

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

**October 11, 2022**

A meeting of the Pilot Board Application Review Committee (the “ARC”) convened on Tuesday, October 11, 2022, at noon at the Office of the Houston Pilot Board (203 Ivy Avenue, Deer Park, TX. 77536) and virtually via Zoom. The following members and staff were present:

Captain Stephen Polk – Chairman  
Captain M. Tyler Gavis, Vice Chairman  
Captain Clint Winegar  
Captain Gilbert Martinez  
Captain Joe Hill (via proxy vote)  
Pat Studdert (via proxy vote)  
David McNeal, Houston Pilot Board General Counsel (via Zoom)

**A. Minutes**

Captain Martinez moved for approval of the ARC Meeting Minutes on August 9, 2022, seconded by Captain Winegar. Captain Polk voted Aye. Nays none. Motion APPROVED.

**B. Branch Pilot**

1) Recommendation for renewal of Branch Pilot Commission in and for the Houston Ship Channel and Galveston Bar: Captain Kent D. Barton

The ARC reviewed Captain Barton’s application file. Captain Polk asked for a motion to recommend a renewal commission; the motion was brought by Captain Martinez, seconded by Captain Polk. Captain Winegar voted Aye. Nays none. Motion APPROVED.

2) Recommendation for renewal of Branch Pilot Commission in and for the Houston Ship Channel and Galveston Bar: Captain John C. Blomquist

The ARC reviewed Captain Blomquist's application file. Captain Polk asked for a motion to recommend a renewal commission; the motion was brought by Captain Winegar, seconded by Captain Martinez. Captain Polk voted Aye. Nays none. Motion APPROVED

3) Recommendation for renewal of Branch Pilot Commission in and for the Houston Ship Channel and Galveston Bar: Captain Stephen B. Jewell

The ARC reviewed Captain Jewell’s application file. Captain Polk asked for a motion to recommend a renewal commission; the motion was brought by Captain Polk, seconded by Captain Martinez. Captain Winegar voted Aye. Nays none. Motion APPROVED.

4) Recommendation for renewal of Branch Pilot Commission in and for the Houston Ship Channel and Galveston Bar: Captain Brian G. Saba

The ARC reviewed Captain Saba’s application file. Captain Polk asked for a motion to recommend a renewal commission; the motion was brought by Captain Winegar, seconded by Captain Martinez. Captain Polk voted Aye. Nays none. Motion APPROVED.

5) Recommendation for renewal of Branch Pilot Commission in and for the Houston Ship Channel and Galveston Bar: Captain Adam W. Shuptar

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The ARC reviewed Captain Shuptar's application file. Captain Polk asked for a motion to recommend a renewal commission; the motion was brought by Captain Martinez, seconded by Captain Winegar. Captain Polk voted Aye. Nays none. Motion APPROVED.

6) Recommendation for Branch Pilot Commission in and for the Houston Ship Channel and Galveston Bar: Captain Donald W. Childress

The ARC reviewed Captain Childress' application file. Captain Polk asked for a motion to recommend Branch Pilot commission; the motion was brought by Captain Winegar, seconded by Captain Polk. Captain Martinez voted Aye. Nays none. Motion APPROVED with contingency that Captain Childress correct one section in the application.

7) Recommendation for Branch Pilot Commission in and for the Houston Ship Channel and Galveston Bar: Captain Darris O. Jefferson Jr.

The ARC reviewed Captain Jefferson's application file. Captain Polk asked for a motion to recommend Branch Pilot commission; the motion was brought by Captain Winegar, seconded by Captain Martinez. Captain Polk voted Aye. Nays none. Motion APPROVED.

**C. Pilot Pool**

1) Approve qualified to reenter Houston Pilot Pool: Travis C. Reigrut

The ARC reviewed Mr. Reigrut's application file. Captain Polk asked for a motion to recommend reentering the pilot pool; the motion was brought by Captain Polk, seconded by Captain Martinez. Captain Winegar voted Aye. Nays none. Motion APPROVED.

2) Approve qualified to enter Houston Pilot Pool: Chase D. Schuessler

The ARC reviewed Mr. Schuessler's application file. Captain Polk asked for a motion to recommend entering the pilot pool; the motion was brought by Captain Winegar, seconded by Captain Martinez. Captain Polk voted Aye. Nays none. Motion APPROVED.

3) Approve qualified to enter Houston Pilot Pool: Darron R. Whitton Jr.

The ARC reviewed Mr. Whitton's application file. Captain Polk asked for a motion to recommend entering the pilot pool; the motion was brought by Captain Polk, seconded by Captain Martinez. Captain Winegar voted Aye. Nays none. Motion APPROVED.

Adjourned the ARC Meeting. Next requested ARC Meeting, December 12, 2022.

The above is a correct copy of the ARC Meeting Minutes on October 11, 2022.

  
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Captain Stephen Polk – Chairman