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Minutes of the Meeting of Board of Examiners

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March 29, 2019

09:00 Meeting called to order. H.T. Booksh, C.J. Blache, R.E. Bean, William J. Dutel in attendance. Also in attendance were Walter Leger Jr, Walter Leger III, Bridget Collins, Ryan Buras, Sloan Carter (court reporter), Brian Capitelli and Mike Helm.

09:05 Motion by H.T. Booksh to enter executive session. Motion passed (3-0)

09:10 Executive session ended. Everyone was introduced. Began preliminary hearing on the motion of Ryan Buras for the purpose of presenting and considering "Proposal to Lift Suspension, Subject to Conditions, For Imposition of Sanctions and Further Monitoring"

09:12 Motion by C.J. Blache to have H.T. Booksh recognized as the "Presiding Officer" for this hearing and all hearings on this matter should there be others. Motion passed (2-0 H.T. Booksh abstained.)

09:13 H.T. Booksh as "Presiding Officer" delegates to William J. Dutel to address all rulings of Evidentiary Objections and Procedural Issues.

09:15 Presentation of proposal by Walter Leger Jr.

10:05 Break

10:15 Statement and presentation of breathalyzing device by Ryan Buras.

10:30 Motion to enter executive session. Motion passed (3-0)

11:00 Executive session ends. Motion by R.E. Bean for the board to not render a decision on the proposal until all evidence is presented at the trial on April 26, 2019

11:05 Request by W.J. Dutel for an opinion from Walter Leger Jr. on the legality of a commissioned Bar Pilot resigning their commission without process.

11:05 Motion by H.T. Booksh to end the preliminary hearing. (Motion passed 3-0)

12:00 Investigation of the grounding of the M/T Blue Pride on 1/10/19 with Walter Durabb as pilot was presented by investigator, C.J. Blache. After reviewing all collected data and interviews, the investigator found that Captain Durabb operated in a prudent and professional manner. The

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investigator recommended no action be taken. Captain Durabb has been reminded to report all groundings. Motion to accept the findings by H.T. Booksh. Motion passed (2-0)

12:15 Motion to adjourn meeting by H.T. Booksh. Motion passed (3-0)

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "C. Blache".

Captain Christopher J. Blache

Recording Officer

