

MEETING MINUTES
STATE OF WASHINGTON ~ BOARD OF PILOTAGE COMMISSIONERS
May 1, 2024

CLOSED SESSION

A Closed Session of the Board of Pilotage Commissioners was called to order at 12:00 p.m. by Chair Sheri Tonn online via Microsoft Teams to hear a presentation from Dr. Amanda Dainis regarding the 2024 Simulator Evaluation process and outcome, which is not subject to public disclosure.

Present

Chair: Sheri Tonn

Vice Chair: Eleanor Kirtley (Marine Environment)

Commissioners: Mike Anthony (Pilot), Richard Firth (Foreign Flag Shipping), Nhi Irwin (Ecology), Jason Hamilton (Public), Sandy Bendixen (Pilot), Andrew Drennen (U.S. Shipping)

Assistant Attorney General: Albert Wang

Administration: Jaimie Bever, Bettina Maki, Jolene Hamel

Dainis & Company: Amanda Dainis

REGULAR MEETING – Call to Order

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Pilotage Commissioners was called to order at 12:30 p.m. by Chair Sheri Tonn online via Microsoft Teams.

Present:

Chair: Sheri Tonn

Vice Chair: Eleanor Kirtley (Marine Environment)

Commissioners: Mike Anthony (Pilot), Richard Firth (Foreign Flag Shipping), Nhi Irwin (Ecology), Jason Hamilton (Public), Sandy Bendixen (Pilot), Andrew Drennen (U.S. Shipping)

Assistant Attorney General: Albert Wang

Administration: Jaimie Bever, Bettina Maki, Jolene Hamel

Dainis & Company: Amanda Dainis; Paige Fischer, Charles Nastos

Puget Sound Pilots: John Scragg, Matt Hannuksela

Public: Eric Boardman

Cut Score for the Simulator Evaluation Process. Chair Tonn explained that the sole purpose for the Special Meeting was to set the cut score for the 2024 Marine Pilot Exam Simulator Evaluation. Chair Tonn thanked the Exam Committee and those involved in the process including Dr. Amanda Dainis and her staff. She stated that the process went very well.

Dr. Amanda Dainis presented a few slides to assist with her presentation of the Simulator Evaluation process and high-level results. She reported that combined scores from both the single and twin-screw exercise in the evaluation included: the average of 89.72 and standard deviation of 7.43. The pass rate was 13 candidates out of 20, which was 65%. The minimum score was 69.75 and maximum combined overall score was 98.45. Based on the results, Dr. Dainis and her team recommended a cut score of 91.02 out of 100.

Chair Tonn asked for public comment, but no public comment was offered.

Motion: Hamilton/Firth – Approve and accept the cut score of 91.02 as recommended by Dainis & Company for the 2024 Marine Pilot Exam Simulator Evaluation – Carried.

Chair Tonn thanked the applicants who took the exam. She acknowledged those who were not successful, inviting them back to future exams.

Adjourn. Meeting was adjourned by Chair Tonn at 12:40pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jaimie C. Bever, Executive Director

Sheri J. Tonn, Chair

Eleanor Kirtley, Vice Chair

Commissioner Timothy J. Farrell

Commissioner Andrew Drennen

Commissioner Richard Firth

Commissioner Sandy Bendixen

Commissioner Michael Anthony

Commissioner Jason R. Hamilton

Commissioner Nhi Irwin