



**Meeting Agenda
Board of River Port Pilot Commissioners
February 4, 2026**

1. Meeting called to order at 9:30 am
2. In Attendance: Capt. Shannon Marks, Capt. Blaine Donner, Capt. Jace Eschete, Michael Delesdernier (Executive Director) and Mary Delesdernier (Executive Staff)
3. The Meeting Minutes from January 7, 2026, were approved with no changes.
4. No Public Comments
5. Apprentice Training
 - Reviewed March Training Agenda
 - Discussed progress of apprentices
 - Reviewed evaluation counts – Executive Director to contact apprentices who are on the low end of the evaluation count
 - Debriefed on completed Pivot Point and MPI training
 - Reviewed Ajubita trips – Confirmed he has completed outstanding trips
 - Discussed BRMP / Sam Stephenson training
6. Executive Session
 - Report on New Notices to Commissioners
 - 1/20/26 Unit 1 - Chem Broadway – Other – Unsafe Berth - Reviewed and determined to be a non-issue. Will be filed in the hold for one year file.
 - 1/25/26 Unit 199 – Orion Spirit – Machinery Failure - Reviewed and confirmed Machinery Failure.
 - 1/28/26 Unit 55 – Global Journey – Other – Near Miss - Reviewed and determined to be a non-issue. Will be filed in the hold for one year file.
 - No current investigations to report
 - Report on Pilot Compliance
 - Report given on Continuing Education
 - Report given on Licenses and Physicals. Email has been sent to CRPPA for those on sick pay who cannot pilot until a current physical is received by the Commission.

- No year-old Notices to Commissioners to review this month.
7. Executive Director Report
 - Discussed the need for a Pilot Assistance Program
 - VTS Training – Executive Director to reach out to USCG to schedule.
 8. Cybership, LLC representatives attended to give a report on the status of the BRPP System Update
 9. Committee Reports
 - Safe Navigation report given.
 - Professional Development - Two Man Training Seminar – report given.
 10. Reviewed report on dockings for all pilots
 11. Reviewed 2027 Apprentice Application and approved for distribution.
 12. Reviewed tanker LOA requirements for Tier 1 & 2 deputies. Proposal discussed to allow Tier 1 deputies to be eligible to pilot tankers of 500 ft in length or less and for Tier 2 deputies to be eligible to pilot tankers of 605 ft or less.
 13. Discussed eliminating a portion of the Pilot license requirement for Inner Harbor Navigation Canal to Lake Pontchartrain.
 14. Reviewed CFRs for vessel deficiencies needed to be reported to USCG.
 15. Created a commissioner agenda to present at Quarterly Association meeting
 - Deficiency reporting
 - Two-man Seminar
 - When to report groundings
 - When to call a commissioner
 - Discuss Inner Harbor Navigation Canal license requirement for applicants
 16. New Business –
 - Discussed Gulf Coast Pilot Seminar that is to be held in Las Vegas. Commission approved 10 hrs. of Continuing Education for any pilot attending.
 - Discussed obtaining Train the Trainer certificates for the Commissioners from MPI to submit to USCG to update the USCG approved Apprentice Course.
 17. Meeting Adjourned at 4:30pm