

Connecticut Pilot Commission Regular Public Meeting January 4, 2022 Connecticut
Port Authority Office - Remotely
Old Saybrook, CT

Meeting Minutes – Revised March 14, 2022

In response to concerns regarding the spread of coronavirus disease, and in the interest of the safety and well-being of participation, the meeting was held remotely by conference call (as permitted by Executive Order 7B).

1. Call to Order – The public meeting was called to order by Chairman Bill Gash at 09:00 am.
CPC members in Attendance: Mike Eisele, Dave Pohorylo, Wynn Bohonon, John Henshaw, Chris Clark, Joe Maco, Captain Peszke
CPC Members Absent: Ralph Goglientino
Port Authority Staff: Joe Salvatore
Public: Captain Meade, Captain Jonas, Captain Murray, Jerry Crooks, NOAA-Collen Roche
2. Summary Report – Approval of December 7th
Motion: Bohonon
Second: Eisele Approved: Y
Abstained:
3. Public Comments – Captain Jonas – Regulations & Statutes, includes qualifications for pilot fees, rates of pilotage are still in statute. Is there ability for the CPA to advance the statutes to regulations without the lengthy process? Regulations go before the Regulations Review Board/Committee, not Legislature. CPA will investigate the process and report back. Pilot Fees will be up for renewal shortly.
4. U.S. Coast Guard - None
5. Continuing Business
 - A. Discussion-Pilot Safety Equipment & Training Reimbursement Regulations CGS 15-14-1c Additional Fees.
Points of Discussion;
 - Policy and Procedures approved by the CPA Board on December 21, 2021, Agenda Item # 15a.
 - Regulate the request(s) to save dollars in order to maintain longevity of the training fund.
 - Can any part of the 6% quarterly fees get applied to the training fund?
 - CPC has asked the Pilot Organization to produce a schedule/listing of equipment for disbursement for each pilot going out 5-years. This will enable the CPA to better manage the disbursement of the training funds. Guidance from the pilots is essential for best management practices of the training funds.
 - One pilot has submitted a request. It can't get approved until CPA board approves the process.
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- Motion to approve Captain Jonas Reimbursement Request for Safety Equipment.
Motion: Dave Pohorylo
Second: Captain Maco
Approved: Yes

B. Update – Apprentice Pilot Final Rankings and Program Acceptance.

- Interport request only (1) Apprentice Pilot, Kyle Butler. Butler has committed to Interport Pilots and is available to train. Captain Peszke stated a second apprentice 8-9 months from now is acceptable, and is ok with CPA conducting a new apprentice solicitation. It is estimated that Butler can attain the CT Pilot License 55-60 days max achieving the required 24-observer round trips.
Motion to approve Kyle Butler as the selected Apprentice Pilot candidate to work under the Interport Pilots organization.
Motion: Wynn
Second: Clark
Approved: Yes

Added Section 3-14-2022

Captain Peszke noted for this section that there were more in-depth points made that should be part of the meeting minutes. It was discussed that the meeting minutes aren't verbatim and just summary points of a larger discussion. The chairman proposed that all four apprentice finalist should be qualified. Mike Eisele stated not all are as qualified as Mr. Butler and that should be considered.
Captain Maco had asked what Interport Pilots wants. It is a lengthy process. Captain Peszke has asked for the CPA/CPC to maintain an active applicant list. Captain Peszke was told you can't do that when the duration could be 8-9 months or more before you potentially pull from the list. The process will need to get redone as it is a public process.
Captain Peszke notes that an active list will enable the process to get kicked off and only take training of a pilot 4-6 weeks.
Captain Peszke is ok to wait with the one pilot selected, then conduct a solicitation.

- C. CT Pilot License Renewal Update: Only one pilot license remains outstanding, in process to complete.
- D. General Pilot Update – Nothing new to report.

6. New Business

- A. CT Pilots Submission for Extension of Route Process.
Captain Peszke submitted trips for Bridgeport Harbor. Not enough valid trips per the regulations. CPA has no ability to change the law as written without going through the legislative process during session.

Currently there is one CT Pilot approved/licensed to service Bridgeport Harbor, and 3 qualified New York Pilots.

- B. Extension of Route Request/Submission for Bridgeport Harbor.
CPA has submitted a Legislative request as was done the past 2-years. Commissioners will take outside action in conjunction with CPA or stand-alone action. Commissioners may speak to their appointing authority if needed.

7. Adjourn

Motion: Bohonon

Second: Henshaw

Time: 9:55 am

Next Meeting:

9:00 AM Tuesday, February 1, 2022

Location: TBD