

Meeting Minutes
Board of River Port Pilot Commissioners

March 6, 2024 2:00pm
2728 Athania Pkwy
Metairie, LA 70002

1. Meeting called to order at 2pm
2. In Attendance: Capt. Jack Anderson, Capt. David Renegar, Capt. Shannon Marks, Michael Delesdernier (Executive Director), and Mary Delesdernier (Executive Staff)
3. February Meeting Minutes approved with no changes.
4. No Public Comments
5. Apprentice Training –
 - Commission reviewed evaluations and met with each apprentice pilot. Ten pilots have been selected and each apprentice has been requested to ride with each for evaluation by the end of April.
 - Determined a need for a Train the Trainer program before the next apprentice class. An outline will be ready to review at next meeting.
6. Executive Session
 - Report on New Notices to Commissioners
 - 2/12/24 – Unit 93 – Century Bright – Grounding (tugs required) – A meeting with the pilot will be scheduled to discuss.
 - 3/2/24 – Unit 32 – Armais – Allision - Discussed and will file in the Hold for One Year File.
 - Report on Current Investigations
 - Discussed delayed service to vessel – Units 25 and 116
 - Report on Pilot Compliance
 - Report given on Continuing Education compliance.
 - Report given on Licenses and Physicals compliance.
 - Reviewed disposition of year-old Notices to Commissioners - Reviewed one notice and determined to be non-issue.

7. Executive Director Report – Executive Director discussed train the trainer program and leadership seminar.
8. Committee Reports
 - Safe Navigation – Determined the Committee needs to be a reset. Executive Director to send email to members to discuss format.
 - Professional Development –
 - ◆ Executive Director gave report on status of Tractor Tug Program scheduled for 3/27/24.
 - ◆ Executive Director gave update on meeting with the Association’s Continuing Education Committee to Review Responses to Requests for Qualifications from Professional Development Vendors. A follow up email will be sent to coordinate next steps.
9. Regulation Changes will officially be published on March 20. Commission will send out new regulations to all pilots once published.
10. Report given on Tier 2 status of Deputy Pilots. Dates when deputies are expected to be able to move to unrestricted status will be sent to Association.
11. Marine Ops Manual for PLNG was reviewed and suggested changes noted. Changes will be shared at meeting with LNG on March 15.
12. Discussed meeting with BAR pilot Commission. A meeting will be scheduled.
13. Executive Director reminded the commission that the money spent on modeling for Tug Seminar can be used for Apprentices.
14. Commission Leadership Seminar has been scheduled for June 19-21.
15. No New Business
16. Meeting adjourned at 5:30 pm.