

**Board of Pilot Commissioners for Harris County Ports
Pilot Board Investigation and Recommendation Committee
Advisory Subcommittee Meeting**

May 29, 2018

A meeting of the Advisory Subcommittee (the "Subcommittee") of the Pilot Board Investigation and Recommendation Committee (the "PBIRC") was convened on Tuesday May 29, 2018, at the Port of Houston Authority Executive Offices, Fourth Floor Boardroom, at 111 East Loop North Houston, Texas 77029. The following members and staff were present:

Captain Marcus Woodring, Chairman
Captain Mark Mitchem– (by proxy)
Captain David Foret
Captain Richard Russell – (by proxy)
Paul Caruselle– (by proxy)
Captain M. Tyler Gavis, PBIRC Compliance Coordinator

Chairman Woodring called the meeting to order.

- 1) M/T STOLT INTEGRITY loss of propulsion resulting in an unintentional grounding on November 6, 2017, in the Houston Ship Channel.

Proposed Findings: Mechanical issues led to the loss of propulsion. There is no evidence of pilot error.

Proposed Recommendations: Close matter to file.

Captain Gavis asked for a motion to close matter to file. Motion was brought by Chairman Woodring, seconded by Captain Foret. Captain Mitchem (by proxy), Mr. Caruselle (by proxy), and Captain Russell (by proxy) voted Aye. Nays none. Motion APPROVED.

- 2) M/V PUFFIN BULKER collision with T/V CLAXTON on March 1, 2018, in the Houston Ship Channel.

Proposed Findings: The pilot expressed concerns with the T/V CLAXTON positioning. As a risk of collision, the pilot's attempted radio communications with the tug were insufficient. The Subcommittee ultimately aligned its decision with the USCG findings (that a delay in executing the helm commands given by the pilot were the principal contributing factor to the collision) and found no pilot culpability.

Proposed Recommendations: Close matter to file.

Captain Gavis asked for a motion to close matter to file. Motion was brought by Captain Foret, seconded by Chairman Woodring. Mr. Caruselle (by proxy), Captain Russell (by proxy), and Captain Mitchem (by proxy) voted Aye. Nays none. Motion APPROVED.

Adjourned



Captain Marcus Woodring, Chairman