

June 1, 2023

NOTICE OF MEETING
OF
THE BOARD OF PILOT COMMISSIONERS
FOR
THE PORTS OF HARRIS COUNTY

In accordance with official practice of the Board of Pilot Commissioners for the Ports of Harris County, there is attached hereto a copy of the Agenda of the meeting of the Board of Pilot Commissioners for the Ports of Harris County to be held on June 8, 2023. The Pilot Board will meet at 10:00 a.m., via video conference (Zoom webinar) and at the office of the Houston Pilot Board, 203 Ivy Avenue, Deer Park, Texas 77536. The Pilot Board intends to have a quorum present at the office of the Houston Pilot Board as required by Section 551.127(b) of the Texas Open Meetings Act. The instructions for accessing the meeting via Zoom webinar are provided on the following page.

BOARD OF PILOT COMMISSIONERS
PORTS OF HARRIS COUNTY, TEXAS



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Instructions to Join Virtually Via Zoom

Topic: Houston Pilot Board Meeting

Time: June 8, 2023 10:00 AM Central Time (US and Canada)

- Thursday June 8, 2023
- Thursday September 14, 2023
- Thursday December 14, 2023

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Signup Procedures for Speaking During Posted Public Comment Section

Members of the public may speak during the posted public comment section by signing up as follows:

- Please register to speak no later than two hours before the meeting by emailing to Tyler Gavis tgavis@houstonpilotboard.com. Please provide the name of the speaker, and the organization the speaker represents (if applicable).
- Sign up in person at the meeting venue before the start time of the meeting.

Speakers shall comply with the Public Comment Policy adopted by the Pilot Board on September 9, 2021: <https://houstonpilotboard.com/public-comment-policy/>

AGENDA

BOARD OF PILOT COMMISSIONERS for HARRIS COUNTY PORTS

**June 8, 2023
10:00 a.m.**

**Office of the Houston Pilot Board
Boardroom
203 Ivy Avenue
Deer Park, Texas 77536**

And via Zoom

- 1. CALL TO ORDER** (Chairman Reginald McKamie)
- 2. ROLL CALL AND CONFIRMATION OF QUORUM** (Captain M. Tyler Gavis)
- 3. CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS** (Chairman Reginald McKamie)
 - a. Safety is the number 1 priority.
 - b. Discussion on Transportation Code:
Sec. 66.015
Sec. 66.017
Sec. 66.018
 - c. Discussion on the oath taken by Board members.
 - d. Mariner shortage and the impact on pilotage
- 4. RECOGNITIONS AND PRESENTATION OF AWARDS** (Chairman Reginald McKamie)
 - Resolution for retired Greater Houston Port Bureau President Captain Bill Diehl
- 5. PUBLIC COMMENT** (Captain M. Tyler Gavis)
- 6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES** (Chairman Reginald McKamie)
 - a. March 9, 2023 Public Meeting
- 7. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT** (Captain M. Tyler Gavis)
 - Report on Pilot Board records transfer from Port Houston and industry and community

outreach activity

8. PILOT BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS (Chairman Reginald McKamie)

- a. Executive (Chairman Reginald McKamie)
 - Update on activity
- b. Legislative (Commissioner Michel Bechtel)
 - Update on the Coastal Barrier Project and local legislative changes
- c. Navigation (Commissioner Brad Hance & Captain J.J. Plunkett)
 - Report from May 5, 2023 Lone Star Harbor Safety Committee meeting, May 16, 2023 Lone Star Harbor Safety Committee Waterway Utilization Subcommittee meeting, June 1, 2023 Houston Pilots ride along, and other pertinent navigational matters
- d. USCG Liaison (Commissioner Darrell Morrison)
 - Update on activity
- e. Pilot Diversity (Vice Chair Roland Garcia)
 - Update on activity
- f. Performance Effectiveness Committee (Commissioner Parris Beverly)
 - Report from May 3, 2023 Performance Effectiveness Committee meeting
- g. Ad Hoc Rules, Policies, and Procedures (Captain M. Tyler Gavis)
 - Report on Board effort to analyze Pilot Board Rule 15I

9. FINANCIAL REPORT (Pilot Board Treasurer Frances Dyess)

- a. Update on the status of Pilot Board Admin. Fee payments collected by the Houston Pilots
- b. Update on current financial status of the Pilot Board
- c. **Action Item** – Briefing, deliberation, and possible action regarding approving draft Houston Pilots application advertisement to be published four times in 2023 in Professional Mariner magazine at a cost of \$5,908.00
- d. Report on 2022 Financial Audit by Belt Harris Pechacek LLLP
- e. **Action Item** – Approve draft Financial Audit report by Belt Harris Pechacek LLLP

10. HOUSTON PILOTS ASSOCIATION REPORT (Captain Clint Winegar and Captain Matthew Glass)

- a. Report on vessel traffic, operational, and navigational issues facing the Houston Pilots

11. ARC & PBIRC REPORTS (Captain Stephen Polk and Captain David Foret Jr.)

- a. Pilot Board Application Review Committee (ARC) report on the April 11, 2023 and May 9, 2023 ARC meetings
- b. **Action Item** - Approve the Pilot Board Application Review Committee's recommendation for renewal of Branch Pilot Commission in and for the Houston Ship Channel and Galveston Bar:
 - Captain William A. Ewing III
 - Captain Adam W. Guice
 - Captain Cody R. Lynch
 - Captain Blakeley K. Morgan
 - Captain Michael T. Riggle
- c. Pilot Board Investigation and Recommendation Committee (PBIRC) report on March 23, 2023 PBIRC Hearing
- d. **Action Item** – Consideration and possible action regarding the PBIRC's proposed findings and recommendations regarding the M/V OCEAN GLORY collision with the barge of the T/V SEADRIFT on June 2, 2021, in the Houston Ship Channel
- e. Report on April 20, 2023 – April 21, 2023 Bluewater- Brownwater Symposium and April 18, 2023 Houston Pilots- G&H Towing Coordination Course

12. EXECUTIVE SESSION (Chairman Reginald McKamie)

- a. Consultation with Attorneys (Section 551.071, Texas Open Meetings Act)

13. ADJOURN EXECUTIVE SESSION AND RECONVENE OPEN MEETING (Chairman Reginald McKamie)

14. GENERAL MATTERS (Chairman Reginald McKamie)

- a. **Action Item** – Move September 14, 2023 Pilot Board meeting to October 12, 2023
- b. Briefing and discussion regarding Board members participating in a team building exercise facilitated by Goodfriend Consulting at a proposed cost of \$3,000.00

15. OTHER MATTERS (Chairman Reginald McKamie)

- No Activity

16. ADJOURN (Chairman Reginald McKamie)