

I N D E X

THE BOARD OF PILOT COMMISSIONERS  
OF THE PORTS OF HARRIS COUNTY, TEXAS

June 23, 2015

<i>Minute No.</i>	<i>Event/Action</i>
	<b>General</b>
(PB-2015-0623-01)	Chairman Longoria convened the meeting of the Board of Pilot Commissioners
	<b>Minutes</b>
(PB-2015-0623-02)	Approve the Minutes of the Board of Pilot Commissioners Meeting – May 19, 2015
	<b>Pilot Matters</b>
(PB-2015-0623-03)	Recommendation for renewal of Branch Pilot Commission for the Houston Ship Channel and Galveston Bar: Captain Blakely K. Morgan
(PB-2015-0623-04)	Recommendation for renewal of Branch Pilot Commission for the Houston Ship Channel and Galveston Bar: Captain Michael T. Riggle
(PB-2015-0623-05)	Recommendation for renewal of Branch Pilot Commission for the Houston Ship Channel and Galveston Bar: Captain Richard J. Teeter
(PB-2015-0623-06)	Recommendation for original Branch Pilot Commission for the Houston Ship Channel and Galveston Bar: Captain William A. Ewing III
	Recess Open Meeting and Convene Executive Session
	Reconvene Open Meeting
	Adjourn the meeting of the Board of Pilot Commissioners

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

**Houston, Texas  
June 23, 2015**

A public meeting of the Board of Pilot Commissioners for Harris County Ports (the "Pilot Board") was convened on June 23, 2015 at 10:57 a.m., at the Port of Houston Authority Executive Offices, Fourth Floor Boardroom, at 111 East Loop North, Houston, Texas 77029. The following Commissioners, staff, and counsel were present:

Janiece Longoria, Chairman  
Theldon R. Branch, III, Commissioner  
Stephen H. DonCarlos, Commissioner  
Clyde E. Fitzgerald, Commissioner  
John D. Kennedy, Commissioner  
Roy D. Mease, Commissioner  
Roger Guenther, Secretary  
Erik Eriksson, General Counsel and Assistant Secretary  
Tom Heidt, Chief Operating Officer  
Marcus Woodring, Chief Health, Safety, Security, and Emergency Management Officer  
David McNamara, Counsel  
J. Kent Friedman, Haynes and Boone, LLP

(PB-2015-0623-01) Chairman Longoria convened the meeting of the Board of Pilot Commissioners.

(PB-2015-0623-02) Chairman Longoria called for a motion to approve the minutes of the May 19, 2015 Pilot Board meeting. Commissioner Mease moved for approval of the minutes, seconded by Commissioner Fitzgerald. Chairman Longoria, and Commissioners Branch, DonCarlos, Fitzgerald, Kennedy, and Mease voted Aye. Nays none. The minutes were approved as written.

The Pilot Board then considered each Request for Pilot Board Action ("RPBA") submitted by Chairman Longoria and attached to these minutes as Exhibit "A."

(PB-2015-0623-03) RPBA F1 was presented, moved by Commissioner Mease, seconded by Commissioner Fitzgerald. Chairman Longoria, and Commissioners Branch, DonCarlos, Fitzgerald, Kennedy, and Mease voted Aye. Nays none. RPBA F1 PASSED.

(PB-2015-0623-04) RPBA F2 was presented, moved by Commissioner Mease, seconded by Commissioner Branch. Chairman Longoria, and Commissioners Branch, DonCarlos, Fitzgerald, Kennedy, and Mease voted Aye. Nays none. RPBA F2 PASSED.

(PB-2015-0623-05) RPBA F3 was presented, moved by Commissioner Branch, seconded by Commissioner Mease. Chairman Longoria, and Commissioners Branch, DonCarlos, Fitzgerald, Kennedy, and Mease voted Aye. Nays none. RPBA F3 PASSED.

(PB-2015-0623-06) RPBA F4 was presented, moved by Commissioner Fitzgerald, seconded by Commissioner Branch. Chairman Longoria, and Commissioners Branch, DonCarlos, Fitzgerald, Kennedy, and Mease voted Aye. Nays none. RPBA F4 PASSED.

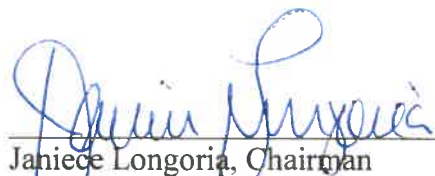
At 10:59 a.m., Chairman Longoria recessed the public meeting and instructed Mr. Eriksson to make the following announcement.

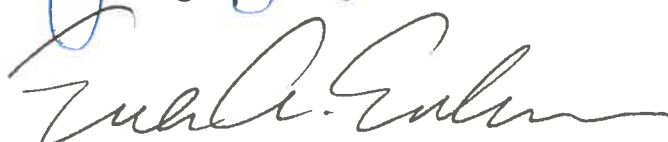
It is now 10:59 a.m. The Board of Pilot Commissioners for Harris County Ports will now convene in a closed meeting, as permitted by the Texas Open Meetings Act and Government Code to conduct a private consultation with its attorneys (Section 551.071, Texas Open Meetings Act), including consultations regarding (i) Chapter 66, Texas Transportation Code, Houston Pilots Licensing and Regulatory Act and (ii) M/V SUMMER WIND collision with Kirby barge 27706 being pushed by the UTV MISS SUSAN on March 22, 2014, in the vicinity of Houston Ship Channel Light 25/26. The Board of Pilot Commissioners will reconvene in public session after the closed meeting is adjourned.

Immediately thereafter the Board of Pilot Commissioners retired into closed session.

At 11:11 a.m., Chairman Longoria reconvened the public meeting and adjourned the Pilot Board meeting.

The above is a correct copy of the Minutes of the June 23, 2015 meeting of the Pilot Board of the Port of Houston Authority.

  
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Janiece Longoria, Chairman

  
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Erik A. Eriksson, Assistant Secretary

## F. PILOT MATTERS

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**Subject** 1. Recommendation for renewal of Branch Pilot Commission for the Houston Ship Channel and Galveston Bar: Captain Blakely K. Morgan.

Meeting Jun 23, 2015 - BOARD OF PILOT COMMISSIONERS FOR HARRIS COUNTY PORTS

Access Public

Type Action

Recommended Action The Pilot Board, at its June 23, 2015 meeting, recommend to the governor the commission renewal of Captain Blakely K. Morgan as Branch Pilot for the Houston Ship Channel and Galveston Bar for a four-year term effective August 26, 2015, and further authorize the Secretary of the Pilot Board to do any and all things in his opinion reasonable or necessary to give effect to the foregoing.

**Category:**  
Pilot Matters

**Department:**  
Pilot Administration

**Staff Contact:**  
Erik Eriksson

### **Background:**

The Application Review Committee (ARC) of the Pilot Board considers whether applicants meet the statutory and regulatory requirements for pilots on the Houston Ship Channel and Galveston Bar. Among other things, applicants undergo a physical examination to determine if an applicant is in good mental and physical health in order to perform the duties of pilotage on the Houston Ship Channel and Galveston Bar, and an investigation including a criminal background check and the applicant's accident history is conducted.

### **Staff Evaluation/Justification:**

Captain Blakely K. Morgan has applied for commission renewal as Branch Pilot for the Houston Ship Channel and Galveston Bar. The application includes proof of continued education training in ECDIS (Electronic Chart Display Information System), Col-Regs-Pilots (Collision Regulations - Pilots), Error Detection and use of Advanced Radar Techniques in Restricted Waters, Azimuthing Podded Propulsion for Pilots, and a request on his behalf from the Houston Pilots with evidence of his ability to enter into a faithful performance bond in the amount of \$25,000 payable to the governor.

After an assessment of his qualifications and the documents filed with his application, the ARC determined that Captain Blakely K. Morgan meets the requirements of Chapter 66 of the Texas Transportation Code, Houston Pilots Licensing and Regulatory Act, Section 66.041, and the Rules and Regulations Governing Pilots and Pilotage on the Houston Ship Channel and Galveston Bar.

Accordingly, the ARC respectfully submits to the Pilot Board the application of Captain Blakely K. Morgan for commission renewal as Branch Pilot for the Houston Ship Channel and Galveston Bar. Such commission is for a four-year term.

## F. PILOT MATTERS

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<b>Subject</b>	<b>2. Recommendation for renewal of Branch Pilot Commission for the Houston Ship Channel and Galveston Bar: Captain Michael T. Riggle.</b>
Meeting	Jun 23, 2015 - BOARD OF PILOT COMMISSIONERS FOR HARRIS COUNTY PORTS
Access	Public
Type	Action
Recommended Action	The Pilot Board, at its June 23, 2015 meeting, recommend to the governor the commission renewal of Captain Michael T. Riggle as Branch Pilot for the Houston Ship Channel and Galveston Bar for a four-year term effective August 26, 2015, and further authorize the Secretary of the Pilot Board to do any and all things in his opinion reasonable or necessary to give effect to the foregoing.

**Category:**

Pilot Matters

**Department:**

Pilot Administration

**Staff Contact:**

Erik Eriksson

**Background:**

The Application Review Committee (ARC) of the Pilot Board considers whether applicants meet the statutory and regulatory requirements for pilots on the Houston Ship Channel and Galveston Bar. Among other things, applicants undergo a physical examination to determine if an applicant is in good mental and physical health in order to perform the duties of pilotage on the Houston Ship Channel and Galveston Bar, and an investigation including a criminal background check and the applicant's accident history is conducted.

**Staff Evaluation/Justification:**

Captain Michael T. Riggle has applied for commission renewal as Branch Pilot for the Houston Ship Channel and Galveston Bar. The application includes proof of continued education training in Azimuthing Podded Propulsion for Pilots, Error Detection and use of Advanced Radar Techniques in Restricted Waters, ECDIS (Electronic Chart Display Information System), and a request on his behalf from the Houston Pilots with evidence of his ability to enter into a faithful performance bond in the amount of \$25,000 payable to the governor.

After an assessment of his qualifications and the documents filed with his application, the ARC determined that Captain Michael T. Riggle meets the requirements of Chapter 66 of the Texas Transportation Code, Houston Pilots Licensing and Regulatory Act, Section 66.041, and the Rules and Regulations Governing Pilots and Pilotage on the Houston Ship Channel and Galveston Bar.

Accordingly, the ARC respectfully submits to the Pilot Board the application of Captain Michael T. Riggle for commission renewal as Branch Pilot for the Houston Ship Channel and Galveston Bar. Such commission is for a four-year term.

## F. PILOT MATTERS

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**Subject**            **3. Recommendation for renewal of Branch Pilot Commission for the Houston Ship Channel and Galveston Bar: Captain Richard J. Teeter.**

Meeting            Jun 23, 2015 - BOARD OF PILOT COMMISSIONERS FOR HARRIS COUNTY PORTS

Access             Public

Type                Action

Recommended Action    The Pilot Board, at its June 23, 2015 meeting, recommend to the governor the commission renewal of Captain Richard J. Teeter as Branch Pilot for the Houston Ship Channel and Galveston Bar for a four-year term effective September 1, 2015, and further authorize the Secretary of the Pilot Board to do any and all things in his opinion reasonable or necessary to give effect to the foregoing.

**Category:**  
Pilot Matters

**Department:**  
Pilot Administration

**Staff Contact:**  
Erik Eriksson

**Background:**

The Application Review Committee (ARC) of the Pilot Board considers whether applicants meet the statutory and regulatory requirements for pilots on the Houston Ship Channel and Galveston Bar. Among other things, applicants undergo a physical examination to determine if an applicant is in good mental and physical health in order to perform the duties of pilotage on the Houston Ship Channel and Galveston Bar, and an investigation including a criminal background check and the applicant's accident history is conducted.

**Staff Evaluation/Justification:**

Captain Richard J. Teeter has applied for commission renewal as Branch Pilot for the Houston Ship Channel and Galveston Bar. The application includes proof of continued education training in Col-Regs-Pilots (Collision Regulations - Pilots), AIS (Automatic Information System), Restricted Visibility Navigation for Pilots, Bayport flare turn using manned model, Error Detection and use of Advanced Radar Techniques in Restricted Visibility, Legal Aspects of Piloting, Manned Model Ship Handling, and a request on his behalf from the Houston Pilots with evidence of his ability to enter into a faithful performance bond in the amount of \$25,000 payable to the governor.

After an assessment of his qualifications and the documents filed with his application, the ARC determined that Captain Richard J. Teeter meets the requirements of Chapter 66 of the Texas Transportation Code, Houston Pilots Licensing and Regulatory Act, Section 66.041, and the Rules and Regulations Governing Pilots and Pilotage on the Houston Ship Channel and Galveston Bar.

Accordingly, the ARC respectfully submits to the Pilot Board the application of Captain Richard J. Teeter for commission renewal as Branch Pilot for the Houston Ship Channel and Galveston Bar. Such commission is for a four-year term.

## F. PILOT MATTERS

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**Subject**            **4. Recommendation for original Branch Pilot Commission for the Houston Ship Channel and Galveston Bar: Captain William A. Ewing III.**

Meeting            Jun 23, 2015 - BOARD OF PILOT COMMISSIONERS FOR HARRIS COUNTY PORTS

Access            Public

Type                Action

Recommended    The Pilot Board, at its June 23, 2015 meeting, recommend to the governor the  
Action            commission of Captain William A. Ewing III as Branch Pilot for the Houston Ship Channel and Galveston Bar for a four-year term effective August 28, 2015, and further authorize the Secretary of the Pilot Board to do any and all things in his opinion reasonable or necessary to give effect to the foregoing.

**Category:**

Pilot Matters

**Department:**

Pilot Administration

**Staff Contact:**

Erik Eriksson

**Background:**

The Application Review Committee (ARC) of the Pilot Board considers whether applicants meet the statutory and regulatory requirements for pilots on the Houston Ship Channel and Galveston Bar. Among other things, applicants undergo a physical examination to determine if an applicant is in good mental and physical health in order to perform the duties of pilotage on the Houston Ship Channel and Galveston Bar, and an investigation including a criminal background check and the applicant's accident history is conducted.

**Staff Evaluation/Justification:**

Captain William A. Ewing III has applied for commission as Branch Pilot for the Houston Ship Channel and Galveston Bar and expects to successfully complete a three-year deputyship as of August 28, 2015. The application includes proof of continued education training in Legal Aspects of Piloting, Emergency Ship Handling, BRM-P (Bridge Resource Management - Pilots), ECDIS (Electronic Chart Display System), Fatigue, Sleep & Medication Course, Tractor Tug Operations, ARPA (Automatic Radar Plotting Aid), Manned Model Ship Handling, and a request on his behalf from the Houston Pilots with evidence of his ability to enter into a faithful performance bond in the amount of \$25,000 payable to the governor.

After an assessment of his qualifications and the documents filed with his application, the ARC determined that, upon successful completion of his deputyship, Captain William A. Ewing III meets the requirements of Chapter 66 of the Texas Transportation Code, Houston Pilots Licensing and Regulatory Act, Section 66.033, and the Rules and Regulations Governing Pilots and Pilotage on the Houston Ship Channel and Galveston Bar.

Accordingly, the ARC respectfully submits to the Pilot Board the application of Captain William A. Ewing III for commission as Branch Pilot for the Houston Ship Channel and Galveston Bar. Such commission is for a four-year term.