

Meeting Minutes
Board of River Port Pilot Commissioners

October 4, 2023 2:00 pm
2728 Athania Pkwy
Metairie, LA 70002

1. Meeting called to order at 2:00 pm
2. In Attendance: Capt. Mark Delesdernier III, Capt. Jack Anderson, Capt. David Renegar, Michael Delesdernier (Executive Director), and Mary Delesdernier (Executive Staff)
3. September meeting minutes approved with no changes.
4. No Public Comments
5. Apprentice Training
 - Reviewed apprenticeship to date
 - Discussed agenda for November meeting
 - Discussed items to be put in the MPI contract for apprentice training
 - Discussed scheduling a special BRM/History of Pilots with Sam Stephenson of the Port Everglades pilot group.
6. Executive Session
 - Report on New Notices to Commissioners
 - 9/6/23 – Unit 23 – Brussels – Discussed and confirmed machinery failure
 - 9/10/23 – Unit 102 – Ellan Manx – Discussed and confirmed machinery failure
 - 9/29/23 – Unit 82 – Western Maple – Discussed and confirmed that ship anchored without pilot. A cease-and-desist letter to be sent to ship’s agent.
 - Report on Current Investigations
 - 5/25/23 – Unit 54 – Lambert Maru – Allision – Findings and Conclusions signed by commissioners.
 - Unit 80 complaint – Findings and Conclusions signed by commissioners.
 - Discussed Delayed service to vessel – Units 25 and 116
 - 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 – Executive Director discussed EEXI regulations resulting in EPL deployment. Determined it would be good to schedule a meeting with the 4 Louisiana pilot groups to discuss.
 8. Committee Reports
 - Safe Navigation – Report given.
 - Professional Development – Report given.
 9. Certification process for current applicants discussed. All physicals and drug tests will be done at West Jefferson Industrial Medicine. Applications will be reviewed and certified at the next meeting on November 8.
 10. Regulation changes have been submitted.
 11. Met with a representative from BAL and Associates to discuss their drug testing services.
 12. Update given on LNG training. Fifteen pilots still need to attend the class, simulation, or both. Capt. Anderson will provide names for Executive Staff to contact and remind pilots of dates available.
 13. Deferred the review the 3 updated policies as recommended by Pharos to December meeting.
 14. Reviewed issues to be brought up at Pilot Annual Meeting.
 15. New Business –
 - Capt. Anderson informed commission of interest for a 4-hour Chalmette Slip course at MPI. Content, instructor and pilot interest will need to be determined.
 - Discussed commission replacement process which will commence prior to next meeting.
 16. Meeting adjourned at 6:40 pm.