

**Board of Pilot Commissioners for Harris County Ports
Pilot Board Application Review Committee Meeting**

February 9, 2021

A meeting of the Pilot Board Application Review Committee (the "ARC") was convened on Tuesday, February 9, 2021 at 12:00 p.m. at the Offices of the Houston Pilot Board (203 Ivy Avenue, Deer Park, TX 77536), as well as virtually via Zoom. The following members and staff were present:

Captain Stephen Polk, Chairman
Captain M. Tyler Gavis, Vice Chairman
Captain Gilbert Martinez
Captain Marcus Woodring (present virtually)
Captain Joe Hill (present virtually)
Sallie Kay Janes (present virtually)

A. Minutes

Captain Martinez moved for approval of the ARC meeting minutes of November 17, 2020, seconded by Captain Woodring. Chairman Polk, Ms. Janes, and Captain Hill voted Aye. Nays none. Motion APPROVED.

B. Branch Pilot

Recommendation for renewal of Branch Pilot Commission in and for the Houston Ship Channel and Galveston Bar: Captain Brett A. Callier

The ARC reviewed Captain Callier's application file. Captain Gavis asked for a motion to recommend renewal; the motion was brought by Ms. Janes, seconded by Captain Hill. Captain Martinez, Captain Woodring, and Chairman Polk voted Aye. Nays none. Motion APPROVED.

Recommendation for renewal of Branch Pilot Commission in and for the Houston Ship Channel and Galveston Bar: Captain John M. Vassar

The ARC reviewed Captain Vassar's application file. Captain Gavis asked for a motion to recommend renewal; the motion was brought by Captain Woodring, seconded by Captain Hill. Chairman Polk, Ms. Janes, and Captain Martinez voted Aye. Nays none. Motion APPROVED.

Recommendation for Original Branch Pilot Commission in and for the Houston Ship Channel and Galveston Bar: Captain Matthew B. Decatur

The ARC reviewed Captain Decatur's application file. Captain Gavis asked for a motion to recommend original commission; the motion was brought by Captain Martinez, seconded by Ms. Janes. Captain Hill, Chairman Polk, and Captain Woodring voted Aye. Nays none. Motion APPROVED.

Recommendation for Original Branch Pilot Commission in and for the Houston Ship Channel and Galveston Bar: Captain Nicholas J. Moraski

The ARC reviewed Captain Moraski's application file. Captain Gavis asked for a motion to recommend original commission; the motion was brought by Captain Martinez, seconded by Chairman Polk. Ms. Janes, Captain Hill, and Captain Woodring voted Aye. Nays none. Motion APPROVED.

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C. Pilot Pool

Recommendation to enter into the Pilot Pool: Andrew J. Martin

The ARC reviewed Mr. Martin's application file. Captain Gavis asked for a motion to recommend entering into the Pilot Pool; the motion was brought by Captain Woodring, seconded by Ms. Janes. Captain Hill, Captain Martinez, and Chairman Polk voted Aye. Nays none. Motion APPROVED.

Recommendation to enter into the Pilot Pool: Michael T. Platon

The ARC reviewed Mr. Platon's application file. Captain Gavis asked for a motion to recommend entering into the Pilot Pool; the motion was brought by Captain Hill, seconded by Captain Martinez. Chairman Polk, Ms. Janes, and Captain Woodring voted Aye. Nays none. Motion APPROVED.

Recommendation to enter into the Pilot Pool: Gene R. Tuttle Jr.

The ARC reviewed Mr. Tuttle's application file. Captain Gavis asked for a motion to recommend non-qualified to enter into the Pilot Pool; the motion was brought by Chairman Polk, seconded by Ms. Janes. Captain Martinez, Captain Hill, and Captain Woodring voted Aye. Nays none. Motion APPROVED.

C. General

Chairman Polk advised the ARC that he and Captain Gavis attended a joint meeting with management from the United States Coast Guard Regional Exam Center (REC) Houston, and Houston Pilots. Chairman Polk relayed that all 3 entities wanted to work to remain in alignment with all pertinent licensing requirements, and that all entities would continue to meet on a regular basis.

Adjourned the ARC Meeting. Next requested meeting, March 9, 2021.

The above is a correct copy of the Minutes of the February 9, 2021 meeting of the ARC.



Captain Stephen Polk, Chairman