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

July 29, 2019

Minute No.	Event/Action
	General
	Chairman Campo convened the meeting of the Board of Pilot Commissioners
	Minutes
(PB-2019-0729-01)	Approve the Minutes of the Board of Pilot Commissioners Meeting – June 25, 2019
	Appearances
(PB-2019-0729-02)	Chairman Campo asked if anyone would like to address the Pilot Board; there was no response
	Pilot Matters
(PB-2019-0729-03)	Item F1 was tabled
(PB-2019-0729-04)	Recommendation for renewal of Branch Pilot Commission for the Houston Ship Channel and Galveston Bar: Captain Gregory J. Brown
(PB-2019-0729-05)	Recommendation for renewal of Branch Pilot Commission for the Houston Ship Channel and Galveston Bar: Captain Stephen M. Hill
(PB-2019-0729-06)	Recommendation for renewal of Branch Pilot Commission for the Houston Ship Channel and Galveston Bar: Captain Frank J. Loeffler IV
(PB-2019-0729-07)	Recommendation for renewal of Branch Pilot Commission for the Houston Ship Channel and Galveston Bar: Captain Craig P. Newkirk
(PB-2019-0729-08)	Recommendation for renewal of Branch Pilot Commission for the Houston Ship Channel and Galveston Bar: Captain Clint A. Winegar

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(PB-2019-0729-09)	Recommendation for original Branch Pilot Commission for the Houston Ship Channel and Galveston Bar: Captain Brent M. Covert
(PB-2019-0729-10)	Recommendation for original Branch Pilot Commission for the Houston Ship Channel and Galveston Bar: Captain Kevin A. Kirk

Recess Open Meeting and Convene Executive Session

Reconvene Open Meeting

Adjourn Meeting

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

**Houston, Texas
July 29, 2019**

A public meeting of the Board of Pilot Commissioners for Harris County Ports (the "Pilot Board") was convened on July 29, 2019 at 10:54 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
Wendy Cloonan, 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
Tom Heidt, Chief Operating Officer
J. Kent Friedman, outside counsel

Chairman Campo convened the meeting of the Pilot Board.

(PB-2019-0729-01) Minutes

Chairman Campo called for a motion to approve the minutes of the June 25, 2019 Pilot Board meeting. Commissioner Corgey moved for approval, seconded by Commissioner Branch. The minutes were approved as written.

(PB-2019-0729-02) Chairman Campo asked if anyone would like to address the Pilot Board; there was no response.

(PB-2019-0729-03) Item F1 was deferred.

(PB-2019-729-04) RPBA F2 was presented, moved by Commissioner Corgey for approval, seconded by Commissioner Branch. Chairman Campo, and Commissioners Branch, Cloonan, Corgey, DonCarlos, Fitzgerald, and Mease voted Aye. Nays none. RPBA F2 PASSED.

(PB-2019-0729-05) RPBA F3 was presented, moved by Commissioner Corgey for approval, seconded by Commissioner Branch. Chairman Campo, and Commissioners Branch, Cloonan, Corgey, DonCarlos, Fitzgerald, and Mease voted Aye. Nays none. RPBA F3 PASSED.

(PB-2019-0729-06) RPBA F4 was presented, moved by Commissioner Corgey for approval, seconded by Commissioner Branch. Chairman Campo, and Commissioners

Branch, Cloonan, Corgey, DonCarlos, Fitzgerald, and Mease voted Aye. Nays none. RPBA F4 PASSED.

(PB-2019-0729-07) RPBA F5 was presented, moved by Commissioner Corgey for approval, seconded by Commissioner Branch. Chairman Campo, and Commissioners Branch, Cloonan, Corgey, DonCarlos, Fitzgerald, and Mease voted Aye. Nays none. RPBA F5 PASSED.

(PB-2019-0729-08) RPBA F6 was presented, moved by Commissioner Branch, Corgey for approval, seconded by Commissioner Branch. Chairman Campo, and Commissioners Cloonan, Corgey, DonCarlos, Fitzgerald, and Mease voted Aye. Nays none. RPBA F6 PASSED.

(PB-2019-0729-09) RPBA F7 was presented, moved by Commissioner Corgey for approval, seconded by Commissioner Branch. Chairman Campo, and Commissioners Branch, Cloonan, Corgey, DonCarlos, Fitzgerald, and Mease voted Aye. Nays none. RPBA F7 PASSED.

(PB-2019-0729-10) RPBA F8 was presented, moved by Commissioner Corgey for approval, seconded by Commissioner Branch. Chairman Campo, and Commissioners Branch, Cloonan, Corgey, DonCarlos, Fitzgerald, and Mease voted Aye. Nays none. RPBA F8 PASSED.

Chairman Campo asked if there was a need for an Executive Session and Commissioner Branch noted there were two items posted for it. Mr. Eriksson suggested the option to defer consideration of Item F1 and discuss legal matters relating to it in Executive Session, followed by a potential discussion in the open session.

Chairman Campo advised that the Pilot Board would defer Item F1 and go into Executive Session.

At 10:56 a.m., Chairman Campo instructed Mr. Eriksson to make the following announcement:

It is now 10:56 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 consultation regarding (i) the powers and duties of the Board of Pilot Commissioners; and (ii) Texas Government Code Chapter 551. The Board of Pilot Commissioners will reconvene in public session after the closed meeting is adjourned.

Immediately thereafter the Pilot Board retired into closed session.


At 11:28 a.m., Chairman Campo reconvened the open meeting of the Board of Pilot Commissioners for Harris County Ports at the Port of Houston Authority Executive Office, at 111 East Loop North, Houston, Texas 77029, with the following Commissioners, staff, and counsel in attendance:

Ric Campo, Chairman
Theldon R. Branch, III, Commissioner
Wendy Cloonan, 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
Tom Heidt, Chief Operating Officer
J. Kent Friedman, outside counsel

Chairman Campo announced the next meeting was September 24, 2019.

At 11:28 a.m., Chairman Campo adjourned the Pilot Board meeting.

The above is a correct copy of the Minutes of the July 29, 2019 meeting of the Pilot Board of the Port of Houston Authority.



Ric Campo, Chairman

Erik A. Eriksson, Secretary

F. PILOT MATTERS

Subject	1. Deliberation, public comment, and possible actions regarding one-way traffic impacts on the Houston Ship Channel, and Senate Bills 1915 and 2223 as enacted by the 86th Legislature, Regular Session.
Meeting	Jul 29, 2019 - BOARD OF PILOT COMMISSIONERS FOR HARRIS COUNTY PORTS
Access	Public
Type	Action
Recommended Action	The Pilot Board, at its July 29, 2019 meeting, deliberate, hear public comment, and take possible actions regarding one-way traffic impacts on the Houston Ship Channel, and Senate Bills 1915 and 2223 as enacted by the 86th Legislature, Regular Session, and further authorize the Secretary to do any and all things in his opinion reasonable or necessary to give effect to the foregoing.

Category:
General

Department:
Executive

Staff Contact:
Erik Eriksson

Background:

Last summer, the Houston Pilots announced that several safety protocols for handling vessels over 1,100 feet in length would begin to affect Houston Ship Channel traffic, limiting these larger ships to daylight passage and one-way traffic over a portion of the channel.

Since that time the Pilot Board, its representatives, and other industry members have addressed these matters, and in April the Houston Pilots partially eased their restrictions.

Senate Bill 2223 has since been enacted by the 86th Legislature and will place more significant limitations on these larger vessels. That measure along with Senate Bill 1915 will also have significant impacts on appointments to the Pilot Board and its regulatory powers.

Staff Evaluation/Justification:

Staff now requests that the Port Commission deliberate, hear public comment, and consider actions regarding one-way traffic impacts on the Houston Ship Channel and Senate Bill 1915 and Senate Bill 2223, as enacted by the 86th Legislature, the Regular Session.

F. PILOT MATTERS

Subject	2. Recommendation for renewal of Branch Pilot Commission for the Houston Ship Channel and Galveston Bar: Captain Gregory J. Brown.
Meeting	Jul 29, 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 July 29, 2019 meeting, recommend to the governor the commission renewal of Captain Gregory J. Brown as Branch Pilot for the Houston Ship Channel and Galveston Bar for a four-year term effective January 26, 2020, 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 Gregory J. Brown 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 PPU Electronic Navigation System Training, Radar Observer (recertification), Error Detection & Use of Advanced Radar Techniques in Restricted Waters, Bayport Flare Turn Using Manned Model, Incident Management for Pilots, Bridge Resource Management for Pilots (BRM-P), 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 Gregory J. Brown 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 Gregory J. Brown 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 M. Hill.
Meeting	Jul 29, 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 July 29, 2019 meeting, recommend to the governor the commission renewal of Captain Stephen M. Hill as Branch Pilot for the Houston Ship Channel and Galveston Bar for a four-year term effective February 27, 2020, 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 M. Hill 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, Fatigue Management for Pilots, Collision Regulations for Pilots (COLREGS), Raven Electronic Navigation Systems, Automatic Identification Systems (AIS), Radar Observer (recertification), Legal Aspects of Piloting, 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 M. Hill 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 M. Hill 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 Frank J. Loeffler IV.
Meeting	Jul 29, 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 July 29, 2019 meeting, recommend to the governor the commission renewal of Captain Frank J. Loeffler IV as Branch Pilot for the Houston Ship Channel and Galveston Bar for a four-year term effective December 16, 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 Frank J. Loeffler IV 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, PPU Elelectronic Navigation System Training, Emergency Shiphandling for Pilots, Fatigue Management for Pilots, Collision Regulations for Pilots (COLREGS), Bayport Flare Turn Using Manned Model, Bridge Resource Management for Pilots (BRM-P), Manned Model Advanced Shiphandling, Legal Aspects of Piloting, Incident Management for Pilots, COLREGS (2nd time), BRM-P (2nd time), Fatigue Management for Pilots (2nd time), 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 Frank J. Loeffler IV 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 Frank J. Loeffler IV for commission renewal as Branch Pilot for the Houston Ship Channel and Galveston Bar. Such commission is for a four-year term.

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Subject	5. Recommendation for renewal of Branch Pilot Commission for the Houston Ship Channel and Galveston Bar: Captain Craig P. Newkirk.
Meeting	Jul 29, 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 July 29, 2019 meeting, recommend to the governor the commission renewal of Captain Craig P. Newkirk as Branch Pilot for the Houston Ship Channel and Galveston Bar for a four-year term effective February 27, 2020, 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 Craig P. Newkirk 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 Radar Observer (recertification), Fatigue Management for Pilots, Collision Regulations for Pilots (COLREGS), Raven Electronic Navigation Systems, 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 Craig P. Newkirk 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 Craig P. Newkirk for commission renewal as Branch Pilot for the Houston Ship Channel and Galveston Bar. Such commission is for a four-year term.

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Subject	6. Recommendation for renewal of Branch Pilot Commission for the Houston Ship Channel and Galveston Bar: Captain Clint A. Winegar.
Meeting	Jul 29, 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 July 29, 2019 meeting, recommend to the governor the commission renewal of Captain Clint A. Winegar as Branch Pilot for the Houston Ship Channel and Galveston Bar for a four-year term effective April 25, 2020, 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 Clint A. Winegar 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 Legal Aspects of Piloting, Collision Regulations for Pilots (COLREGS), Post Panamax Vessels: New Challenges for Pilots, Escort Tug Operations for Pilots, Error Detection & Use of Advanced Radar Techniques in Restricted Waters, Emergency Shiphandling for Pilots, Fatigue Management for Pilots, Raven Electronic Navigation Systems, Automatic Identification Systems (AIS), Manned Model Shiphandling, Bridge Resource Management for Pilots (BRM-P), Bayport Flare Turn Using Manned Model, 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 Clint A. Winegar 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 Clint A. Winegar 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	7. Recommendation for original Branch Pilot Commission for the Houston Ship Channel and Galveston Bar: Captain Brent M. Covert.
Meeting	Jul 29, 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 July 29, 2019 meeting, recommend to the governor the original commission of Captain Brent M. Covert as Branch Pilot for the Houston Ship Channel and Galveston Bar for a four-year term effective December 9, 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 Brent M. Covert 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 Raven Electronic Navigation Systems Training, Automatic Radar Plotting Aids (ARPA), Restricted Visibility Navigation for Pilots, Legal Aspects for Piloting, Fatigue Management for Pilots, Bridge Resource Management for Pilots (BRM-P), 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 Brent M. Covert 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 Brent M. Covert 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	8. Recommendation for original Branch Pilot Commission for the Houston Ship Channel and Galveston Bar: Captain Kevin A. Kirk.
Meeting	Jul 29, 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 July 29, 2019 meeting, recommend to the governor the original commission of Captain Kevin A. Kirk as Branch Pilot for the Houston Ship Channel and Galveston Bar for a four-year term effective January 10, 2020, 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 Kevin A. Kirk 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 Radar Observer (recertification), Automatic Radar Plotting Aids (ARPA), Restricted Visibility Navigation for Pilots, Legal Aspects of Piloting, Fatigue Management for Pilots, Bridge Resource Management for Pilots (BRM-P), 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 Kevin A. Kirk 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 Kevin A. Kirk for original commission as Branch Pilot for the Houston Ship Channel and Galveston Bar. Such commission is for a four-year term.