

# MEETING MINUTES

## STATE OF WASHINGTON ~ BOARD OF PILOTAGE COMMISSIONERS

February 23, 2017

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### **REGULAR MEETING - Call to Order**

The regular meeting of the Board of Pilotage Commissioners was convened at 10:05 a.m. by Chair Sheri Tonn in the Agate Conference Room, 2901 Third Avenue, Seattle, Washington.

#### **Present:**

Chair: Sheri Tonn Vice Chair: Ned Kiley

Commissioners: Chuck Adams, Phil Morrell, Don Mayer, Eleanor Kirtley, Sara Thompson,  
and Ed Marmol (in part, via telephone)

Administration: Jaimie Bever, Shawna Erickson, Peggy Larson

Mike Moore, Jordan Royer: Pacific Merchant Shipping Association

Eric vonBrandenfels, Eric Klapperich, John Scragg, W. "Bud" Carley: Puget Sound Pilots

Gary Nelson: Port of Grays Harbor

Norman Hertz: Progeny Systems Corporation

Rod Myers: Pilot Trainee

Ken Grieser, Sandy Bendixen, Travis McGrath, Matt Miller, Adam Seamans: Pilot Candidates

Paul Tramm, Adam Paz: USCG

Andrew Drennen: Polar Tankers

**Minutes.** Motion: Kirtley/Morrell – approve the January 19, 2017 Minutes as written – Carried.

### **BPC Staff Report.**

- Discussions with potential Board-Designated Physicians is underway.
- The Board's website is temporarily under construction and will be returning with a new web host.
- Shawna gave an overview of the various data she is currently tracking. BPC staff met with John Veentjer of the Marine Exchange to request supplemental statistical reporting.

### **BPC Chair Report.**

- Chair Tonn attended a public hearing in the Senate Transportation Committee on SB 5262 regarding proposed modifications to tonnage limitations of certain vessels exempt from the pilotage act. She also gave an overview of our agency and our Diversity Plan.

**Activity Reports.** Gary Nelson representing the Port of Grays Harbor, Mike Moore representing Pacific Merchant Shipping Association, and Eric vonBrandenfels representing Puget Sound Pilots offered current and projected statistical data as well as updates on current maritime activities.

Gary Nelson informed the Board that Captain D'Angelo will be in training and out of the district during the month of April. The Port of Grays Harbor is expecting the arrival of some car carriers that are above Captain White's current license level. He asked the Board to consider lifting Captain White's restrictions on those trips for which Captain D'Angelo is unavailable, during that time period only, in order to accommodate the anticipated traffic. The Board agreed to address this request at the March 16, 2017 meeting. He also requested a review of the line item pension charge in the GHPD tariff.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

**Training Program Evaluation Presentation.** Dr. Norman Hertz, Progeny Systems Corporation, presented an overview of the Training Program Evaluation Project, which the Board's Training Program Evaluation Committee (TPEC) commenced in August 2016. The presentation highlighted the psychometric principles used to drive the evaluation project, reviewed the changes in the Training Program Trip Report, defined the term "Intervention", and covered the next steps of the project. John Scragg gave a brief summary of the upcoming Train-the-Trainer course (to be held on March 28, 2017 and April 17, 2017) and Don Mayer explained the changes in the training program requirements.

**Legislative Update.** The Board reviewed several bills currently in legislation:

- SB 5262/HB 1409/HB 1905 – *An act relating to the weight/volume limitation for certain vessels exempt from the pilotage act*
  - Motion: Kiley/Morrell – Support an increase in vessel exemption fees to a maximum of \$5,000.00 – Friendly amendment: Adams – to empower Chair Tonn to monitor the bill and move the fee increase along - Carried.
- SB 5462/HB 1611 – *Concerning oil transportation safety*
  - Motion: Adams/Kirtley with a Friendly Amendment – Monitor the bill and support the fiscal note with reservations on the ability to handle the timeline and questions about long term enforcement of the bill – Carried with Commissioner Thompson abstaining.
- SB 5819 – *Concerning the board of pilotage commissioners*
  - Motion: Kiley/Mayer – Monitor JLARC audit provision and not oppose the audit – Carried.
  - Motion: Mayer/Kiley – Oppose 6-year tariff freeze – Carried with Commissioners Thompson and Morrell abstaining.
  - Motion: Mayer/Adams – Oppose change in appropriation status of the BPC – Carried with Commissioner Thompson abstaining.
  - Motion: Mayer/Adams – Oppose the increase to a \$26,000 annual pilot license fee – Carried with Commissioner Thompson abstaining and Commissioner Morrell opposed.
  - Motion: Adams/Mayer - Authorize the Chair to negotiate with the legislature on behalf of the Board – Carried with Commissioner Thompson abstaining.
- HB 1989 – *Applying the open public meetings act to advisory boards and committees that provide formal advice or recommendations to their governing bodies*
  - Board will review bill language with AAG Guy Bowman and monitor the bill for any movement in the House.

**Consideration of Request for Vessel Exemption:**

**Motor Yacht ARCTIC PRIDE** – 123’, 297gt, Jamaican registry, Captain Jon S. Seethoff  
Motion: Kiley/Thompson – concur with Chair’s granting of an annual renewal – Carried.

**Pilot’s Report of Marine Safety Occurrence: OVERSEAS BOSTON, 01-08-17**

Port Angeles Harbor, anchored	Starboard anchor was wrapped in old tow or mooring wire. The vessel was re-anchored using the port anchor. A crew from Vigor shipyard arrived via the <i>Arrow Warrior</i> and removed the wire. The vessel got underway without further issues.	Navigational Safety Concern	<u>Motion:</u> Mayor/Kiley File as a Marine Safety Occurrence – Carried.
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**Pilot’s Report of Marine Safety Occurrence: KOOMBANA BAY, 01-16-17**

Seattle, Duwamish WW, outbound to Seattle	Spokane Street Bridge failed to open to allow for exit from SE Glacier Cement. The vessel returned to berth. Upon notification that the bridge was operational, a new pilot was scheduled for departure the following day.	Navigational Safety Concern	<u>Motion:</u> Mayer/Kiley File as a Marine Safety Occurrence – Carried.
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**Pilot’s Report of Marine Safety Occurrence: TOKYO BULKER, 01-22-17**

Tacoma, outbound	Loss of propulsion was due to a clogged fuel valve in the Number 3 cylinder. The vessel was anchored at Yukon Harbor for repairs. The pilot departed the vessel.	Navigational Safety Concern	<u>Motion:</u> Mayer/Kiley File as a Marine Safety Occurrence – Carried.
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**Committee Reports.**

**Trainee Evaluation Committee:**

- The TEC met on February 21<sup>st</sup>.
- Training Program progress was reviewed for all current trainees: Captains Henderson, Rounds, Hunter, Myers, Vestal and Kridler. Captains Vestal and Kridler attended the meeting.

- Motion: Mayer/Adams – the TEC finds that Captain Rod Myers is suitable for licensing when a position becomes available – Carried.
- Motion: Kiley/Adams – approve the amended Report of Post-Training Trip form as presented – Carried.

**Legislative/WAC Committee:**

- Commissioner Adams informed the Board that he has sent a letter to the USCG regarding the verbiage of a Master Mariner Credential to bring current our state licensing WAC verbiage.

**Diversity Committee:**

- The committee met on January 26<sup>th</sup>.
- Chair Tonn and staff member Jaimie Bever will attend the Women in Maritime Leadership conference at Cal Maritime March 10<sup>th</sup> - 11<sup>th</sup>. They will also be meeting with the San Francisco Board of Pilotage Commissioners Executive Director and Assistant Director during the same trip.

**Training Program Evaluation Committee:**

- The Board is in receipt of Dr. Hertz’s draft report for discussion and approval.

**Review of Pilot/Trainee Physical Examination Reports.** Motion: Kirtley/Kiley - accept the physicians’ reports for Captains W.W. Lowery and F.A. Coe for annual pilot license renewal; and Captain J.D. Henderson for annual trainee license renewal – Carried.

**Confirmation of Next Regular Meeting Dates.** The next regular meeting dates are set for March 16, 2017 and April 20, 2017.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Chair Tonn adjourned the regular session Board meeting at 2:05 p.m.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION – Call to Order**

*An Executive Session of the Board of Pilotage Commissioners was convened from 2:10 p.m. to 2:45 p.m. in the Agate Conference Room, 2901 Third Avenue, Seattle, Washington to discuss matters relative to personnel. In attendance were Commissioners Tonn, Kiley, Adams, Morrell, Mayer, Kirtley and Thompson; and BPC staff Jaimie Bever, Shawna Erickson and Peggy Larson, in part.*

Respectfully submitted,

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Peggy Larson, Executive Director

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Sheri J. Tonn, Chair

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Edmund I. Kiley, Vice Chair

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Commissioner Charles F. Adams

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Commissioner Philip Morrell

**Absent**  
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Commissioner J. Grant Stewart

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Commissioner Donald W. Mayer

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Commissioner Edmund Marmol

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Commissioner Eleanor Kirtley

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Commissioner Sara Thompson