

**Board of Pilot Commissioners for Harris County Ports
Pilot Board Investigation and Recommendation Committee
Hearing Minutes**

September 21, 2020

A hearing of the Pilot Board Investigation and Recommendation Committee (the "PBIRC") was convened virtually via Cisco WebEx on September 21, 2020. The following members, and staff were virtually present:

Captain Marcus Woodring, Chairman
Captain Robert Thompson
Captain Michael Curtiss
Captain Steve Nelson
Captain David Foret
Captain Richard Russell
Tom Marian
Paul Caruselle
David McNamara and Erik Eriksson, Board of Pilot Commissioners for Harris County Ports (the "Pilot Board")
General Counsel
Captain M. Tyler Gavis, PBIRC Compliance Coordinator

Chairman Woodring called the hearing to order to hear the following matters:

M/T CLIPPER EIRENE grounding on January 26, 2020, in the Houston Ship Channel

1. **Summary of Hearing re *M/ CLIPPER EIRENE* grounding on January 26, 2020, in the Houston Ship Channel**
 - a. Statements by PBIRC members and staff identifying themselves and describing their maritime expertise.
 - b. Statement by Chairman Woodring as to the conduct of the hearing.
 - c. Introduction as Exhibit "A" of Incident Materials gathered by Captain Gavis regarding the above-referenced incident *M/T CLIPPER EIRENE* grounding on January 26, 2020, in the Houston Ship Channel.
 - d. Introduction as Exhibit "B" of submission of Captain Scott Reed.
 - e. Testimony by and questions put to Captain Reed.
 - f. Concluding statement by Pilot counsel, Mr. Jim Brown.
 - g. Executive Session.
 - h. Announcement by Chairman Woodring of Proposed Findings and Recommendations and description of appeal rights.
1. **Proposed Findings re Captain Reed** Following its deliberations, by a vote of 8-0 (with Captain Ford not voting due to him only being present for the deliberations), the PBIRC proposed the following findings:

In an attempt to avoid meeting an inbound vessel in the U.S. Coast Guard established Safety Zone, on a strong ebb, Captain Reed proceeded outside the buoy line and unintentionally grounded his vessel.

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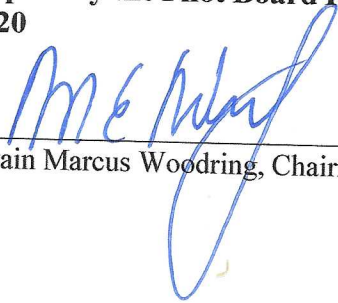
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2. **Proposed Recommendations re Captain Reed** Following its deliberations, by a vote of 8-0 (with Captain Ford not voting), the PBIRC proposes the following recommendations to the Board of Pilot Commissioners for Harris County Ports ("the Pilot Board"):

Take no action and close the matter to file.

- 1) The PBIRC requests that Captain Scott Reed attend an emergency ship handling course as soon as is possible.

**Adopted by the Pilot Board Investigation and Recommendation Committee as of 04 Dec
, 2020**



Captain Marcus Woodring, Chairman