

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of The
New Jersey Maritime Pilot and Docking Commission

April 20, 2021

The regular meeting of the New Jersey Maritime Pilot and Docking Pilot Commission was held on Tuesday, April 20, 2021 Via-Teleconference.

Commissioner Dacey called the meeting to order at 10:01 AM.

Open Public Meeting Statement

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Commissioner Timothy J. Dacey (present); Commissioner Brian McEwing (present); Commissioner Jacob Shisha (present); Commissioner Bjoern Kils (present); Commissioner Dennis Lombardi (present); Commissioner Brendan Roberts (present)

Captain Charlie Jonas, President Interport Pilots (present), Captain Horold Cavagnaro, Vice-President Sandy Hook Pilots (present), Captain Robert Ellis, President Harbor Pilots (present), Captain Adam Richardson, Vice President Interport Pilots (present), Jamera Sirmans Esq. Authorities Unit (present), Alex Falciani Esq. DAG (present), Ed Kelly , Executive Director Maritime Association (present)

Approval of the March 17, 2021 regular meeting minutes

A motion was made by Commissioner Shisha and seconded by Commissioner Roberts to approve the March 17, 2021 meeting minutes.

All voted in favor.

Resolution #20-12 to approve the April, 2021 Treasurers Report

A motion was made by Commissioner Shisha and seconded by Commissioner Roberts to pass Resolution #20-12 to approve the March, 2021 Treasurers Report.

All voted in favor.

Executive Director's Report

Ms. Stuckey welcomed newly elected Vice President of the New Jersey Sandy Hook Pilots Association Captain Cavagnaro. She advised that he will be filling in for Captain Foley and Alex Falciani from the DAG's office will be sitting in for Brian Ashnault.

- A. Ms. Stuckey provided the Commission with an updated pilot trip log.
- B. Pilot Update - Currently there are no pilots quarantined due to COVID-19.
- C. Vaccination Update - Ms. Stuckey reported that she and some of the pilots were able to get vaccinated through the DOT clinic. She also sent guidelines to all pilots that live in the state of New Jersey on how to register and get appointments. Additionally, Ms. Stuckey asked each of the presidents to give the Commission an update on their associations regarding the number of pilots currently vaccinated and how they are handling any vaccination and or hesitations when they provide their comments.
- D. Docking Pilot Apprentice Process - The Commission currently received three complete applications. There is still plenty of time before the deadline date of May 30th and Ms. Stuckey is confident there will be more.
- E. Annual Report - Ms. Stuckey previously provided the Commission with a draft of the annual report. She is very pleased with the way it turned out. She advised the Commission to review the report and get back to her with any comments by Monday April 26th. Her goal is to have it complete with a resolution for the Commission to vote on at

the May 20th meeting and distributed before the end of the fiscal year.

- F. Rule Proposal - The Commission was provided a copy of the final rule proposal that was printed in the April 19th edition of the New Jersey Register. The office of administrative law has also developed a website where those that don't have access to the New Jersey Register can view the rules. They also were posted on the Commission's website.
- G. New SULCV Guidelines - The Deep Draft Committee which is chaired by Captain Bob Flannery has established new guidelines for the navigations of the super and ultra large container vessels. They have been circulated by the Coast Guard as Advisory Notice #CGAN-2021-002. The Commission was provided a copy of the advisory.
- H. Change of Command Ceremony - The change of command ceremony is scheduled for May 7th. Ms. Stuckey reported that she received an invitation to attend the event in person. She advised that she plans to attend the event and will give Captain Tama a gift on behalf of the Commission.
- I. Harbor Ops - Ms. Stuckey reported that she attended the virtual Harbor Ops meeting, however during the meeting she had a conference call with Kevin Corbett the Executive Director of New Jersey Transit to see if the Commission could include some of the its pilots and apprentices in with their vaccine roll-out. He explained that they are dealing with vaccine hesitancy and the Commission can revisit the conversation after they get at least 60% of their employees vaccinated. She asked anyone present to update the Commission on anything of note that was discussed during her absence.
- J. Dr. Dellorosso - Ms. Stuckey reported that she have recently learned that Dr. Dellorosso has been fighting accusations of mal-practice in the states of New York and New Jersey. He has turned his license in to the state of New York; however the case in New Jersey is ongoing. Moving forward, the Commission will only utilize Dr. Ventrudo for all cases with medicals that require further scrutiny.
- K. LNG - Last month the Commission talked about setting a meeting up to brief Ms. Sirmans on the LNG issue. That meeting has not yet taken place, partially due to

scheduling and partially due to gathering correct information. The last time Ms. Stuckey took a delegation to the Governor's meeting regarding offshore wind, they had more updated information that the Commission did. Ms. Stuckey is currently speaking with Captain Sullivan who is working in Maryland who believes there are plans to bring LNG facilities into the port. As soon as the information is verified, the Commission will move forward with the meeting.

- L. Articles of Interest - Ms. Stuckey encouraged the Commission to read at their leisure. She pointed out one that was sent this morning regarding two areas that were pulled from offshore wind plan in New York. It seems that the work of the Harbor Ops Committee and all other agencies that commented on the proposal worked. It is an example of what this community can achieve when the maritime community works together.

Public Comment (s)

Comments from Captain Harold Cavagnaro, Vice-President, Sandy Hook Pilots Association:

Captain Cavagnaro reported that the Sandy Hook Pilots Association has no COVID19 cases and continue to follow protocol. He advise that 1/3 of their pilots have received at least one shot of the vaccine. As of yesterday, they have opened vaccines up to everyone over the age of 16 in New York and New Jersey.

Captain Cavagnaro reported that the pilot deficiency ladder reports are being documented and addressed with all of the ship owners. Their campaign with other organizations is starting to show some promising results. They have seen ships with trap doors that has been modified.

Ms. Stuckey advised Captain Cavagnaro to send her the photos of the modified trap doors and they will be circulated to the Commissioners.

Captain Cavagnaro reported that sandy Hook's conversion project on the new New York is going well, most of the major structural work is completed and the interior is now being fitted and the project should be completed sometime midsummer.

Ms. Stuckey advised Captain Cavagnaro that if Sandy Hook has proposed new rates and the New Jersey Commission needs a copy of those rates so they can be ratified.

Captain Cavagnaro advised that he would forward a copy of Sandy Hook's new rates to the New Jersey Commission.

Comments from Captain Bob Ellis, President, Harbor Pilots Association:

Captain Ellis reported that half of the Harbor Pilots have been vaccinated and they have two pilots currently out with injuries.

Captain Ellis reported that he, Captain Flannery, Captain Foley, Captain DeCruz and Captain Jon Miller were at MITAGS from the end of March through the beginning of April working to alter the channel in order to accommodate 16,000 and 18,000 TEU ships going down to Howland Hook.

Comments from Captain Charlie Jonas, President, Interport Pilots Association:

Captain Jonas reported that most of their pilots have already had their second vaccination shot, but advised that two of their three apprentices are newlyweds who are reluctant to get the vaccine of the fear that it may affect them starting a family.

Comments from Ed Kelly, President, Maritime Association:

Mr. Kelly reported that the change of command for the Coast Guard will take place sometime in May. NOAH's National Ocean Service is happening today. National Ocean Service is the organization that does the charts, surveys and response teams that handle all of the ports. Rear Admiral Shep Smith is retiring and is being replaced by Rear Admiral Rich Brennan.

Mr. Kelly reported that on April 14th and 16th Boem hosted an intergovernmental task force for offshore wind that took place over two days. They are moving forward with trying to get the New York/ New Jersey area more wind farms. Coast Guard district one is seeking comments for the New York port access route study dealing with all approach lanes and operational capabilities. Mr. Kelly advised that through Harbor Ops there has been a sub-committee that has been set up to address issues and to file

comments on behalf of the Harbor Operations Group and he will circulate those documents to the full Harbor Ops community.

Executive Session

WHEREAS, the open Public Meetings Act provides that a public body such as The New Jersey Maritime Pilot and Docking Pilot Commission may meet in closed session to discuss legal and personnel matters, and

WHEREAS, the Commission desires to meet in closed session to discuss such matters.

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Commission shall at this time meet in closed session to discuss such matters the substance of the closed session would be disclosed publicly only if it would not warrant an invasion of privacy or constitute a breach of the attorney client privilege.

A motion was made by Commissioner Roberts and seconded by Commissioner Kils that the Commission goes into Executive Session.

All voted in favor.

The Commission went into Executive Session at 10:27 AM.

Return to Public Session

A motion was made by Commissioner Kils and seconded by Commissioner Roberts that the Commission return to Public Session.

All voted in favor.

The Commission returned to Public Session at 11:23 AM.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Commissioner Kils and seconded by Commissioner Roberts that the meeting be adjourned.

All voted in favor.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:23 AM.