

I N D E X

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

March 22, 2016

<i>Minute No.</i>	<i>Event/Action</i>
	General
	Chairman Longoria convened the meeting of the Board of Pilot Commissioners
	Minutes
(PB-2016-0322-01)	Approve the Minutes of the Board of Pilot Commissioners Meeting – February 2, 2016
	Appearances
(PB-2016-0322-02A)	Captain Robert Shearon – Presiding Officer, Houston Pilots Association, addressed the Pilot Board
(PB-2016-0322-02B)	Chairman Longoria asked if anyone else would like to address the Pilot Board; there was no response
	Pilot Matters
(PB-2016-0322-03)	Approve the Pilot Board Investigation and Recommendation Committee’s (PBIRC) proposed findings and recommendations regarding the M/V BBC VESUVIUS allision with Manchester Dock C on April 28, 2015, in the Houston Ship Channel
(PB-2016-0322-04)	Abate consideration and possible action regarding the Pilot Board Investigation and Recommendation Committee's (PBIRC) proposed findings and recommendations regarding the collision of the M/V CONTI PERIDOT and M/T CARLA MAERSK on March 9, 2015, in the Houston Ship Channel
(PB-2016-0322-05)	Recommendation for renewal of Branch Pilot Commission for the Houston Ship Channel and Galveston Bar: Captain David A. Rodrigues
(PB-2016-0322-06)	Recommendation for renewal of Branch Pilot Commission for the Houston Ship Channel and Galveston Bar: Captain Michael R. Pizzitola
(PB-2016-0322-07)	Recommendation for renewal of Branch Pilot Commission for the Houston Ship Channel and Galveston Bar: Captain Charles C. Murphy
(PB-2016-0322-08)	Recommendation for renewal of Branch Pilot Commission for the Houston Ship Channel and Galveston Bar: Captain Bradley G. Miller

Minute No.

Event/Action

(PB-2016-0322-09)

Recommendation for renewal of Branch Pilot Commission for the Houston Ship Channel and Galveston Bar: Captain Steven A. Nelson

Adjourn Meeting

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

**Houston, Texas
March 22, 2016**

A public meeting of the Board of Pilot Commissioners for Harris County Ports (the "Pilot Board") was convened on March 22, 2016 at 10:16 a.m., at the Port of Houston Authority Executive Offices, Fourth Floor Boardroom, at 111 East Loop North, Houston, Texas 77029. The following Commissioners and staff were present:

Janiece Longoria, Chairman
Theldon R. Branch, III, Commissioner
Dean E. Corgey, Commissioner
Clyde E. Fitzgerald, Commissioner
John D. Kennedy, Commissioner
Roy D. Mease, Commissioner
Roger Guenther, Secretary
Erik Eriksson, General Counsel

Chairman Longoria convened the meeting of the Board of Pilot Commissioners.

(PB-2016-0322-01) Chairman Longoria called for a motion to approve the minutes of the February 2, 2016 Pilot Board meeting. Commissioner Mease moved for approval of the minutes, seconded by Commissioner Kennedy. Chairman Longoria, and Commissioners Branch, Corgey, Fitzgerald, Kennedy, and Mease voted Aye. Nays none. The minutes were approved as written.

(PB-2016-0322-02) Appearances

(A) Chairman Longoria welcomed Captain Robert Shearon, Presiding Officer, Houston Pilots Association, who addressed the Pilot Board.

Captain Shearon reported that Admiral Callahan spoke at the Commerce Club Luncheon held in January. He is the District 8 Coast Guard Commander; District 8 covers all or part of 26 states, 900 miles of coastline, and over 10,000 miles of inland navigable waters, and also includes the offshore oil and gas wells in the Gulf of Mexico, and the Mississippi River.

Following the luncheon, Captain Shearon provided Admiral Callahan a tour of the Houston Pilots' offices, demonstrating the Harbor Lights dispatch system database used by the pilots, which provides ship restriction details. Admiral Callahan was then taken to the pilots' Pier 9 facility in Galveston, where they boarded the Pilot Boat *Yellow Rose* and toured Anchorage "A," Anchorage "B," and Anchorage "C," noting the restrictions placed on Anchorage "A."

Captain Shearon and Admiral Callahan then boarded the M/T ATLANTIC AQUARIUS for an inbound transit to ITC-Pasadena, piloted by senior pilot Captain Monte Warren. The admiral was shown the Texas City Channel, Houston Ship Channel, Intracoastal Waterway, Bayport Ship Channel, Barbours Cut Ship Channel, and Jacintoport. Captain Shearon concluded by noting that the ship ride lasted from 2:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. and was enjoyed by all.

Chairman Longoria thanked Captain Shearon for his report and commented that the Pilot Board is glad to have him.

(B) Chairman Longoria asked if anyone else would like to address the Pilot Board; there was no response.

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-2016-0322-03) RPBA F1 was presented.

Mr. Woodring provided a brief summary of the proposed findings and recommendations of the Pilot Board Investigation and Recommendation Committee (“PBIRC”) regarding the M/V BBC VESUVIUS allision with Manchester Dock C on April 28, 2015, in the Houston Ship Channel.

Mr. Woodring reported that the PBIRC’s investigation found that Captain Ewing lost situational awareness, since he was unable to explain what caused the stern to suddenly “dive” to port. The PBIRC’s primary proposed recommendation, by a vote of 8-0, was to take no action and close the matter to file.

Chairman Longoria asked what was being proposed as a result of the finding of loss of situational awareness. Mr. Woodring stated the proposed recommendations included verbal counseling of Captain Ewing with regards to taking firm control of the bridge team and ensuring that he proactively verify that all his orders are being carried out by all means available, and that he assist in developing or refining a Bridge Resource Management for Pilots training module, that emphasizes the pilot’s leadership role on the bridge team.

Chairman Longoria asked about the counseling, and Mr. Woodring reported that verbal counseling was given to Captain Ewing during the hearing.

Commissioner Mease asked about the damage caused by the allision; Mr. Woodring replied that the damage to Manchester Dock C was estimated at \$250,000. Chairman Longoria asked if insurance paid for the repairs; Mr. Woodring did not have that information. Commissioner Mease stated that he would like to know. Mr. Woodring replied that this was a private facility not owned by the Port Authority, and that the ship’s insurance would be responsible for the repair.

Chairman Longoria asked for a motion to accept the PBIRC’s proposed findings and recommendations. Commissioner Corgey moved for approval, seconded by Commissioner Mease. Chairman Longoria, and Commissioners Branch, Corgey, Fitzgerald, Kennedy, and Mease voted Aye. Nays none. RPBA F1 PASSED.

(PB-2016-0322-04) RPBA F2 was presented.

Chairman Longoria proposed to abate a vote on the PBIRC’s proposed findings and recommendations in the collision of the M/V CONTI PERIDOT and M/T CARLA MAERSK on March 9, 2015, in the Houston Ship Channel, as the incident had not been fully briefed and resolved by the National Transportation Safety Board (“NTSB”).

Moved by Commissioner Mease, seconded by Commissioner Kennedy: to abate pending NTSB review and action. Chairman Longoria, and Commissioners Branch, Corgey, Fitzgerald, Kennedy, and Mease voted Aye. Nays none. RPBA F2 ABATED.

Chairman Longoria asked Mr. Woodring when the NTSB was expected to review the matter; he replied that the hearing is scheduled for June 7th in Washington, D.C. She thanked Mr. Woodring.

(PB-2016-0322-05) RPBA F3 was presented, moved by Commissioner Corgey, seconded by Commissioner Fitzgerald. Chairman Longoria, and Commissioners Branch, Corgey, Fitzgerald, Kennedy, and Mease voted Aye. Nays none. RPBA F3 PASSED.

(PB-2016-0322-06) RPBA F4 was presented, moved by Commissioner Fitzgerald, seconded by Commissioner Kennedy. Chairman Longoria, and Commissioners Branch, Corgey, Fitzgerald, Kennedy, and Mease voted Aye. Nays none. RPBA F4 PASSED.

(PB-2016-0322-07) RPBA F5 was presented, moved by Commissioner Corgey, seconded by Commissioner Fitzgerald. Chairman Longoria, and Commissioners Branch, Corgey, Fitzgerald, Kennedy, and Mease voted Aye. Nays none. RPBA F5 PASSED.

(PB-2016-0322-08) RPBA F6 was presented, moved by Commissioner Mease, seconded by Commissioner Branch. Chairman Longoria, and Commissioners Branch, Corgey, Fitzgerald, Kennedy, and Mease voted Aye. Nays none. RPBA F6 PASSED.

(PB-2016-0322-09) RPBA F7 was presented, moved by Commissioner Corgey, seconded by Commissioner Fitzgerald. Chairman Longoria, and Commissioners Branch, Corgey, Fitzgerald, Kennedy, and Mease voted Aye. Nays none. RPBA F7 PASSED.

At 10:29 a.m., Chairman Longoria adjourned the Pilot Board meeting.

The above is a correct copy of the Minutes of the March 22, 2016 meeting of the Pilot Board of the Port of Houston Authority.


Janiece Longoria, Chairman


Erik A. Eriksson, Assistant Secretary

F. PILOT MATTERS

Subject **1. Consideration and possible action regarding the Pilot Board Investigation and Recommendation Committee's (PBIRC) proposed findings and recommendations regarding the M/V BBC VESUVIUS allision with Manchester Dock C on April 28, 2015, in the Houston Ship Channel.**

Meeting Mar 22, 2016 - BOARD OF PILOT COMMISSIONERS FOR HARRIS COUNTY PORTS

Access Public

Type Action

Recommended Action The Board of Pilot Commissioners for Harris County Ports (the Pilot Board), at its March 22, 2016 meeting, consider and possibly take action regarding the Pilot Board Investigation and Recommendation Committee's proposed findings and recommendations regarding the M/V BBC VESUVIUS allision with Manchester Dock C on April 28, 2015, in the Houston Ship Channel, 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 Secretary of the Pilot Board may refer reports of marine casualties and complaints alleging violations of the Rules and Regulations Governing Pilots and Pilotage on the Houston Ship Channel and Galveston Bar to the PBIRC for investigation, hearing, and recommendation to the Pilot Board.

Staff Evaluation/Justification:
The PBIRC convened on December 8, 2015, and held a formal hearing to receive testimony and consider the facts in the matter of M/V BBC VESUVIUS allision with Manchester Dock C on April 28, 2015, in the Houston Ship Channel, and propose findings and recommendations regarding the matter.

The following PBIRC members were in attendance:

- Captain Marcus Woodring (PBIRC Chairman)
- Captain Michael Morris (Presiding Officer Houston Pilots Association)
- Captain Michael Curtiss (Houston Pilots Association)
- Captain Sean Arbogast (Houston Pilots Association)
- Captain Richard Ford (USCG retired)
- Captain David Foret (Port of Houston Maritime Industry)
- Paul Caruselle (Port of Houston Maritime Industry)
- Tom Marian (Port of Houston Maritime Industry)
- Mark Bottiglieri (USCG non-voting member)

Captain Mike Usher, as Compliance Coordinator for the PBIRC, presented incident materials he collected regarding the allision; Captain William Ewing III gave testimony regarding the circumstances.

Erik Eriksson attended the hearing as counsel representing the Pilot Board; Jim Brown attended as counsel representing Captain Ewing. Finally, Paul Lonardo, United States Coast Guard Sector Houston-Galveston, attended the hearing in the capacity of advisor.

Proposed Findings re Captain Ewing Following its deliberations, by a vote of 8-0, the PBIRC proposes the following findings:

While piloting the M/V BBC VESUVIUS, something happened to cause the stern to suddenly "dive" to port, and Captain Ewing not knowing what happened is considered a loss of situational awareness by Captain Ewing.

Proposed Recommendations re Captain Ewing Following its deliberations, by a vote of 8-0, the PBIRC proposes the following recommendations to the Pilot Board:

- a. Take no action, close to file.
- b. Captain Ewing verbally counseled to "take control of the bridge team" and not be timid if his commands are not being followed.
- c. Captain Ewing verbally counseled to proactively verify his orders are being carried out by all means available, i.e. prop wash, rudder angle indicator, etc.
- d. Captain Ewing was directed to work with Houston Pilots, Captain Chris Reeser, and the Maritime Pilots Institute (MPI) to develop (or refine) a Bridge Resource Management-Pilot (BRM-P) module that emphasizes the Pilot leadership role on the bridge team.

F. PILOT MATTERS

Subject **2. Consideration and possible action regarding the Pilot Board Investigation and Recommendation Committee's (PBIRC) proposed findings and recommendations regarding the collision of the M/V CONTI PERIDOT and M/T CARLA MAERSK on March 9, 2015, in the Houston Ship Channel.**

Meeting Mar 22, 2016 - BOARD OF PILOT COMMISSIONERS FOR HARRIS COUNTY PORTS

Access Public

Type Action

Recommended The Board of Pilot Commissioners for Harris County Ports (the Pilot Board), at its
Action March 22, 2016 meeting, consider and possibly take action regarding the Pilot Board Investigation and Recommendation Committee's proposed findings and recommendations regarding the M/V CONTI PERIDOT collision with M/T CARLA MAERSK on March 9, 2015, in the Houston Ship Channel, 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 Secretary of the Pilot Board may refer reports of marine casualties and complaints alleging violations of the Rules and Regulations Governing Pilots and Pilotage on the Houston Ship Channel and Galveston Bar to the PBIRC for investigation, hearing, and recommendation to the Pilot Board.

Staff Evaluation/Justification:

The PBIRC convened on December 8, 2015, and held a formal hearing to receive testimony and consider the facts in the matter of the M/V CONTI PERIDOT collision with M/T CARLA MAERSK on March 9, 2015, in the Houston Ship Channel, and propose findings and recommendations regarding the matter.

The following PBIRC members were in attendance:

- Captain Marcus Woodring (PBIRC Chairman)
- Captain Michael Morris (Presiding Officer Houston Pilots Association)
- Captain Michael Curtiss (Houston Pilots Association)
- Captain Sean Arbogast (Houston Pilots Association)
- Captain Richard Ford (USCG retired)
- Captain David Foret (Port of Houston Maritime Industry)
- Paul Caruselle (Port of Houston Maritime Industry)
- Tom Marian (Port of Houston Maritime Industry)
- Mark Bottiglieri (USCG non-voting member)

Captain Mike Usher, as Compliance Coordinator for the PBIRC, presented incident materials he collected regarding the collision; Captain Chris Reeser, Captain Larry Evans, and Captain Jay Rivera as expert witness to Captain Reeser, gave testimony regarding the circumstances.

Erik Eriksson attended the hearing as counsel representing the Pilot Board; Jim Brown attended as counsel representing Captain Reeser; and Keith Letourneau attended as counsel representing Captain Evans. Finally, Paul Lonardo, United States Coast Guard Sector Houston-Galveston, also attended the hearing in the capacity of advisor.

Proposed Findings re Captain Reeser Following its deliberations, by a vote of 8-0, the PBIRC proposes the following findings:

Captain Reeser acted with prudent seamanship in the handling of the M/V CONTI PERIDOT by slowing to ensure adequate separation in an anticipated meeting/overtaking situation and did not receive the posted RPM's, when ordered, to recover.

Proposed Recommendations re Captain Reeser Following its deliberations, by a vote of 8-0, the PBIRC proposes the following recommendations to the Pilot Board:

a. Take no action, close to file.

b. To the Houston Pilots - Ensure all Houston Pilots are periodically made aware of the recently issued Sector Houston-Galveston Marine Safety Information Bulletin (MSIB) 20-15, Bridge to Bridge Communications, specifically the sentence that states "Mariners may use Pilot identifiers (unit number or the like) in addition to the vessel's official name when communication within the VTSA." Failure to comply may be considered in future PBIRC hearings.

c. To the Houston Pilots - Ensure all Houston Pilots are periodically made aware of USCG Marine Safety Alert (MSA) 13-15, Ultra Low Sulfur Fuel Oil and Compliance with MARPOL Requirements, specifically the bullet that states "As part of the master-pilot information exchange (as required by 33 CFR 164.11(k)), discuss the vessel's maneuvering characteristics, including any change in RPM's associated with ULS fuel oil." Failure to comply may be considered in future PBIRC hearings.

d. To the Houston Pilots - Encourage all Houston Pilots to enter "ship notes," as needed, in a timely fashion to improve safety.

e. Captain Reeser was directed to immediately enter his "ship notes" for the handling characteristics of the M/V CONTI PERIDOT.

f. Captain Reeser was directed to work with Houston Pilots, Captain Ewing, and the Maritime Pilot's Institute (MPI) to develop (or refine) a Bridge Resource Management-Pilots (BRM-P) module that emphasizes the Pilot leadership role on the bridge team.

Proposed Findings re Captain Evans Following its deliberations, by a vote of 8-0, the PBIRC proposes the following findings:

Captain Evans displayed prudent seamanship in the handling of the M/T CARLA MAERSK.

Proposed Recommendations re Captain Evans Following its deliberations, by a vote of 8-0, the PBIRC proposes the following recommendations to the Pilot Board:

a. Take no action, close to file.

b. To the Houston Pilots - See (b) above.

F. PILOT MATTERS

Subject **3. Recommendation for renewal of Branch Pilot Commission for the Houston Ship Channel and Galveston Bar: Captain David A. Rodrigues.**

Meeting Mar 22, 2016 - BOARD OF PILOT COMMISSIONERS FOR HARRIS COUNTY PORTS

Access Public

Type Action

Recommended Action The Board of Pilot Commissioners for Harris County Ports (the Pilot Board), at its March 22, 2016 meeting, recommend to the Governor the commission renewal of Captain David A. Rodrigues as Branch Pilot for the Houston Ship Channel and Galveston Bar for a four year term effective May 25, 2016, 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 David A. Rodrigues has applied for commission renewal as Branch Pilot for the Houston Ship Channel and Galveston Bar. The application includes proof of continued education in Electronic Chart Display Information System (ECDIS), Legal Aspects of Piloting, Radar Observer (recertification), Emergency Ship Handling, Collision Regulations for Pilots (Col-Regs-P), Incident Management for Pilots, Raven Electronics Navigation System, Restricted Visibility for Pilots, Bridge Resource Management-Pilots (BRM-P), 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.

Staff notes that the Pilot Board Investigation and Recommendation Committee (PBIRC) conducted a hearing on January 20, 2016 regarding the M/T CHEMBULK HOUSTON collision with M/V MONTE ALEGRE on March 5, 2015, in the Houston Ship Channel. Captain Rodrigues is one of the "Pilots Affected" in the investigation. At the end of the hearing, the PBIRC acted to recommend that the Pilot Board issue a Letter of Caution to Captain Rodrigues, cautioning him with regard to his actions in that incident. Captain Rodrigues has requested that the PBIRC reconsider this recommendation.

However, after an assessment of his qualifications and the documents filed with his application, the ARC determined that Captain David A. Rodrigues 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 David A. Rodrigues 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

Subject 4. Recommendation for renewal of Branch Pilot Commission for the Houston Ship Channel and Galveston Bar: Captain Michael R. Pizzitola.

Meeting Mar 22, 2016 - BOARD OF PILOT COMMISSIONERS FOR HARRIS COUNTY PORTS

Access Public

Type Action

Recommended Action The Board of Pilot Commissioners for Harris County Ports (the Pilot Board), at its March 22, 2016 meeting, recommend to the Governor the commission renewal of Captain Michael R. Pizzitola as Branch Pilot for the Houston Ship Channel and Galveston Bar for a four year term effective July 16, 2016, 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 R. Pizzitola has applied for commission renewal as Branch Pilot for the Houston Ship Channel and Galveston Bar. The application included proof of continued education training in Bridge Resource Management-Pilots (BRM-P), Incident Management for Pilots, Automatic Information System (AIS), Collision Regulations for Pilots (Col-Regs-P), Raven Wheelhouse II Pilot carry aboard Navigation System & AIS, Manned Model Ship Handling, Restricted Visibility Navigation for Pilots, Error Detection & Use of Advanced Radar Techniques in Restricted Visibility, Legal Aspects of Piloting, Bayport flare turn using Manned Model, Emergency 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 Michael R. Pizzitola 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 R. Pizzitola 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

Subject **5. Recommendation for renewal of Branch Pilot Commission for the Houston Ship Channel and Galveston Bar: Captain Charles C. Murphy.**

Meeting Mar 22, 2016 - BOARD OF PILOT COMMISSIONERS FOR HARRIS COUNTY PORTS

Access Public

Type Action

Recommended Action The Board of Pilot Commissioners for Harris County Ports (the Pilot Board), at its March 22, 2016 meeting, recommend to the Governor the commission renewal of Captain Charles C. Murphy as Branch Pilot for the Houston Ship Channel and Galveston Bar for a four year term effective May 16, 2016, 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 Charles C. Murphy has applied for commission renewal as Branch Pilot for the Houston Ship Channel and Galveston Bar. The application included proof of continued education in Legal Aspects of Piloting, Manned Model Ship Handling, Incident Management for Pilots, Bridge Resource Management-Pilots (BRM-P), Fatigue, Sleep & Medication Course, Radar Observer (recertification), Restricted Visibility Navigation, Collision Regulations for Pilots (Col-Regs-P), 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 Charles C. Murphy 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 Charles C. Murphy 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

Subject **6. Recommendation for renewal of Branch Pilot Commission for the Houston Ship Channel and Galveston Bar: Captain Bradley G. Miller.**

Meeting Mar 22, 2016 - BOARD OF PILOT COMMISSIONERS FOR HARRIS COUNTY PORTS

Access Public

Type Action

Recommended The Board of Pilot Commissioners for Harris County Ports (the Pilot Board), at its
Action March 22, 2016 meeting, recommend to the Governor the commission renewal of Captain Bradley G. Miller as Branch Pilot for the Houston Ship Channel and Galveston Bar for a four year term effective July 25, 2016, 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 Bradley G. Miller has applied for commission renewal as Branch Pilot for the Houston Ship Channel and Galveston Bar. The application included proof of continued education training in Fatigue, Sleep & Mediation Course, Restricted Visibility Navigation for Pilots, Bayport flare turn using manned model, Raven Wheelhouse II Pilot carry aboard Navigation System & AIS (Automatic Information System), Incident Management for Pilots, Manned Model Ship Handling, Legal Aspects of Piloting, Bridge Resource Management-Pilots (BRM-P), 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 Bradley G. Miller 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 Bradley G. Miller 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

Subject **7. Recommendation for renewal of Branch Pilot Commission for the Houston Ship Channel and Galveston Bar: Captain Steven A. Nelson.**

Meeting Mar 22, 2016 - BOARD OF PILOT COMMISSIONERS FOR HARRIS COUNTY PORTS

Access Public

Type Action

Recommended Action The Board of Pilot Commissioners for Harris County Ports (the Pilot Board), at its March 22, 2016 meeting, recommend to the Governor the commission renewal of Captain Steven A. Nelson as Branch Pilot for the Houston Ship Channel and Galveston Bar for a four year term effective July 25, 2016, 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 foregoin

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 or 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 Steven A. Nelson 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 Radar Observer (recertification), Fatigue, Sleep, & Medication Course, Restricted Visibility Navigation for Pilots, Bayport flare turn using Manned Model, Electronic Chart Display Information System (ECDIS), Collision Regulations for Pilots (Col-Regs-P), Incident Management for Pilots, 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 Steven A. Nelson 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 Steven A. Nelson for commission renewal as Branch Pilot for the Houston Ship Channel and Galveston Bar. Such commission is for a four year term.