

Meeting Minutes
Board of River Port Pilot Commissioners

November 8, 2023 10:00 am
2728 Athania Pkwy
Metairie, LA 70002

1. Meeting called to order at 10:00 am
2. In Attendance: Capt. Mark Delesdernier III, Capt. Jack Anderson, Capt. David Renegar, Michael Delesdernier (Executive Director), Capt. Shannon Marks and Mary Delesdernier (Executive Staff)
3. October meeting minutes approved with no changes.
4. No Public Comments
5. Apprentice Training
 - Update given on current apprentice class
 - Discussed apprentice training at MPI in January. Executive Director to review and sign contract.
 - Discussed Sam Stephenson BRM/History of Pilot training class during week of 1/22/24-1/26/24. Capt. Renegar to confirm which 3 day period the class will be.
6. Executive Session
 - Report on New Notices to Commissioners
 - 10/5/23 – Unit 13 – Carnival Spirit – Wake Damage, Surge – Discussed and will move to the hold for 1-year file
 - 10/12/23 – Unit 107– MSC Susanna – Discussed and confirmed machinery failure
 - 10/14/23 – Unit 174 – Verity – Discussed and confirmed machinery failure
 - 10/16/23 – Unit 121 – Sea Harmony – Machinery Failure
 - 10/25/23 – Unit 54 – Genco Pyreness – Grounding/Machinery Failure – Discussed and will move to the hold for 1-year file
 - 10/27/23 – Unit 55 – GSL Violetta – Discussed and confirmed machinery failure
 - 10/28/23 – Unit 31 – Valovine – Discussed and confirmed machinery failure
 - Report on Current Investigations
 - 9/29/23 – Unit 82 – Western Maple – Other/Ship anchored without pilot – Discussed and will move to the hold for 1-year file
 - Delayed service to vessel – Units 25 and 116 – Discussed issue. Statements from each pilot have been requested.

- Report on Pilot Compliance
 - Update given on Continuing Education compliance.
 - Update given on Licenses and Physicals compliance.
- Reviewed disposition of one year-old Notices to Commissioners. Determined it to be a non-issue.

7. Executive Director Report

8. Committee Reports

- Safe Navigation - Discussed recent issue of Board of Directors setting a recommendation.
- Professional Development – Discussed Tractor Tug Program. Survey to pilots and industry individuals has been sent out.

9. Report on regulation changes – Board of River Pilot Review and Oversight held meeting to discuss. The Board voted in favor of the regulation changes. Fiscal Impact Report has been signed and submitted. New regulations should published in 11/20/23 issue.

10. Update on LNG – All pilots have taken the required LNG classroom class. Two pilots did not take simulation training. Discussed sending letter to the pilots who did not complete the training telling them that they will not be able to pilot in 2024 once LNG starts unless they take the simulation course.

11. All 2024 apprentice applications have been reviewed as part of the certification process.

12. New Business

- Commission replacement processes – Capt. Shannon Marks will be recommended to Governor to replace Capt. Mark Delesdernier, III.
- Executive Director reported that five continuing education providers have completed the requested Request for Qualifications. A meeting will be set with the Association CE committee to review the RFQ responses.

13. Meeting adjourned at 5:25 pm.