

MEETING MINUTES

STATE OF WASHINGTON ~ BOARD OF PILOTAGE COMMISSIONERS

January 10, 2013

Present:

Chairman: Harry Dudley

Commissioners: Norm Davis, Elsie Hulsizer, Chuck Adams, Ned Kiley, Pat Hannigan,
Don Mayer and Grant Stewart

Administration: Shawna Erickson, Peggy Larson

Jonathan Ward, Andy Coe, Ivan Carlson, John Harris and Walt Tabler: Puget Sound Pilots

Steve Cooke: Grays Harbor Pilots

Mike Moore, Jordan Royer, Vince Addington, Doug Coburn: Pacific Merchant Shipping Association

Matt Denning, Paul Schachtner: USCG

Lou Paulsen: Port of Tacoma

Rick LaBlond: Shell Trading N.A.

Bud Carley: PS Pilot Trainee

Scott Coleman, Brian Jensen, Philip Hunter, Al Furst: Pilot applicants

Randi Carley, Loren Lee: Public

A CLOSED SESSION was called from 9:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. to discuss the results of the applicant reviews presented by the Simulator Evaluation Committee. In attendance were Commissioners Dudley, Davis, Hulsizer, Adams, Kiley, Hannigan, Mayer and Stewart; Shawna Erickson and Peggy Larson. Regular session was convened by the Chairman immediately following closed session.

REGULAR MEETING

The regular meeting of the Board of Pilotage Commissioners was convened at 10:00 a.m. by Chairman Harry Dudley in the Agate Conference Room at 2901 Third Avenue, Seattle, Washington.

Minutes. The December 11, 2012 Minutes stand approved as written.

OLD BUSINESS

Pilot's Report of Incident: PS Pilot V. Engstrom – ALASKAN FRONTIER, 11-24-12

Cherry Point BP Dock		<u>Motion:</u> Kiley/Davis Defer action until further information is received - Carried.
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Pilot's Report of Incident: PS Pilot D. Soriano – POLAR RESOLUTION, 12-4-12

Cherry Point BP Dock		<u>Motion:</u> Hannigan/Hulsizer Defer action until further information is received - Carried.
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NEW BUSINESS

Consideration of Licensure of PSPD Pilot Candidate: Captain W.M. "Bud" Carley. On behalf of the Trainee Evaluation Committee (TEC) Commissioner Hannigan reported that after a thorough review of Captain Carley's one-month *Post-Training Program* the TEC unanimously recommends the issuance of a state pilot license to Captain Carley. Commissioner Hannigan announced his intent to surrender his state license today which will reduce the number of licensed pilots in the PSPD to 52. Motion: Hannigan/Davis - issue Captain Warren "Bud" Carley state pilot license #186 for the Puget Sound Pilotage District - Carried. This action brings the number of licensed pilots in the PSPD back up to 53, the set number.

Assessment of Need for Trainees in Grays Harbor and Puget Sound Pilotage Districts. Based upon a recent Puget Sound Pilots retirement survey as well as discussions with the Port of Grays Harbor, the TEC determined the need for three applicants to begin training in the PSPD on July 1, 2013

and one applicant to begin training in the GHPD as soon as possible, followed by a second four months later. Motion: Hannigan/Stewart – extend an invitation to begin training as soon as possible to the first applicant on the final ranked list of successful applicants who selected Grays Harbor as a district in which to train followed by subsequent invitations if necessary to attain an affirmative response – Carried.

Proposed Rule Making: CR-101 WAC 363-116-078 Training Program (CR-103E in effect). This emergency rule now in effect allows the Port of Grays Harbor to provide trainee stipend funding rather than levying a GHPD tariff surcharge. It is the Board’s intent to adopt this emergency rule on a permanent basis. Commissioner Adams offered further proposed amendments in preparation of filing the CR-102 for purposes of holding a public hearing. Motion: Adams/Davis – prepare the rule for filing with the changes as discussed – Carried.

Consideration of Request for Vessel Exemption:

Motor Yacht WESTPORT 40M – 130’, 333 gt, Cayman Islands registry, Captain Mike Catania.
Motion: Hulsizer/Adams – concur with Chair’s granting of a three-month exemption – Carried.

Motor Yacht ZENITH - 135’, 461 gt, Cayman Islands registry, Captain Aaron Steenbhom.
Motion: Hulsizer/Adams – concur with Chair’s granting of a one-year exemption – Carried.

Pilot’s Report of Marine Safety Occurrence: HORIZON KODIAK, 12-5-12

Commencement Bay	The tug operator was training for ship assist work and made contact with the vessel – no damage.	Navigational Safety Concern	<u>Motion</u> : Davis/Kiley File as a Marine Safety Occurrence – Carried.
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Pilot’s Report of Marine Safety Occurrence: HORIZON ANCHORAGE, 12-20-12

Northbound in the TSS, south of Buoy T	Loose rpm sensors on the flywheel caused the engine to automatically stop. Repairs were made.	Navigational Safety Concern	<u>Motion</u> : Davis/Kiley File as a Marine Safety Occurrence – Carried.
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Committee Reports.

Trainee Evaluation Committee:

- The TEC met on January 9th
- Training Program progress was reviewed for Captains Lowery, Coryell and Brouillard as well as Post-Training Program progress for Captain Carley.
- Captain Ed Marmol of the “Portable Piloting Unit Training Sub-committee” conducted the requisite two days of PPU training for Captain Carley in accordance with the terms of his Post-Training Program.
- Captain Anacker met with the TEC to report on the progress of his post-incident training course.
- All current trainees will meet with the TEC in February as a group and individually.
- Captain McCurdy has acquired new software necessary to upgrade the process of creating and administering conning quizzes and local knowledge exams. Motion: Hannigan/Adams – appoint the three newest licensed pilots, as Subject Matter Experts, to a sub-committee to assist Captain McCurdy in updating the data bank for study guides, conning quizzes and local knowledge exams – Carried. Currently these new pilots are: Captains Anthony, F. Engstrom and Carley.
- A Train-the-Trainer Course Evaluation Summary was prepared. Positive outcomes are emerging.
- A review of PSP’s recent retirement survey showed a need for additional trainees in the PSPD.

Legislative/WAC Committee: Currently Committee Chair, Chuck Adams, is reviewing WAC 363-116-084 for purposes of drafting necessary revisions.

Tariff Policy Committee: The Committee continues to discuss improvements to the current tariff setting process including consideration of modifying the Board’s mandate to fix tariffs annually.

Pilot Exam Committee: The Simulator Evaluation Review Sub-committee completed its analysis of all reviews of those applicants requesting reviews of their Simulator Evaluation results. Motion: Hannigan/Stewart – based on the sub-committee’s determination, grant two additional points to applicant #49135, make no scoring changes to any other applicants’ results, and approve the final ranked list of

successful applicants as determined by Dr. Norman Hertz after the scoring recalculation, re-ranking of applicants if necessary, and linking of names with ID numbers – Carried. The final ranked list of successful applicants was determined and forwarded to the Board by Dr. Hertz during the meeting today. Results were posted and distributed. Official notification will be sent to all applicants.

Activity Reports. Gary Nelson, representing Port of Grays Harbor, Captain Jonathan Ward, representing Puget Sound Pilots, and Captain Mike Moore, representing Pacific Merchant Shipping Association, offered current and projected statistical data as well as updates on current maritime events.

Correspondence Review. Puget Sound Pilot, Captain Carl Engstrom, submitted a letter to the Board announcing his intent to retire on his anniversary date after 23 years of piloting. His retirement will reduce the number of licensed pilots in the PSPD to 52 on January 22, 2013.

BPC Staff Report. The earlier suggested dates of March 21/22 for the next Pilotage Authority Regional Conference are problematic so other dates are being considered. The current PSPD tariff will be reviewed at the request of Walt Tabler concerning errors he feels were made in the filing.

Commissioner Comments. Recognition was given to retiring pilot Captain Pat Hannigan. Chairman Dudley read and presented a letter to Captain Hannigan in recognition of his outstanding, dedicated service as a Board member for eight years and as a Puget Sound Pilot for nearly 31 years.

Public Comments. Others echoed their appreciation for Captain Hannigan’s commitment to safety, training, and the pilot examination process, to name a few.

Confirmation of Next Regular Meeting Dates. Motion: Kiley/Stewart – move the February 14th regular Board meeting date to Tuesday, February 5th at 9:30 a.m. in the Alki Conference Room, 5th floor, 2901 3rd Avenue, Seattle - Carried. March 14th was confirmed as the date for the public hearing on WAC 363-116-078 and regular monthly meeting. Discussion is ongoing to consider setting future monthly meeting dates on various Tuesdays in order to accommodate those with Wednesday and Thursday conflicts.

Review of Pilot/Trainee Physical Examination Reports. Motion: Davis/Kiley - accept the physicians’ reports for Captains J.E. Arnold, T.A. Jacobs, J.T. Kearns, V.K. Justice and J.T Scoggins for annual pilot license renewal - Carried. One Puget Sound Pilot remains medically unfit and is temporarily relieved of pilotage duties.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Chairman Dudley adjourned the regular session Board meeting at 12:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Peggy Larson, Executive Director

Harry H. Dudley, Chairman

Norman W. Davis, Acting Vice Chairman

Commissioner Elsie J. Hulsizer

Commissioner Charles F. Adams

Commissioner Edmund I. Kiley

Commissioner Patrick M. Hannigan

Commissioner Donald W. Mayer

Absent
Commissioner Philip Morrell

Commissioner J. Grant Stewart