

MEETING MINUTES
STATE OF WASHINGTON ~ BOARD OF PILOTAGE COMMISSIONERS
April 7, 2021

CLOSED SESSION

A Closed Session of the Board of Pilotage Commissioners was convened from 12:00pm to 1:00pm virtually via Microsoft Teams to discuss matters relative to the 2021 Marine Pilot Exam. In attendance were Commissioners Tonn, Kirtley, Anthony, Drennen, Farrell, Hamilton, Jensen, Krombeen and Scragg, Assistant Attorney General Albert Wang; BPC staff Jaimie Bever, Jolene Hamel, and Bettina Maki; and Dr. Norman Hertz and Emily Hopkins, MITAGS.

REGULAR MEETING – Call to Order

The regular meeting of the Board of Pilotage Commissioners was convened at 1:00pm virtually via Microsoft Teams and via phone.

Present:

Chair: Sheri Tonn Vice Chair: Eleanor Kirtley (Marine Environment)

Commissioners: Michael Anthony (Pilot), Andrew Drennen (U.S. Shipping), Timothy J. Farrell (Public), Jason R. Hamilton (Public), Dale Jensen (Ecology), John Scragg (Pilot)

Administration: Jaimie Bever, Jolene Hamel, Bettina Maki

Assistant Attorney General: Albert Wang

Dr. Norman Hertz and Emily Hopkins: MITAGS

Jake Rosenberg, Matt Jeffcott, Harlow Wood: Pilot Applicants

NEW BUSINESS

Set the Cut Score for the Written Examination. Dr. Norman Hertz gave an overview of the psychometric process and analysis involved in the development and administration of the Written Examination.

Motion: Anthony/Farrell – set the Written Examination cut score at 126 as determined by the Subject Matter Experts and recommended by Dr. Hertz – Carried.

All protests concerning the Written Examination were reviewed by the Exam Subject Matter Experts resulting in no changes in the relevant standing of all applicants.

Determine the Number of Successful Applicants who will Advance to the Simulator Evaluation.

Motion: Farrell/Scragg – based on the Written Exam Cut Score of 126, 22 of the 35 applicants will advance to the Simulator Evaluation – Carried.

The scoring information will be posted on the Board's website and sent by e-mail to all applicants by 4:00pm today. All applicants are referenced by an ID number only until the entire examination and review process is complete.

Appoint the Evaluators for the Simulator Evaluation Portion of the Examination. Simulator Evaluations begin Monday, April 12, 2021.

Motion: Hamilton/Anthony – the evaluators of the Simulator Evaluation shall be Captains Jill Russell, Jonathon Ward, and Don Mayer, with Captains John Scragg and Ken Grieser as alternates – Carried.

Chair Tonn thanked the pilots, BPC staff, and Dr. Hertz and the MITAGS teams for their efforts to reach this point in the exam process.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Chair Tonn adjourned the special meeting at 1:15p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jaimie C. Bever, Executive Director

Sheri J. Tonn, Chair

Eleanor Kirtley, Vice Chair

Commissioner Jason R. Hamilton

Commissioner Mike Anthony

Commissioner Dale Jensen

Commissioner Andrew Drennen

Commissioner Rik Krombeen

Commissioner Timothy J. Farrell

Commissioner John Scragg