Fitzgerald for approval, seconded by Commissioner Mease. Chairman Campo, and Commissioners Branch, Corgey, DonCarlos, Fitzgerald, and Mease voted Aye. Nays none.
RPBA F2 PASSED.

(PB-2019-0226-04) RPBA F3 was presented, moved by Commissioner Fitzgerald for approval, seconded by Commissioner Mease. Chairman Campo, and Commissioners Branch, Corgey, DonCarlos, Fitzgerald, and Mease voted Aye. Nays none.
RPBA F3 PASSED.

At 11:27 a.m., Chairman Campo adjourned the Pilot Board meeting.

The above is a correct copy of the Minutes of the February 26, 2019 meeting of the Pilot Board of the Port of Houston Authority.



Ric Campo, 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 John C. Blomquist.
Meeting	Feb 26, 2019 - 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 February 26, 2019 meeting, recommend to the governor the commission renewal of Captain John C. Blomquist as Branch Pilot for the Houston Ship Channel and Galveston Bar for a four-year term effective April 28, 2019, 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 C. Blomquist 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, Legal Aspects of Piloting, Fatigue Management for Pilots, Manned Model Shiphandling, Raven Electronic Navigation Systems, Emergency Shiphandling for Pilots, Incident Management for Pilots, Collision Regulations for Pilots (COLREGS), Brownwater/Bluewater Coordination Course, Error Detection & Use of Advanced Radar Techniques in Restricted Waters, 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 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.

Accordingly, the ARC respectfully submits to the Pilot Board the application of Captain John C. Blomquist 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 Scott J. Browning.
Meeting	Feb 26, 2019 - 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 February 26, 2019 meeting, recommend to the governor the commission renewal of Captain Scott J. Browning as Branch Pilot for the Houston Ship Channel and Galveston Bar for a four-year term effective April 19, 2019, 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 Scott J. Browning 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 Azimuthing Electric Propulsion Drive (AZIPOD), 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 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.

Accordingly, the ARC respectfully submits to the Pilot Board the application of Captain Scott J. Browning 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 Stephen J. Conway.
Meeting	Feb 26, 2019 - 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 February 26, 2019 meeting, recommend to the governor the commission renewal of Captain Stephen J. Conway as Branch Pilot for the Houston Ship Channel and Galveston Bar for a four-year term effective April 28, 2019, 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 Stephen J. Conway 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, Radar Observer (recertification), Collision Regulations for Pilots (COLREGS), Electronic Chart Display Information Systems (ECDIS), Raven Electronic Navigation Systems, Restricted Visibility Navigation for Pilots, Post Panamax Vessels: New Challenges for Pilots, Escort Tug Operations for Pilots, Error Detection & Use of Advanced Radar Techniques in Restricted Waters, Legal Aspects of Piloting, Incident Management for Pilots, Manned Model Shiphandling, Fatigue Management for Pilots, Automatic Radar Plotting Aids (ARPA), Bridge Resource Management for Pilots (BRM-P), Emergency Shiphandling for Pilots, Bayport Flare Turn Using Manned Models, 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 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.

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