

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

**Houston, Texas
June 28, 2021**

A public meeting/ hearing of the Board of Pilot Commissioners for Harris County Ports (the “Pilot Board”) was convened on June 28, 2021 at 2:01 p.m. at the offices of the Houston Pilot Board, 203 Ivy Avenue, Deer Park, Texas 77536, as well as virtually via Zoom webinar. The following commissioners and others were present:

Captain Reginald McKamie, Chairman
Roland Garcia, Commissioner
Michel Bechtel, Commissioner
Frances Castañeda Dyess, Commissioner
Brad Hance, Commissioner
Darrell Morrison, Commissioner
Jon Keeney, Commissioner
Bruce Oakley, Commissioner
Captain M. Tyler Gavis – Executive Director and Secretary
Rachel de Cordova, General Counsel

Chairman McKamie convened the meeting/ hearing of the Pilot Board by welcoming everyone and thanking them for attending. He then asked for Captain Gavis to call roll. Captain Gavis called the roll and noted that all were present apart from Commissioner Beverly. Captain Gavis noted that the Pilot Board had established a quorum with 8 of 9 commissioners present.

(PB-2021-0628-01) Minutes

Chairman McKamie called for a motion to approve the minutes of the June 18, 2021 Pilot Board meeting/ hearing. Commissioner Bechtel moved for approval, seconded by Commissioner Morrison. Chairman McKamie asked for all in favor to say aye. All were in favor. There were no negative votes. MOTION PASSED.

(PB-2021-0628-02) Public Comment

Captain Gavis stated that two individuals had signed up to speak. Chairman McKamie then asked if Captain Gavis could read the email included in the briefing materials from Mr. Vincent DiCosimo, representing Targa Resources and the Coalition for a Fair and Open Port. Captain Gavis clarified that the email was received prior to the June 18, 2021 Pilot Board meeting/ hearing, and was summarized at that meeting, he then proceeded to read the email aloud. The email included Mr. DiCosimo’ s belief that the pilots being able to allow two-way traffic with vessels up to 1,120’ within the 2030 (combined LOA) and 310 (combined beam) rules was an excellent development.

(a) Captain Gavis recognized Captain Robert Thompson, Houston Pilots Presiding Officer.

Captain Thompson greeted the Pilot Board and asked Chairman McKamie if he would like for him to talk about the proposed changes the Houston Pilots made to their Navigation Safety Guidelines, to which Chairman Mckamie replied yes because the Board would be voting on them.

Captain Thompson stated that the pilots had amended 5 of their safety guidelines and proceeded to detail the proposed changes within the Navigation Safety Guidelines. Such changes included: allowing the pilots to override the engine load limiting device during emergencies, the Genesis River (and her sister vessel) to have at least 0.5 meters of trim for better maneuverability, the restrictions on the Stolt Integrity class be changed to require 1 tug instead of 2 tugs when undocking, permitting vessels less than 1,100' X 143' to Barbour's Cut #2 when vessels are clear at Barbour's Cut #1 during berthing operations only (as opposed to berthing and unberthing operations previously), and vessels being permitted at Barbour's Cut #3 if Barbour's Cut #1 and #2 do not have a vessel alongside during berthing operations at Barbour's Cut #3/ Barbour's Cut #2 does not have a vessel alongside during unberthing at Barbour's Cut #3.

Commissioner Keeney asked what percentages of vessels coming into the Port of Houston have working bow thrusters, to which Captain Thompson replied roughly 30%. Chairman McKamie then asked Captain Thompson if he felt very comfortable that the proposed changes would keep the Port of Houston safe, to which Captain Thompson replied continued experience and repetition allowed the pilots to be comfortable with the changes. Commissioner Garcia then asked Captain Thompson if he was aware of any stakeholders that were opposed to the proposed changes, to which Captain Thompson stated he was not. Chairman McKamie thanked Captain Thompson for detailing the proposed changes.

- (b) Captain Gavis called upon Mr. Niels Aalund, Senior Vice President of Maritime Affairs with WGMA.

Mr. Aalund greeted everyone in the room and announced that WGMA supports the proposed rule change by the Houston Pilots. He then detailed that a survey amongst his members found no opposition and a consensus that the change would be good for the Port of Houston. Chairman McKamie thanked Mr. Aalund for his update.

Chairman McKamie then asked Ms. de Cordova if there was a need for Executive Session, to which she stated she was not aware of a need for one.

(PB-2021-0628-03) Rule Change

Commissioner Garcia stated that at the previous meeting it was made clear that the Houston Pilots had received far greater than the required 80% vote. Ms. de Cordova next detailed the verbiage the Board would be voting on to be:

Rules and Regulations Governing Pilots and
Pilotage
On the Houston Ship Channel Between the Galveston Bar and
Turning Basin Section 6(C)
Revised June 28, 2021

- C. The Houston Pilots Association Navigation Safety Guidelines most recently approved by the Board of Pilot Commissioners for Harris County Ports on _____, _____ shall supersede the guidelines detailed within section 6(c) of the Rules and Regulations Governing Pilots and Pilotage On the Houston Ship Channel Between the Galveston Bar and Turning Basin. The most recent version of approved Houston Pilots Association Navigation Safety Guidelines is attached below:

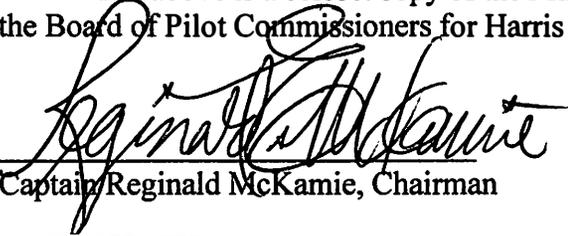
She then described that the proposed change would amend Section 6(C) of the Pilot Board Rules and Regulations (which she noted was outdated) and allow the June 2, 2021 Houston Pilot Navigation Safety Guidelines to supersede the current guidelines. Commissioner Garcia then asked if this change would encompass all of the redline changes, to which Ms. de Cordova said it would.

Chairman McKamie stated pursuant to the Board's mandate under Texas Transportation Code Ch. 66.016, and accompanying sections, he wanted to seek a motion to approve the proposed rule change which had been approved by a greater than 80% Houston Pilot vote. Commissioner Bechtel moved to approve the proposed amendment of Section 6(C) of the Pilot Board Rules and Regulations, seconded by Commissioner Keeney. Chairman McKamie asked for all in favor to say aye. All were in favor. There were no negative votes. MOTION PASSED.

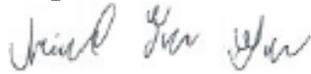
Chairman McKamie thanked everyone for working together to keep the port safe and efficient. Ms. de Cordova noted that the approved rule change would be posted for 10 days before it would become effective. Commissioner Keeney then congratulated everyone on this milestone and thanked everyone for their participation, to which Chairman McKamie concurred.

At 2:20 p.m., Chairman McKamie adjourned the Pilot Board meeting/ hearing.

The above is a correct copy of the Minutes of the June 28, 2021 meeting/hearing of the Board of Pilot Commissioners for Harris County Ports.



Captain/Reginald McKamie, Chairman



Captain M. Tyler Gavis, Secretary