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**MINUTES OF MEETING
MARCH 8, 2022**

- 0900 Called to order. C.J. Blache, C.P. Steinmuller, H.T. Booksh, William J. Dutel in attendance.
- 0905 Discussion of resolution enacted by Associated Branch Pilots on August 3, 2021. At the August 19, 2021 meeting of the Board of Examiners a motion passed to “take the subject matter of the resolution under advisement to determine whether any action needs to be taken.”
- 0920 Motion by C.P. Steinmuller to not take any action with regards to the resolution enacted by Associated Branch Pilots on August 3, 2021. (passed 3-0)
- 0925 Review of letter dated August 18, 2021 that was received by the Board at the meeting of the Board of Examiners on August 19, 2021 regarding the resolution enacted by Associated Branch Pilots on August 3, 2021.
- 0955 Motion by H.T. Booksh to send a letter to any Bar Pilot who did not fulfill the statutory requirement to complete at least one hour of Sexual Harassment Prevention training annually for the calendar year of 2021. (passed 3-0)
- 1010 Discussion of cruise ships
- 1030 Review of Statutes, Rules, and Regulations.
- 1245 Recess for lunch.
- 1330 Reconvene. Dr. Joseph Tamimie, the Board’s Medical Professional, Dr. Rashad Saeed, colleague of Dr. Tamimie, Capt. M.T.D. Miller, Superintendent of A.B.P., Craig Sanders, Business Administrator of M.P.S.I. are in attendance. Dr. Joseph Kanter of the Louisiana Department of Health joined the meeting by telephone.
- 1335 Discussion of various medical related topics and the Board’s Emergency COVID-19 Policy. Dr. Tamimie relayed to the Board his intention to retire at the end of April. Dr.Saeed will be taking Dr. Tamimie’s place with Ochsner Health.

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1400 Motion by H.T. Booksh to amend the Board's Emergency COVID-19 Policy to read as follows,


"To ensure public safety and to prevent the spread of the COVID-19 virus among Bar Pilots while on duty or on any Bar Pilot station, all Bar Pilots shall submit to testing for COVID-19 upon the display of symptoms of COVID-19. If a Bar Pilot receives a positive result from the COVID-19 test they shall be considered "not fit for duty" and shall not pilot any ships, nor shall they access any Bar Pilot station. If a Bar Pilot tests positive for COVID-19 while already on duty, they shall remove themselves from any Bar Pilot station as soon as possible. Any Bar Pilot testing positive for COVID-19 shall be considered "not fit for duty" until they have been cleared by the Board's doctor.

A Bar Pilot failing to comply with testing shall be considered "not fit for duty".

A Bar Pilot failing to comply with this policy may be subject to further action from the Board."

(passed 3-0)

1405 Meeting adjourned.



Recording Officer