# Louisiana Board of River Port Pilot Review and Oversight

# **Meeting Minutes**

Meeting Date: Thursday, January 20, 2022

Location: Crescent River Port Pilots' Association

2640 Ridgelake Drive, Metairie, LA 70002

Time: 09:00 am

# **Board Members Present:**

Jack Anderson Interim Chair
Christopher Blache-Via Zoom Interim Secretary

Charles Gilchrist Member
Lee Jackson Member
Jennifer Marusak Member
Jim Patterson - Via Zoom Member
Roy Quezaire Member
Judge Con Regan Member

### Also Present:

Michael Delesdernier Sean Donahue Phillip S. Robeinson, III
Art Lentini Roy Vance Mark Delesdernier, III

Tim Long W.P. Loga, Jr Kevin Alario
Capt. Casey Clayton J.C. Andrews David Renegar
Jack Capella Will B. Brown, III Mary Delesdernier
John Litchfield Ryan Template E. Michael Bopp

Jason LedetRalph WallJ.D. DoyleSteve SuhulkenJeanne FerrerChris Coulon

Brian Landry Louis "Toby" Wattigney

#### PROCEEDINGS:

- 1. Meeting was called to order.
- 2. Members identified above were in attendance.
- 3. The Board followed the established procedure provided to all parties without objection. The proponents, opponents, and members of the public spoke regarding the proposed

<sup>\*</sup>Note: If an attendee did not sign in, they may not be listed. Additionally, the Zoom attendees were not identified.

regulations by the Board of Examiners for the New Orleans-Baton Rouge Steamship Pilots. In addition to the presentation, each Board member had the following information:

- BOE Original Notice of Intent
- Marked up version of proposed changes
- NOBRA (Toby Wattigney) letter opposing regulation changes
- Potpurri
- BOE Oversight Committee Report
- Letter from Capt. Jackson
- BOE response to Capt. Jackson's letter

After the presentations, Member Marusak made a motion to reject the proposed rules. Member Quezaire seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion to reject passed with 6 votes and 1 abstention.

Chairman Anderson directed a report be prepared and sent to the Joint Legislative Commerce Committees before their hearing date.

- 4. No Public Comments on issues other than those related to the NOBR BOE regulations.
- 5. Motion made by Member Jackson and seconded by Judge Regan to approve the October Meeting Minutes. Minutes were unanimously approved without changes.
- 6. Reports of Accidents, Consent Judgments, Adjudications, Rule Changes and Annual Reports
  - a. Board of River Port Pilot Commissioners Chairmam Anderson reported for the Board of River Port Pilot Commissioner. Each Board Member received a report.
  - b. Board of Examiners of BAR Pilots Member. Blache reported for the Board of Examiners of BAR Pilots and will provide the Board with written report which will be forwarded to all members.
  - c. Board of River Port Pilot Commissioners and Examiners Lake Charles Member Gilchrist reported for the Board of Commissioners and Examiners Lake Charles and submitted the report at the meeting. A copy will be sent to each Board Member.
  - d. Board of Examiners for the NOBRA Steamship Pilots Member Jackson reported for the Board of Examiners for NOBR Pilots. He will send a written report to the Board and it will be forwarded to Board Members.
- 7. Chairman Anderson reported that he will compile these four reports and submit a report to the DOTD General Counsel.

#### 8. Committee Reports

a. Statutory Amendments – Chairman Anderson rendered a report regarding the proposed amendments to the Board of Review statutes.

- Member Marusak moved to add language to the proposed statutes that will ensure that the Board of Review will hold hearings for proposed rule changes prior to the Joint Legislative Commerce Committee. The motion was passed unanimously.
- b. Mr. Delesdernier gave update on the Board of Review website. He is working on getting the last of the board member bios.
- 9. Chairperson Anderson reported that no grievances had been received by the Commissioners/Examiners or the Board of Review.
- 10. Election of Board Officers was completed and Capt. Jack Anderson was unanimously elected Chairperson with Capt. Lee Jackson as Vice-Chairman and Capt. Chris Blache as Sectreatry/Treasurer.
- 11. Update on Board's Proposed Legislation See #8 above
- 12. Each board member was given copy of December Bank Statement. Mr. Delesdernier reported on expenses. Discussion ensued on the need for a permanent administrator as opposed to the BRPPC Executive Director and Staff handling board issues.
- 13. Chairperson Anderson gave an update on the unappointed board seats with the reminder that there are still 2 open judge seats and 1 industry seat that was vacated by Robert Schromm. Member Patterson offered to follow up with other industry groups.
- 14. Chariperson Anderson called for any new business and there was none.
- 15. Chairperson Anderson called for a motion to adjourn. Member Marusack made the motion to adjourn and it was seconded by Capt. Jackson. The meeting was adjourned at 10:56 am.