

MEETING MINUTES

STATE OF WASHINGTON ~ BOARD OF PILOTAGE COMMISSIONERS

December 7, 2017

REGULAR MEETING - Call to Order

The regular meeting of the Board of Pilotage Commissioners was convened at 10:00 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, Scott Ferguson, Eleanor Kirtley, Don Mayer, Ed Marmol (via phone), and Phil Morrell

Assistant Attorney General: Albert Wang

Administration: Jaimie Bever, Shawna Erickson, Jolene Hamel

Eric vonBrandenfels, Linda Styrk, Ivan Carlson, John Scragg, Mike Anthony, Eric Klapperich, Larry Emerson, Alec Newman, Scott Anacker, Jamie Galvin, Majken Ryherd, Teresita Torres: Puget Sound Pilots

Gary Nelson: Port of Grays Harbor

Mike Moore and Jordan Royer: Pacific Merchant Shipping Association

Lou Paulsen: The Northwest Seaport Alliance

Peter Giese: Retired Puget Sound pilot

Lee Vestal: Puget Sound Pilotage District trainee

Dan Jordan, Joe Brady: Columbia River Bar Pilots

Lyn Tully: Public

Robert Czeisler: Public

Dr. Charles Czeisler: Public, Presenter

Minutes. Motion: Mayer/Adams – approve the November 9, 2017 Minutes as written – Carried.

Presentation by Dr. Charles Czeisler, PhD, M.D. on Fatigue Management – Discussion Concerning Setting the Number of Pilots in the Puget Sound Pilotage District as Provided in WAC 363-116-065. The Board engaged fatigue and sleep expert Dr. Charles Czeisler to review the current State rest rules and Puget Sound Pilot's rest rules, and to provide critique and recommendations for improvement to those rules. Dr. Czeisler gave a presentation of his findings to the Board outlining several policy recommendations.

CLOSED SESSION – Call to Order

A Closed Session of the Board of Pilotage Commissioners was convened from 12:20 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the Agate Conference Room, 2901 Third Avenue, Seattle, Washington to discuss matters relative to the pilot training program. In attendance were Commissioners Tonn, Kiley, Adams, Ferguson, Kirtley, Mayer, Marmol (via phone), Morrell; Assistant Attorney General Albert Wang; BPC staff Shawna Erickson, Jolene Hamel and Jaimie Bever.

REGULAR MEETING RECONVENED

The regular meeting of the Board of Pilotage Commissioners was reconvened immediately following the Closed Session by Chair Tonn in the Agate Conference Room, 2901 Third Avenue, Seattle, Washington.

Consideration of Training Program of Captain Lee Vestal.

Motion: Kiley/Morrell – terminate Captain Lee Vestal's training program based on his failure to maintain the minimum federal licensure required by RCW 88.16.090 and WAC 363-116-078(14)(a) – Carried.

BPC Staff Report.

- Jaimie Bever attended several functions over the last month including the 2017 Maritime Economic Forecast Breakfast held at the Pacific Marine Expo on November 17, 2017, and the Puget Sound Harbor Safety Committee meeting on December 6, 2017. She reported on some of the speakers and topics addressed at both events.
- The Board has received its Delegated Authority and Procurement and Contracting Risk Assessment from the Department of Enterprise Services. The next review is scheduled for May 24, 2019.

BPC Chair Report.

- Sheri Tonn and Jaimie Bever gave a presentation about the Board to the Joint Transportation Committee on November 15, 2017. Chair Tonn reported that the response to the presentation was a positive one.
- Sheri Tonn and Jaimie Bever met with Senate Transportation Committee Chair-Elect, Senator Steve Hobbs to provide an update on the Board.
- On March 2, 2018, the Board along with Puget Sound Pilots, Columbia River Bar Pilots, Columbia River Pilots, and San Francisco Bar Pilots will give a presentation on pilotage at the Women in Maritime Leadership conference at CalMaritime.
- Puget Sound pilot, Captain Vic Engstrom, retired as of November 27, 2017. The Board recognized him for his great service and wished him well on his retirement.

Activity Reports. Lou Paulsen representing The Northwest Seaport Alliance; Mike Moore representing Pacific Merchant Shipping Association; Eric vonBrandenfels and Linda Styrk representing Puget Sound Pilots; and Gary Nelson representing the Port of Grays Harbor (via handout) offered current and projected statistical data as well as updates on current maritime activities.

Linda Styrk reported that she is close to wrapping up negotiations for replacement Personal Piloting Units (PPUs) and that she has negotiated the same price point for the Board and for Grays Harbor. The Trainee Evaluation Committee (TEC) will review PPU trainee use.

NEW BUSINESS

Joint Transportation Committee (JTC) Study Update. Consultant findings and recommendations will be presented to the JTC on December 14, 2017 at 11:15 a.m. in Olympia, WA. Sheri Tonn and Jaimie Bever will be meeting with the consultants to review their presentation on December 11, 2017. The final report is due to the legislature on January 8, 2018.

Approval of Pilot License Upgrade Program. Captain Eric Lichty is nearing completion of his fourth license year.

Motion: Mayer/Kiley – approve license upgrade program as drafted by the TEC – Carried.

Approval of Training Programs for Captains McGrath, Ninburg, and Seamans. Captains Travis McGrath, Pat Ninburg, and Adam Seamans are scheduled to begin training on February 1, 2018.

Motion: Marmol/Kiley – approve the pilot Training Programs for Captains McGrath, Ninburg, and Seamans as drafted by the TEC – Carried.

Consideration of New Board Designated Physician: Dr. Mel K. Strange. The Board reviewed the CV of a doctor recommended by a pilot in the Grays Harbor Pilotage District.

Motion: Ferguson/Morrell – appoint Dr. Mel K. Strange as a Board Designated Physician – Carried.

Committee Reports.

Trainee Evaluation Committee (TEC):

- The TEC met on December 5, 2017. Captains Vestal and Grieser were in attendance to discuss the status of their training programs.
- Training Program progress was reviewed for all current trainees: Vestal, Kridler, Bendixen, and Grieser.
- Training programs were developed for Puget Sound pilot candidates Captains McGrath, Ninburg, and Seamans.

- Pilot retirements were reviewed. An exam will need to be held either November 2018 or January/February 2019. The TEC will narrow down a date for Board consideration at the January 18, 2018 meeting.
- The TEC is looking at a potential WAC change regarding the maximum length of the training program.
- It was recommended that Puget Sound pilot and potential future BPC commissioner, Captain Mike Anthony be added to the TEC.

Motion: Mayer/Kiley – add Captain Mike Anthony to the TEC – Carried.

Legislative/WAC Committee:

- Staff will be filing the semi-annual Rules Agenda with the WA State Code Reviser by December 31, 2017. This agenda will include the WACs that will be under consideration between January and June 2018.

BPC/PSP Joint Diversity Committee (JDC):

- The JDC will meet on December 11, 2017 to review committee progress including outreach materials, making the exam process more accessible, the March 2018 Women on the Water conference presentation, and a proposal regarding diversity funding opportunities.

Review of Pilot/Trainee Physical Examination Reports.

Motion: Kiley/Morrell - approve the physicians' report for Captains E.M. vonBrandenfels, L.P. Emerson, and B.R. Jensen for annual pilot license renewal – Carried.

Board Appointments. Chair Tonn informed the Board of conversations she has had with the Governor's office regarding Board appointments. There is the potential of the appointment of two new pilot members before the next Board meeting. Commissioners Mayer and Marmol received much gratitude from the Board for their outstanding work and contributions to the commission. Commissioner Mayer will stay on as a member of the TEC. Two of the public positions will be open, as well as the foreign shipping representative position.

Confirmation of Next Regular Meeting Dates. The next regular meeting dates are set for:

- January 18 (at the Port of Seattle)
- February 15

There being no further business to come before the Board, Chair Tonn adjourned the regular session Board meeting at 2:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jaimie C. Bever, Executive Director

Sheri J. Tonn, Chair

Edmund I. Kiley, Vice Chair

Commissioner Charles F. Adams

Commissioner Philip Morrell

Absent
Commissioner J. Grant Stewart

Commissioner Donald W. Mayer

Commissioner Edmund Marmol

Commissioner Eleanor Kirtley

Commissioner Scott Ferguson