



Connecticut Pilot Commission Public Meeting

Tuesday, April 2, 2024
9:00am

Location:

CT Port Authority Office
455 Boston Post Road
Suite 204
Old Saybrook, CT 06457

MINUTES

1. Call to Order

The public meeting was called to order by Mike Eisele at 8:59am.

CPC Members in Attendance: Mike Eisele, Dave Pohorylo, Captain Joseph Maco, Wynne Bohannon, Captain Michael Peszke, CPA Executive Director Ulysses Hammond, Chris Clark

CPC Members Absent: Chair Bill Gash, Ralph Gogliettino

CPA Staff: Jill Dowling-Moreno, Fayola Haynes

Public: Captain Charles Jonas, Captain Chris Murray, Captain Sean Meade, Captain Kyle Butler, Arnold Skretta, Captain Adam Richardson, Sean Byrnes, Captain Richard Astles, LT Colette Digerness (USCG), LT Greg Velliky (USCG), CDR Eric Hanson (USCG)

2. Approval of the March 5, 2024 meeting minutes

Motion by Wynne Bohannon, seconded by Ulysses Hammond. So, VOTED with NO opposed and abstention by Dave Pohorylo.

3. Public Comment – Public participation related to Agenda topics (limit to 5 minutes per person/topic)

Captain Richard Astles provided updates regarding the sunset of NOAA paper charts, a change to the NMC Credential (will be on a sheet of paper, passports will no longer be used) and safety information regarding Engine Power Limiters (EPL). He forwarded the information to Ulysses Hammond and recommended that the Commission review the information when they prepare examinations for new apprentice pilots.

4. U.S. Coast Guard Update

LT Greg Velliky provided a summary and handout of the Marine Safety Information Bulletin (MSIB) from January 2024. He noted that the handout includes information regarding when a federal or state pilot is required on board.

5. Continuing Business

(a) Status of Recommendation for Appointment of Apprentice Pilots

- Mike Eisele noted that he provided a draft letter to the Commissioners that recommends the CT Port Authority initiate the solicitation, evaluation and selection process for an apprentice pilot.

Motion by Mike Eisele to approve the letter of Recommendation for Appointment of Apprentice Pilots for submission to the CT Port Authority for their consideration and approval. Seconded by Wynne Bohannon. So VOTED, with NO opposed and NO abstentions.

- Ulysses Hammond noted that this request was mentioned at the last Board meeting and that the recommendation will be included on an upcoming Board meeting agenda.
- The Commissioners noted that they would like to review the current criteria and materials used for the previous solicitation of apprentice pilots in preparation for the upcoming solicitation.

(b) Pilotage Incident/Accident Investigative Officer Resources Update

- Dave Pohorylo noted that he will discuss this item with New York representatives prior to the next Pilot Commission meeting in May.

(c) Pilot-imposed beam restrictions and tug requirements at New Haven Terminal Update

- Captain Richard Astles noted that a meeting is being held today regarding this topic.
- Mike Eisele indicated this item will be on the agenda for the next meeting in May.

(d) Status of Recommendation to revise CPA Written Procedures regarding requirement that Pilots work under the auspices of Interport

- Mike Eisele provided copies of the draft letter for review and comment. The recommendation is to make a revision to eliminate the current requirement that newly-licensed pilots work under the auspices of Interport.
- There was discussion of the history and background information regarding the language.
- This item will be on to the May agenda for further discussion.

6. New Business

(a) Baltimore Accident

- There was discussion of the accident as it relates to communication and procedures in place locally.
- Captain Joseph Maco asked if pilots have phone numbers needed for immediate communications set up in their phones.
- There was discussion regarding the Thames River Bridge and communication with bridge tender.
- This item will be on the May agenda for further discussion.

7. Adjourn

Motion by Mike Eisele, seconded by Wynne Bohannon. So, VOTED with NO opposed and NO abstentions. Meeting adjourned at 9:40am.

Next Meeting: May 7, 2024