**MINUTES OF MEETING**

**MARCH 23,2021**

0930 Meeting called to order. C. P. Steinmuller, C. J. Blache, H. T. Booksh in attendance. Capt. Kevin P. Duffy is also present.

0935 Discussion regarding the possibility that A.B.P. will mandate 2 pilots on cruise ships.

1030 Discussion regarding COVID-19 Emergency Policy.

1300 Motion by C. P. Steinmuller to enact the following “Amended COVID-19 Emergency

 Policy,

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 ***UNVACCINATED***Bar Pilots shall submit to testing for COVID-19 when tests are made readily available, including but not limited to, upon reporting for duty or upon the display of symptoms of COVID-19. Any ***FULLY VACCINATED*** Bar pilot shall not be required to be tested for COVID-19 unless they are displaying symptoms of COVID-19. For the purposes of this policy a Bar Pilot is considered “*FULLY VACCINATED”* 14 days after they have received all prescribed doses of a COVID-19 vaccine. Proof of full vaccination shall be provided to the board. 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 not pilot ships or access any Bar Pilot station until they have been cleared by the the Board’s doctor.

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

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

The policy is effective immediately and further is subject to review and modification as the circumstances surrounding the Covid-19 virus changes.

 By Order of the Board of Examiners this 23rd day of March, 2021.

 (passed 3-0)

1330 Meeting adjourned