



Connecticut Pilot Commission Public Meeting

**Tuesday, February 4, 2025
9:00am**

**Location:
CT Port Authority Office
455 Boston Post Road
Suite 204
Old Saybrook, CT 06475**

MINUTES

1. Call to Order

Chair Bill Gash called the meeting to order at 9:00am.

CPC Members in Attendance: Chair Bill Gash; Vice-Chair Mike Eisele; Chris Clark; Wynne Bohannon; Joe Maco; Dave Pohorylo; Paul Liistro; Paul Whitescarver

CPC Members Absent: Michael Peszke

CPA Board & Staff: Michael O'Connor; Fayola Haynes; Jill Dowling-Moreno

Public: James Gura; Chris Murray; Adam Richardson; Arnold Skretta; Matthew Butcka; Sean Byrnes; Conor Kennedy

2. Approval of the January 7, 2025 meeting minutes

Motion by Wynne Bohannon, seconded by Paul Liistro. So VOTED, with NO opposed and an abstention by Dave Pohorylo.

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

None

4. U.S. Coast Guard Update

Not in attendance

5. Continuing Business

(a) CT Pilot Apprentice Progress Update (Interport)

- Adam Richardson provided an update regarding apprentice pilot Robert McCollum and noted that he continues to make progress, and they anticipate having a recommendation to the Commission by May.

(b) Apprentice Pilot Recruitment

- **Interview and Application Review Committee**

Mike Eisele noted that the Review Committee has a meeting scheduled to review and score the apprentice pilot applications following the Commission meeting today.

- **Apprentice Pilot Qualifications Review Working Group**

Mike Eisele noted that this is longer-term and that the group will hold off on meeting to review the qualifications until the current solicitation process for an apprentice pilot has concluded and a new apprentice pilot is on board.

(c) Recommendation for Revisions to Marine Pilots Procedures Regarding Qualifications, Selection and Training for New Applicants for a License as a Connecticut State Marine Pilot.

Bill Gash noted that he signed the recommendation letter and that it was sent to Connecticut Port Authority Executive Director Michael O'Connor for consideration.

6. New Business

None

Chair Bill Gash noted there was time for discussion if attendees had anything they wanted to share.

Adam Richardson provided an update regarding dredging in New Haven and noted that new soundings were submitted for the Global dock in New Haven which was dredged to 38 + 1 feet. He noted they continue to await new soundings for Gateway Terminal in New Haven.

Paul Liistro and Wynne Bohannon provided an update regarding the dredging that was completed in Southport Harbor.

Michael O'Connor provided an overview of the dredging meetings taking place in the State including the Regional Dredging Team and Connecticut Dredging Team, the studies looking into dredged material placement, and discussions regarding potential CAD (Confined Aquatic Disposal) cells.

7. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn by Wynne Bohannon, seconded by Paul Liistro. Meeting adjourned at 9:23am.

Next Meeting: March 4, 2025