

Meeting Minutes
Board of River Port Pilot Commissioners

May 3, 2023 9:00 am
2728 Athania Pkwy
Metairie, LA 70002

1. Meeting called to order at 9:00 am
2. In Attendance: Capt. Mark Delesdernier III, Capt. Jack Anderson, Capt. David Renegar, Michael Delesdernier (Executive Director), and Mary Delesdernier (Executive Staff)
3. April Meeting Minutes approved with no changes.
4. No Public Comments
5. Commissioners met with apprentices for training including:
 - Review trip sheets
 - 96 Hr USCG Form
 - Docks & Anchorages
 - Governor Bios
 - Boards and Commissions online application
 - Individual Meetings
6. Executive Session
 - Report on New Notices to Commissioners
 - 4/8/23 – Unit 181 – Maersk Memphis - Discussed and determined it was a non-issue.
 - Report on Current Investigations
 - 1/29/23 – Unit 24 – Star Lysefjord – Allision – Executive Director to complete Findings and Conclusions for June meeting. In addition, he will draft a letter to Chalmette Slip regarding the meeting that occurred as result of this incident and recommend the upper wall not be used under certain conditions - 1) length of vessel and 2) draft of ship.
 - 1/21/23 – Unit 95 – MV Genco Magic - Discussed and agreed that pilot has 60 more days to complete required extra trip before being put off the books.
 - Report on Pilot Compliance
 - Report given on Continuing Education
 - Report given on Licenses and Physicals
 - Reviewed disposition of three year-old Notices to Commissioners. All determined to be non-issues.

7. Executive Director Report – Executive Director discussed setting up a meeting with the USCG Captain of the Port to discuss LNG and reporting. He will contact the Captain for possible meeting dates.
8. Committee Reports
 - No report this month on Safe Navigation.
 - Professional Development report given. Executive Director to contact the Association’s CE Committee to discuss certification of training schools for the next CE cycle.
9. Four updated policies, as recommended by Pharos (Safety and Risk Management Protocol, Fog Policy, Two Pilot Protocol, and Request for Qualifications for Training), were distributed to the board members for review. Will discuss again at the June meeting.
10. A report on the past 15 months of docking was reviewed. A decision was made to offer non-mandated simulator training for those interested. Executive Director to send email to all pilots to determine interest.
11. Report given on the round table discussions that were held on April 25. A plan was made to hold the next round table discussion on tractor-tugs in August . Capt. Renegar to contact potential participants to see what dates may work. Additionally, the ED was asked to look into creating a document to record the substantive information on the docking processes at various facilities. The document will include a discussion on the forces that are acting upon the vessel and why it is occurring.
12. Discussed next apprentice class which will begin on 7/1/23. The first meeting will be held on Monday, June 26.
13. New Business
 - During a prior meeting, the commission discussed amending the applicant requirements to include maritime college which would make the commission’s requirements similar to other Louisiana pilot commissions. Executive Director was requested to survey commissioned pilots as to the possible change in applicant requirements.
 - A report was provided on the LNG training from Capt. Anderson. A call was made to George Burkley at MPI to discuss the training. Capt. Anderson will contact Mr. Holt regarding the issues brought up during discussions.
14. Meeting adjourned at 5:00 pm.