

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

**Houston, Texas
October 12, 2023**

A public meeting of the Board of Pilot Commissioners for Harris County Ports (the “Pilot Board”) was convened on October 12, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. at the office of the Houston Pilot Board, 203 Ivy Avenue, Deer Park, Texas, 77536, as well as via Zoom webinar. The following commissioners and others were present:

Captain Reginald McKamie, Chairman
Roland Garcia, Vice-Chair
Frances Castañeda Dyess, Treasurer
Jon Keeney, Executive Committee
Michel Bechtel, Commissioner
Darrell Morrison, Commissioner
Parris Beverly, Commissioner
Bruce Oakley, Commissioner
Captain M. Tyler Gavis, Executive Director, and Secretary
David McNeal, General Counsel

Chairman McKamie commenced the meeting and asked Captain Gavis to call the roll. Captain Gavis called the roll and noted that the Pilot Board had established a quorum with 8 of 9 Commissioners present (Commissioner Hance was absent).

(PB-2023-1012-01) Chairman’s Remarks

Chairman McKamie expressed his gratitude for everyone's attendance and praised the pilots' diligent efforts in preparing for Project 11. He then explained that the Houston Pilots Presiding Officer would provide more information on their training and preparations for Project 11 later in the meeting.

Chairman McKamie proceeded to suggest requesting the community to provide names of potential candidates for future Board positions. Commissioner Dyess inquired about the appointment process, and Chairman McKamie confirmed that the cities and county are responsible for appointing individuals to the Board. However, Chairman McKamie also expressed his desire to present a list of interested individuals and their backgrounds to the Mayor and County Commissioners. Commissioner Dyess recommended that interested individuals should reach out directly to their nominators. Commissioner Morrison then recommended that this be placed on the agenda at a later date as an action item as it was not discussed previously, to which Chairman McKamie agreed.

(PB-2023-1012-02) Appearances

Chairman McKamie asked if anyone had signed up for public comment, to which Captain Gavis replied that no one had signed up for public comment.

(PB-2023-1012-03) Minutes

Chairman McKamie called for a motion to approve the June 8, 2023, Pilot Board Meeting Minutes. Commissioner Garcia moved for approval, seconded by Commissioner Morrison. Chairman McKamie asked for all in favor to say aye. All were in favor. There were no opposing votes. MOTION PASSED.

(PB-2023-1012-04) Executive Director Report

Captain Gavis reported that on October 4, 2023, he, Houston Pilots Presiding Officer Captain Clint Winegar, and Houston Pilots 2nd Officer Captain Matt Glass visited Austin to meet with the Governor's Appointment and Secretary of State officials who assist the Board with pilot commissions. Captain Gavis reported that the officials were extremely pleased with the job that the Board is doing, especially considering the higher volume of pilots in Houston compared to other pilot groups in Texas. Captain Gavis then explained at the previous Board meeting he was tasked with researching the process other pilot boards follow for selecting their deputy pilots and establishing the number of pilots they have. He then explained after reaching out to various pilots, industry representatives, and ports, he discovered that the process is similar across the board. He explained pilots are generally responsible for providing recommendations for the selection of deputy pilots and the number of pilots required to the Board, to which the Board has the final say on whether to accept or reject the recommendations. Captain Gavis closed by explaining he has been collaborating with the records department at Port Houston to transfer all active files and proceeded to thank Erik Eriksson and his staff for their valuable support.

(PB-2023-1012-05) Pilot Board Committee Reports

(a) Chairman McKamie spoke on behalf of the Executive Committee and reported that the pilots invited him to attend well attended events, including the El Centro luncheon and proclamation for Captain Tom Lightsey.

(b) Chairman McKamie recognized Pilot Board Legislative Committee Chairman Bechtel.

Commissioner Bechtel stated that the third special session began on October 9, 2023. He added the Governor called for a school charge of board security to mandate the public safety board to go directly to Colony Ridge in Liberty County. He announced there is currently much tension between the Senate and the House due to the impeachment trial.

He then added he wanted to bring up the November election Proposition 4, which is a constitutional amendment, and explained the legislation has approved a \$100,000.00 homestead exemption for school taxes, but it still needs to be ratified by the voters and the

constitutional amendment. He next explained he recently attended meetings on the Federal side with Assistant Secretary of the Army Mike Conners and General Spellmon, Chief of the Corps of Engineers, to devise a strategy for obtaining initial funding from the Federal Government in coastal Texas. He explained during his last visit to Washington D.C., which marked his twelfth congressional visit, he identified appropriations that had been made to the Corps of Engineers under the bipartisan infrastructural law. He detailed the Corps had \$1.1 billion available for use, with half of that amount (\$500 million) designated for construction projects. He explained he requested \$269 million for the Galveston District, enabling them to launch a new project for coastal Texas. Additionally, he worked with Randy Webber and Congressman Cuellar to compose a joint bipartisan Texas Delegation letter urging the OMB and the White House to support the requested \$269 million.

Commissioner Garcia asked Commissioner Bechtel when they could expect things to happen. Commissioner Bechtel responded that he was unsure but mentioned they were scheduled to return to DC in the first week of November. He then explained other projects, such as Orange and Jefferson County, had already started. Commissioner Bechtel emphasized the need for Coastal Texas' new start designation. He explained that they had secured \$550 million in the regular session, with half of that intended for matching funds for the ongoing projects in Orange and Jefferson Counties, while the remaining \$300 million would be held for their share of the Ike Dike Project when it gets initiated.

(c) Chairman McKamie recognized Pilot Board Navigation Committee Chairman Hance.

Captain JJ Plunkett, Houston Pilots Port Agent, said he would provide a quick update for Commissioner Hance. He then added that Captain Winegar's presentation would discuss EPLs (engine power limiters).

(d) Chairman McKamie recognized Pilot Board USCG Liaison Committee Chairman Morrison, whom stated there was no activity to report.

(e) Chairman McKamie recognized Pilot Board Pilot Diversity Committee Chairman Garcia.

Commissioner Garcia mentioned that he had a series of meetings and discussions with Captain Gavis, where he received materials. He then added that his first order of business was to study the decision of the US Supreme Court regarding admissions to Harvard University. He explained that the court found it unconstitutional and violated equal protection under the 14th Amendment. He added that he also studied the EEOC's detailed report, and his takeaway was that the Supreme Court case was limited in its scope and application of the law, as it did not apply to private employers. He continued that according to the EEOC, efforts to promote diversity, equity, and inclusion are acceptable if two

conditions are met. He explained you cannot terminate employees who are not part of the targeted group, in other words you cannot use diversity as a means of discrimination, and a DEI program cannot be used to fulfill a quota. Commissioner Garcia added that the goal of any DEI program should be to select the most qualified candidate for a particular position, regardless of their background. Chairman McKamie suggested that the Performance Effectiveness Committee should examine the DEI and other committees to ensure their work does not overlap.

Commissioner Keeney emphasized to Commissioner Garcia that he heard nothing conflicting with the Governor's request to hire the most qualified candidate, to which Commissioner Garcia agreed. Conversation then ensued between Commissioner Keeney and Chairman McKamie. Chairman McKamie expressed his disapproval of the suggestion that a black or brown applicant, or any diverse applicant, might be less qualified than their peers. He stated that after working in the industry for over fifty years, it was offensive to imply that race had any bearing on a person's qualifications. Commissioner Keeney expressed his understanding of Chairman McKamie's position and added he did not take the Governor's comment as a personal attack but as a general statement. Chairman McKamie reiterated that such a comment was hurtful and should not be made.

Chairman McKamie next explained that the Board is bound by Transportation Code 66.018, which prohibits the Board from discriminating against practices or pilots. He added he would like to take this opportunity to express his gratitude to Commissioner Garcia for the commendable work that he has done, as well as to the Performance Committee for their dedicated efforts. Commissioner Dyess inquired about the progress of the committee's work. She pointed out that the committee was formed in 2021, and it's already 2023, so why is it taking so long to achieve anything? Chairman McKamie acknowledged the committee's hard work and urged them not to repeat any previous efforts.

(f) Chairman McKamie recognized Pilot Board Performance Effectiveness Committee Chairman Beverly and Commissioner Keeney.

Commissioner Beverly stated at the previous Board meeting, the Board agreed to move forward to develop a process for establishing the number of pilots and introduced Commissioner Keeney to take the lead in explaining that process. Commissioner Keeney explained the parameters, what could be added to the existing process flow chart, and the idea of creating a cap on the number of Branch Pilots. He added to better understand how the Port of Houston views the pilots, he talked to Roger Guenther, Executive Director for Port Houston. He explained according to his feedback, the Port of Houston and the industry consider the pilot's business partners, which he feels is a great position for them to be in. He continued by detailing during their February and August meetings, the Houston Pilots evaluate their manpower requirements. He then detailed the Pilot Board Performance Effectiveness Committee reviews leading indicators in March and September and suggests

revisions to the cap on Branch Pilots based on the findings. He continued by explaining the Board approves changes to the cap on Branch Pilots as recommended by the committee. He summarized the pilots assess their manpower needs and make recommendations to the Board for approval.

(PB-2023-1012-06) Commissioner Keeney made a motion to approve and discuss agenda item 8.f.i., “Briefing, deliberation, and possible action regarding adopting the process for establishing the number of pilots recommended by the Performance Effectiveness Committee“. Chairman McKamie requested stakeholders' input on the new process flow chart, to which Commissioner Bechtel inquired if the lack of public comment constituted stakeholder input since it was on the agenda. Chairman McKamie added he didn't think the matter needed to be voted on today. However, Counsel McNeal interjected and stated that the Board needed to vote on it today. He explained that this was something that had been deliberated and that the Board could decide whether to vote today or delay the vote until the next meeting. Commissioner Beverly requested to convey two points. First, the cap on the presumptive number of pilots, which has been in effect for several years, has been evaluated by analyzing the indicators to ensure that the right numbers are being used. He added according to our analysis, we believe that the current numbers are accurate. Second, we have learned that industry is involved in the process of determining these numbers. Chairman McKamie explained how the pilots have evolved over time with traffic growth. He added with Project 11, there will be larger ships and more traffic, which the Board must consider. He then emphasized as the Board; our top priority is safety. While acknowledging the work done so far, Chairman McKamie suggested waiting for a vote and getting input from stakeholders before proceeding. Conversation ensued about taking a vote and the Commissioners agreed that Commissioner Keeney had made a motion, and Commissioner Beverly had seconded it. Commissioner Dyess expressed concern that the committee is facing a challenge due to the lack of commitment from the Executive Committee members, which she explained is hindering progress. She added the committee has been meeting diligently and reporting its progress at every meeting. She then detailed at the last meeting, the committee informed the Board of its status and indicated that it would bring back further updates. She emphasized as there has been no executive meeting to discuss what everyone is doing, there is a lack of commitment preventing the Performance Effectiveness Committee from moving forward.

Commissioner Morrison requested a point of order and reminded commissioners that discussions had been made on this matter. Commissioner Garcia asked about the new process flow chart and the number of pilots, because he did not realize there was a cap on the number of pilots. Captain Winegar replied that for every pilot association he was aware of, the Board set the limit on the number of pilots they had. He then added that the pilot numbers for Houston have been consistent since 2011 when the Houston Pilots recommended a cap of 93 Branch Pilots.

Commissioner Garcia asked Captain Winegar about the mandatory rest periods pilots must take. Captain Winegar explained that a single job's mandatory rest period is eight hours. However, if a person does two jobs, the mandatory rest period increases to twelve hours. In response, Commissioner Morrison inquired about fatigue studies. Captain Winegar confirmed that the Houston Pilots have been having such studies conducted for the past fifteen years. Commissioner Oakley asked if an increase in the number of transits from Project 11 would be possible. Captain Winegar responded that he did not believe it was feasible. He explained that the ships have grown bigger and already have two pilots, so the number of pilots needed would not increase. Captain Winegar further clarified that even though the ships' size and cargo capacity have increased, the number of pilot jobs would remain relatively unchanged.

Counsel McNeal emphasized that the Board members have already commented on the matter, and already have a motion and a second to adopt the new process flow chart proposal. Chairman McKamie asked for all in favor to say aye. All were in favor. There were no opposing votes. MOTION PASSED. Chairman McKamie added as per the recommendation of the Performance Effectiveness Committee, the Board will adopt the number of pilots proposed.

Commissioner Bechtel noted a missed item on the agenda. There was discussion amongst Board members about changing the Pilot Board Pilot Diversity Committee to the Pilot Board Marketing Committee. The decision was ultimately made to table the matter and revisit it at the next Executive Committee meeting

(g) Chairman McKamie recognized the Ad Hoc Rules, Policies, and Procedures Committee.

Captain Gavis reported that he asked Counsel McNeal to review the concerns raised by the pilots regarding Pilot Board Rule 15I, and noted that the review process is still ongoing. He added Counsel McNeal had also assisted in reviewing the document retention policy for Pilot Board records that the Port had been operating under. Captain Gavis added that he had received some feedback regarding possible amendments to the bylaws, which he noted would be discussed below. Counsel McNeal and Captain Gavis reviewed the Texas State Library Archives Content Types and retention records periods. The Board compared the Port's Pilot Administration Department content types to stay current with the requirements. Chairman McKamie asked Captain Gavis if he had received the documents from the Port, to which Captain Gavis stated that he had received twenty-three boxes of documents and was currently exploring options for having them scanned by a professional company. He also emphasized that he had not deleted any of the documents and has maintained them since the new Board was formed. He then suggested he felt that it would be a good time to adopt a retention policy for these documents.

(PB-2023-1012-07) Counsel McNeal and Captain Gavis recommended that the Board consider approving agenda item 8.g.i., “Briefing, deliberation, and possible action regarding adopting the document retention policy followed by the Port Houston Pilot Board”. The Board members discussed the process of scanning, storing, and destroying the records. After the discussion, Commissioner Morrison made a motion to accept the retention policy. Seconded by Commissioner Kenney. Chairman McKamie asked for all in favor to say aye. All were in favor. There were no opposing votes. MOTION PASSED.

Captain Gavis explained he had received some feedback to look at changing attendance requirements within the Pilot Board Bylaws to require in person attendance. He stated he wasn’t sure if this was something the Board would want to do or not and opened the floor for discussion. Chairman McKamie stated he believed remote attendance was acceptable and did not see the need for any changes, while Captain Gavis reminded members that this topic was not up for a vote but only for discussion. Conversation ensued amongst Board members. Chairman McKamie suggested that technology could be used to address the issue, and there was no need to make changes to the bylaws. Several Commissioners stated they felt it is important to attend meetings in person. It was also suggested that Captain Gavis should come up with some innovative ways to excuse absences. Captain Gavis stated that he would analyze the feedback received and move forward accordingly.

(PB-2023-1012-08) Financial Report

Chairman McKamie recognized Pilot Board Treasurer Commissioner Dyess.

Commissioner Dyess detailed that the Board’s expenses year-to-date amounted to \$283,142.00, while forecasted expenses were \$312,483.00. She added thanks to the great leadership of Captain Gavis, the Board was able to achieve a variance of \$29,341.00. Moreover, she added we are pleased to announce that we have a cash balance of \$129,822.00, which is equivalent to three to four months’ worth of operating expenses. She then clarified that this amount is not a reserve.

Commissioner Dyess next noted that there is an unused line item of \$7,500.00 allocated for pilot application advertisements. She explained it is recommended to either use it now or wait to use it for the committee that will be formed for business opportunities and outreach marketing. Captain Gavis suggested that we discuss this matter in the upcoming budget meetings. Chairman McKamie thanked the pilots for their valuable contribution to the Board’s financial affairs and for ensuring the timely transfer of fund payments.

(PB-2023-1012-09) Chairman McKamie moved to agenda item 9.c., “Approve

endorsement of the Engagement Letter for Belt Harris Pechacek LLLP to complete an annual financial audit of the Pilot Board's 2023 and 2024 finances". Chairman McKamie asked for a motion. Commissioner Oakley moved to approve. Seconded by Commissioner Bechtel. Chairman McKamie asked for all in favor to say aye. All were in favor. There were no opposing votes. MOTION PASSED.

(PB-2023-1012-10) Houston Pilots Association Report (Captain Winegar and Captain Glass)

Chairman McKamie called on Houston Pilots Presiding Officer Captain Clint Winegar. Captain Winegar thanked the Board and presented on the following matters:

- Vessel arrivals & trends
- Manpower
- Project 11 progress
- EPL/EEXI
- Seasonal weather update
- Anchor watch updates
- Community Outreach
- Request for approval for 1215' vessels to transit to Bayport & Barbours Cut

Captain Winegar's presentation was shared via Zoom and visible on the overhead screen in the Boardroom. Captain Winegar provided an update on the arrival of vessels and trends observed over the last four years. He stated that business has been good, and traffic has been steady. He mentioned that the pilots have experienced a decline of 2 percent in vessel arrivals, which he still considered good compared to other ports. He then detailed that as of September 30, 2023, the Houston Pilots have 87 Branch Pilots and 4 Deputy Branch Pilots. He continued by explaining there is one mandatory retirement in 2023, and the Houston Pilots have selected 4 new Deputy Branch Pilots in August, to which USCG testing of these new deputies is currently in progress.

Captain Winegar next reported that Project 11 is currently on schedule, with Segment 1A and Segment 2 already completed. He added Segment 1B is expected to be finished by 2024, Segment 1C is anticipated to be completed in 2025, and Segment 3 is expected to be finished in 2026. He added Segments 4, 5, and 6 are still awaiting funding for their respective projects.

Captain Winegar next explained that the International Maritime Organization (IMO) has set an ambitious goal for the shipping industry to achieve net zero emissions by 2050. He explained to achieve this, the IMO has started to derate ship engines by placing set screws on engine governors' EPLs (engine power limiters), either electronically or physically. He emphasized that the maximum rpm the engine can make is reduced because

of this. He added that ship captains are worried about the impact this will have on their ability to reach maximum rpm and are allowing the limiters to be placed due to fear of reprisal. He explained one of the Houston Pilots concerns is that the EPLs reduce braking and maneuverability and therefore the Houston Pilots suggest that the limiters be removed while the ships are in port.

Captain Winegar next explained that they have notified industry to be aware of the low water conditions and cargo load requirements during the transition from hurricane season to winter. He then added we have recently been very busy with maritime education and community engagement and thanked the Commissioners who participated in these events. Captain Winegar next explained that they partnered with the Port of Houston to host Secretary of Transportation Pete Buttigieg and other dignitaries for their visit to the Port and to witness the new Bayport 6 Project.

Captain Winegar then provided an update on several ongoing projects including access to Harris County security camera feeds during fog season, pilot access to ship docks following a hurricane or emergency, installation of a current meter at Lynchburg, removal of Pilot Board Rule 15I, and design of a gate for Ike Dike.

Commissioner Garcia inquired about how the Board can assist with EPL's safety concerns. Captain Winegar mentioned a couple of incidents that occurred due to the limiters but ensured that the Houston Pilots are making good progress with the Coast Guard. Chairman McKamie asked Captain Winegar to demonstrate the importance of thrust and maneuverability at the next meeting, to which Captain Winegar agreed.

(PB-2023-1012-11) Chairman McKamie moved onto agenda items 10.b.i., "Pilot Board deliberation and possible action regarding the amended Houston Pilots Navigation Safety Guidelines approved by the Houston Pilots on May 23, 2023" and 10.b.ii., "Pilot Board deliberation and possible action regarding the amended Houston Pilots Navigation Safety Guidelines approved by the Houston Pilots on August 23, 2023".

Captain Glass individually detailed the amendments to the Navigation Safety Guidelines that the Houston Pilots approved on May 23, 2023 and August 23, 2023. (Please refer to the amended Navigation Safety Guidelines attached to the meeting agenda). During Captain Glass' briefing, Chairman McKamie inquired if a 39' draft in a 40' channel results in squatting, to which Captain Glass responded that they take it slow in the area which can cause fatigue issues (which having 2 pilots helps alleviate). Chairman McKamie also inquired about the process for requesting exemptions or deviations from the Guidelines. Captain Glass explained that it requires 80% approval from the Houston Pilots body.

Board members deliberated on the issue of overriding the restriction on the IMO emission control areas. They inquired whether vessels could override the restrictions if

necessary for safety reasons. Captain Glass confirmed that they could and that there were no safety concerns if they did. He added that the pilots are now implementing the new policy of requesting vessels to override the restrictions and collecting data on every ship arrival that requires limiter guidelines. Chairman McKamie asked for a motion to approve. Commissioner Bechtel moved to approve. Seconded by Commissioner Keeney. Chairman McKamie asked for all in favor to say aye. All were in favor. There were no opposing votes. MOTION PASSED.

(PB-2023-1012-12) ARC & PBIRC REPORTS

- (a) Chairman McKamie recognized ARC Chairman Captain Stephen Polk.

Captain Gavis reported that the ARC met four times since the last Board meeting and had approved eight Branch Pilot renewals, nine pilot pool applications, and four Deputy Branch Pilot applications. He added that as a result of those meetings, the ARC recommends approval of the next agenda items.

(PB-2023-1012-13) Chairman McKamie asked for a motion to approve agenda item 11.b., “Approve the recommendation for renewal of the Branch Pilot Commission for the Houston Ship Channel and Galveston Bar by the Pilot Board Application Review Committee: Captain Gregory J. Brown, Captain Brent M. Covert, Captain Stephen M. Hill, Captain Douglas E. Kelly, Captain Kevin A. Kirk, Captain Frank J. Loeffler IV, Captain Craig P. Newkirk, and Captain Clint A. Winegar”. Commissioner Morrison moved to approve. Seconded by Commissioner Bechtel. Chairman McKamie asked for all in favor to say aye. All were in favor. There were no opposing votes. MOTION PASSED.

(PB-2023-1012-14) Chairman McKamie moved to agenda item 11.c., “Approve the recommendation for issuance of a Deputy Branch Pilot Certificate after meeting full First Class Pilotage requirements for the applicants recommended by the Houston Pilot Association as a Deputy Branch Pilot for the Houston Ship Channel and Galveston Bar: Captain Lance M.D. Browning, Captain Robert H. Cope Jr., Captain Jonathon M. McGee, and Captain Clinton L. Young”. Commissioner Keeney moved to approve, seconded by Commissioner Morrison. Commissioner Beverly sought clarification that these were new Deputy Branch Pilots from the ones reviewed earlier in the year, to which Captain Gavis confirmed. Chairman McKamie explained he thought it was good that the Houston Pilots were bringing on the four Deputy Pilots. Chairman McKamie asked for all in favor to say aye. All were in favor. There were no opposing votes. MOTION PASSED.

- (a) Chairman McKamie recognized PBIRC Chairman Captain David Foret.

Captain Gavis reported that the PBIRC Advisory Subcommittee reviewed ten matters, out of which eight have been closed to file. He added that a couple of them have

been recommended to be reviewed at the next Bluewater -Brownwater Symposium and two matters were recommended for a full PBIRC Hearing, which will be conducted soon.

(PB-2023-1012-15) Executive Session

Chairman McKamie stated there is no need for an Executive Session.

(PB-2023-1012-16) General Matters

Chairman McKamie stated that there were no matters listed under general matters or other matters.

(PB-2023-1012-17) At 11:55 a.m., Chairman McKamie then proceeded to agenda item 16, "COMMENCE HEARING ON HOUSTON PILOTS ASSOCIATION REQUEST FOR A RULE CHANGE TO BRING IN VESSELS UP TO 1215' BELOW MORGANS POINT".

Chairman McKamie commenced the hearing and Captain Gavis explained that this was the first of two hearings over the Houston Pilots request for a rule change to bring in vessels up to 1,215' below Morgans Point, as prescribed by Section 66.0172(c) of the Texas Transportation Code.

Captain Clint Winegar then presented on why the Houston Pilots made the request for a rule change. Captain Winegar reiterated that there must be two hearings and stated with Project 11 nearing finality to Bayport the Houston Pilots wanted to be sure they have the ability to bring in the larger vessels as soon as the channel improvements are complete. Captain Winegar next detailed the efforts the Houston Pilots have made to feel comfortable in accommodating the larger vessels. These efforts include building a Neo-Panamax 13,800 TEU containership manned model at the Maritime Pilots Institute to practice piloting vessels in a mock Bayport channel they had built, and riding ships in other ports with similar vessels. Chairman McKamie asked Captain Winegar if he felt the efforts the Houston Pilots had made would help to maintain a safe environment, to which Captain Winegar concurred. Captain Winegar then explained that they had unanimous support from industry for making this rule change. Commissioner Morrison asked if this would primarily benefit container vessels, which Captain Winegar confirmed. Chairman McKamie thanked Captain Winegar for his presentation. Captain Gavis reminded everyone that there would be a second hearing on this matter seeking a vote for approval at the next regularly scheduled Board meeting on December 14, 2023.

Commissioner Dyess then explained the difficulties in scheduling an Executive Committee meeting and encouraged Chairman McKamie to give the time to hold an Executive Committee meeting. Conversation then ensued amongst Commissioners about

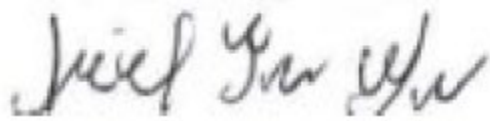
holding an Executive Committee meeting. Commissioner Bechtel then asked Counsel about the procedures for documenting holding a public hearing, to which Counsel McNeal stated he would ensure the Board complied with.

At 12:04 p.m., Chairman McKamie thanked everyone for coming and adjourned the meeting/ hearing.

The above is a correct copy of the Minutes of the October 12, 2023, meeting of the Board of Pilot Commissioners for Harris County Ports.



Captain Reginald McKamie, Chairman



Captain M. Tyler Gavis, Secretary