

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

**November 16, 2021**

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

Commissioner Dacey called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM.

Open Public Meeting Statement

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

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

Also included in the call were: Andre Stuckey, Executive Director; Al Hawkins, Board Administrator; Captain Brendan Foley, President Sandy Hook Pilots; Captain Charles Jonas, President Interport pilots; Captain Robert Flannery, President Metro Pilots; Jamera Sirmans, Authorities Unit, Brian Ashnault Esq., DAG.

Audit Committee Meeting

The Commissioners went over the Audit with the Auditor and found the Audit to be satisfactory.

Approval of the October 19, 2021 regular meeting minutes

A motion was made by Commissioner Lombardi and seconded by Commissioner Kils to approve the October 19, 2021 meeting minutes.

All voted in favor.

Resolution #21-35 to approve the November, 2021 Treasurers Report

Ms. Stuckey advised the Commission that there is a new charge on the report for overage of copies that was brought to her attention. Moving forward, there will be a reoccurring charge each month for copies.

A motion was made by Commissioner Lombardi and seconded by Commissioner Shisha to pass Resolution #21-35 to approve the November, 2021 Treasurers Report.

All voted in favor.

Executive Director's Report

- A. Updated Pilot Log- A copy of the updated pilot log was previously provided to the Commission.
- B. Commission's staff is prepared to return to the office full time on November 29<sup>th</sup>. The Commission's staff is currently doing 3-4 days per week as needed.
- C. A copy of the 2021 on-line ethics training memo was provided to the Commission. Ms. Stuckey advised that the training certification is due in the Governor's office on November 22<sup>nd</sup>.
- D. Cannabis Training - The Commission's staff was advised to undergo cannabis training that must be completed by December 15<sup>th</sup>. The training is on-line and to date, Ms. Stuckey has not received any word on whether Commissioners will have to take the training.
- E. Holiday Memo - The Commission was provided with a memo outlining protocol for gifts, parties and outside activities. Ms. Stuckey advised that Mr. Hawkins is the

current Ethics Liaison officer and any questions regarding the memo should be directed to him.

- F. Harbor Ops - The Commission was provided the agenda for the November 17<sup>th</sup> Harbor Ops meeting. Ms. Stuckey advised that she will attend virtually and report anything of note at the Commission's December board meeting.
- G. Connie Awards - The annual Connie awards will resume this year. It will take place on Monday, December 6<sup>th</sup> at the Renaissance hotel at Newark Airport. Ms. Stuckey will attend.
- H. The day after Thanksgiving is no longer a state holiday. This year Mr. Hawkins and Ms. Stuckey will both use their vacation time to take the day off therefore, the Commission's office will be closed. Ms. Stuckey advised that she will be available for any emergencies on that day and can be reached via cell phone or email.
- I. After next week, Mr. Hawkins hours will return to normal. He will resume his 8am to 4:30pm schedule.
- J. Holiday Schedules - Ms. Stuckey advised that she will be taking her annual end of year holiday vacation beginning the Wednesday after the December board meeting returning on Monday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>. She will not be traveling and will stay tapped into the office during that time checking email and can be reached via phone. Mr. Hawkins will evaluate his time and report by the December meeting on his plans to take any vacation.
- K. Articles of Interest - Several articles of interest were sent to the Commissioners and they are advised to read them at their leisure.

Public Comment (s)

Comments from Captain Brendon Foley, President, Sandy Hook Pilots Association:

Captain Foley reported that the Sandy Hook Pilots have resumed their continuing education by completing the active

shooting class along with simulation training at MITAGS that was suspended due to the pandemic.

Captain Foley reported that previously he spoke about LNG power vessels and the Carnival Marti-Gras making preparations to bunker in Manhattan which never happened due to Covid-19. It appears that the CMACGA group will be bringing in 14,000 TEU container ships that should start midway through 2022.

Captain Foley reported that there has been an announcement by GCT Bayonne that they have plans to expand its piers by 1,400ft to be able to handle the new generation of mega max vessels. That expansion is due to be completed by 2024.

Captain Foley reported that the dredging at the point of Sandy Hook will be wrapping up this week.

Comments from Captain Robert Flannery, President, Metro Pilots Association:

Captain Flannery reported that the Steering Committee had a few problems with the oil terminals and because of those issues, they will resume the Oil Terminal Round Table Committee meetings. Captain Flannery advised that he will add Ms. Stuckey to the list to be part of these meetings.

Captain Flannery reported that there have been talks of putting another buoy in Newark Bay and it will be close to the 55ft channel, he will be speaking with the Port Authority and he does not expect it to be any problems.

Comments from Captain Robert Ellis, president, Harbor Pilots Association:

Captain Ellis reported that he was pleased to be told by the master of the ship he was on from Singapore that New York was the first port he has come to and not have to anchor and wait to come in.

Captain Ellis reported that all of the pilots are healthy and working.

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

Captain Jonas reported that he will be turning in his New Jersey license next week and he will continue to work only in the Connecticut.

Captain Jonas reported that all pilots at Interport are healthy. There was a couple of pilots possibly exposed on a ship outside of New York, but they all have since tested negative.

Comment from Ms. Stuckey:

Ms. Stuckey reported that Captain's Tooker and Paulis were on a vessels and one of the shore side workers fell into the water. Captain Tooker release one of the tug boats to assist in the rescue. She recommended that the Commission send both pilots letters congratulating them on their efforts. The Commission agreed and advised Ms. Stuckey to move forward with the letters.

Committee Reports

A. Occurrence Investigation Committee:

- I. MT Runner - Based on the investigators report, Ms. Stuckey recommended that the Commission find no fault on the pilots, copies to be sent to the Terminal, agent and Coast Guard and the file closed. After several discussions, a motion was made by Commissioner Lombardi and seconded by Commissioner Kils to accept the recommendations. All voted in favor.

Resolution #21-36 to Approve the Meeting Dates for Calendar year 2022

Ms. Stuckey provided the Commission with a list of proposed meeting dates for calendar year 2022.

A motion was made by Commissioner Lombardi and seconded by Commissioner Kils to pass Resolution #21-36 to Approve the Meeting Dates for Calendar year 2022.

All voted in favor.

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 Kils and seconded by Commissioner Lombardi that the Commission goes into Executive Session.

All voted in favor.

The Commission went into Executive Session at 10:24 AM.

#### Return to Public Session

A motion was made by Commissioner Shisha and seconded by Commissioner Kils that the Commission return to Public Session.  
All voted in favor.

The Commission returned to Public Session at 2:46 PM.

#### Adjournment

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

All voted in favor.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:46 PM.