

March 5, 2021

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 March 11, 2021. The Pilot Board will meet at 2:00 p.m., at the offices of the Houston Pilot Board, 203 Ivy Avenue, Deer Park, Texas 77536. Pursuant to Governor Abbott's action of March 16, 2020 to allow virtual and telephonic open meetings to maintain government transparency, the meeting can also be accessed via Zoom webinar, as provided on the following page.

BOARD OF PILOT COMMISSIONERS
PORTS OF HARRIS COUNTY, TEXAS



SECRETARY

Instructions to Join Virtually Via Zoom

Topic: Houston Pilot Board Meeting

Time: Mar 11, 2021 02:00 PM Central Time (US and Canada)

Every 3 months on the Second Thu, until Dec 9, 2021, 4 occurrence(s)

Mar 11, 2021 02:00 PM

Jun 10, 2021 02:00 PM

Sep 9, 2021 02:00 PM

Dec 9, 2021 02:00 PM

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AGENDA
BOARD OF PILOT COMMISSIONERS
for
HARRIS COUNTY PORTS

March 11, 2021
2:00 p.m.

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

And via Zoom

A. CALL TO ORDER

B. CHAIRMAN’S REMARKS

1. Governance, policy, and administrative matters

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

February 11, 2021 Public Meeting

D. APPEARANCES

1. Captain Robert Thompson – Presiding Officer, Houston Pilots
2. Public Comment

E. STAFF REPORTS

1. Capt. David Foret Jr. – Chairman, Pilot Board Investigation and Recommendation Committee (PBIRC)
2. Captain Stephen Polk – Chairman, Pilot Board Application Review Committee (ARC)
3. Captain M. Tyler Gavis – Pilot Board Executive Director
4. Rachel de Cordova – Pilot Board General Counsel

F. GENERAL MATTERS

Briefings, public comment, deliberations, and possible actions regarding the following:

1. March 2, 2021 letter received from the Federal Maritime Commission (FMC)
2. Board Funding Options and Issues
 - a. Ongoing legislative proposal to assess pilotage user fees
 - b. Additional recommendations for methods to assess user fees without additional legislation
3. Updates from Pilot Board Subcommittees
 - a. Legislative
 - b. Adoption of Navigation Committee
 - c. USCG liaison
 - d. Pilot diversity
4. Status of the M.O.U. being drafted by Pilot Board General Counsel implementing an internship program with maritime academies and accredited schools

G. PILOT MATTERS

1. Appointment of Captain Mike Usher to the PBIRC
2. Recommendation for renewal of Branch Pilot Commission in and for the Houston Ship Channel and Galveston Bar: Captain Justin L. Benecke
3. Recommendation for renewal of Branch Pilot Commission in and for the Houston Ship Channel and Galveston Bar: Captain Jason F. Briones
4. Recommendation for renewal of Branch Pilot Commission in and for the Houston Ship Channel and Galveston Bar: Captain Brett A. Callier
5. Recommendation for renewal of Branch Pilot Commission in and for the Houston Ship Channel and Galveston Bar: Captain Marcus A. Maher
6. Recommendation for renewal of Branch Pilot Commission in and for the Houston Ship Channel and Galveston Bar: Captain Thomas C. Pace Jr.
7. Recommendation for renewal of Branch Pilot Commission in and for the Houston Ship Channel and Galveston Bar: Captain Travis A. Parker
8. Recommendation for renewal of Branch Pilot Commission in and for the Houston Ship Channel and Galveston Bar: Captain John M. Vassar

9. Recommendation for original Branch Pilot Commission in and for the Houston Ship Channel and Galveston Bar: Captain Matthew B. Decatur
10. Recommendation for original Branch Pilot Commission in and for the Houston Ship Channel and Galveston Bar: Captain Brent D. Elrod

H. EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

I. ADJOURN EXECUTIVE SESSION AND RECONVENE OPEN MEETING

J. ADJOURN