

**MARYLAND BOARD OF PILOTS
BUSINESS MEETING**

DATE: January 6, 2023

TIME: 10:30 am

LOCATION: 1100 N. Eutaw Street
5th Floor Conference Room
Baltimore, MD 212021

JOINING BY: Access Using Videoconferencing

<https://meet.google.com/sph-abve-cvx>

(US) +1 219-706-2288 PIN: 948 673 750#

PRESENT: Alexander Sandy Steeves, Esq., Chairman
Gregory Morgan, Commissioner, Ex Officio
Captain Eric Nielsen
Captain John R. Kinlein
Captain Kevin L. Hanna
Captain Shimon D. Horowitz
Michael R. Reagoso
David R. Chenowith
Michael Derby

LABOR OFFICIALS & STAFF PRESENT:

Zevi Thomas, Executive Director
Raquel Meyers, Assistance Executive Director
Andrew Brouwer, Board Counsel
Jonathan Phillips, Legal Counsel
Noraida Lozano, Board Administrator
John Farren, Media Relations Department

OTHERS PRESENT: Robert Parks, WBALTV (Left before the Open Meeting)
Kate Amara, WBALTV
Gus Themelis, Baker Donelson
Geoffrey Tobias, Baker Donelson
Gary Sheridan (failed to identify themselves to the Board)

CALL TO ORDER

Alexander Sandy Steeves, Esq Chairman, called the Business Meeting of the Maryland Pilots Board to order at 10:31 am, virtually via <https://meet.google.com/sph-abve-cvx>, Phone # (US) +1 219-706-2288 PIN: 948 673 750#.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

For MPIO purposes Minutes of the October 7, 2022 Meeting, was unanimously approved on December 20, 2022.

Motion (I) was made by Chair Steeves, seconded by Capt. Horowitz, and unanimously carried to go into Executive Session at 10:36 a.m. virtually via <https://meet.google.com/ufc-foay-nvm> and via phone number (US) +1 304-519-0693 PIN: 368 203 692#. This session was permitted to be closed pursuant to General Provisions Article, Annotated Code of Maryland, §3-305(b)(7) to discuss the Incident Committee Report. The Board required legal counsel on a matter pertaining to a licensee.

Motion (II) was made by Chair Steeves, seconded by Mr. Reagoso, and unanimously carried to reconvene its public meeting and leave the Executive Session at 11:18 a.m. virtually, via roll call <https://meet.google.com/ufc-foay-nvm> and via phone number (US) +1 304-519-0693 PIN: 368 203 692#.

INCIDENT COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Chenowith reported the following on behalf of the Incident Committee:

Incident # 02-BP-22 - A Consent Order has been signed and settled

Incident # 01-BP-23 - Open and still under investigation

Motion (III) was made by Chair Steeves, seconded by Mr. Reagoso, and unanimously carried by the Board to approve the Incident Committee Report.

PILOT COMPLEMENT REPORT

Captain Nielsen reported the following:

Arrivals – Up 4.5% YTD.

Shifts – Up by 3.5% YTD.

Cargo – Will wait for the June 2023 Meeting

Retiring Pilots – Three pilots plus one resignation in 2022. Three pilots are expected to retire in 2023.

PIT - 2 PITs started Nov 2022

2 PITs started Jan 2023

4 PITs will be starting in the second half of 2023

Capt. Nielsen stated that the PIT recommendation will be formalized either in March or June Meeting or both. 2 or 4 PITs will likely be recommended to start in the second half of 2023.

WORK RULES COMMITTEE REPORT

Motion (IV) was made by Mr. Derby, seconded by Mr. Steeves, and unanimously carried by the Board to approve via roll call to adopt the amendments made in Work Rules 5.1(c) as shown below:

5.1(c) Containerships with a draft of 45' or more shall be a Double Up unless it is a movement from Cape Henry or Cape Charles to Annapolis or Annapolis to Cape Henry or Cape Charles.

PILOT-IN-TRAINING (PIT) SELECTION COMMITTEE REPORT - NONE

QUALIFICATION COMMITTEE REPORT - NONE

On behalf of the Qualifications Committee, Capt. Nielsen recommended the following pilots for license upgrades:

<u>Unlimited License</u>	<u>40' Draught Pilot</u>	<u>36' Draught Pilot</u>	<u>32' Draught Pilot</u>
Cromwell, Scott Hudgins, Kyle	Trieber, Gregory	Arey, Timothy Leach, Christopher Nastasi, Nicholas Scott, Harry	Fink, Kevin Traut, John

Motion (V) was made by Chair Steeves, seconded by Capt. Hanna, and unanimously carried by the Board to approve nine (9) pilots as recommended by the Qualifications Committee.

CORRESPONDENCE - NONE

NEW BUSINESS

Chair Steeves addressed the Cellphone Policy Statement for potential implementation as regulation or work rules referencing Marine Safety Advisory 01-10 (Distracted Operation) issued by the United States Coast Guard. Capt. Nielsen stated that the Association supports this policy as it formalizes the practice that all other Maryland pilots follow as stated by Pilot 2 in the Coast Guard's investigation report.

Chair Steeves said that this is an important topic that absolutely needs to be addressed and needs the Board's determination. He gave the Board an option either to discuss it at the next board meeting or address it in this meeting to finalize it.

Commissioner Morgan suggested that a copy of the policy be forwarded to MD Pilots Association members for their comments for future promulgation.

Capt. Nielsen strongly recommended that this policy be approved at this meeting and shared with the Association pilots afterward. He also suggested that the Board may discuss putting it into regulations and statutes at an upcoming Board meeting.

Motion (VI) was made by Chair Steeves and seconded by Capt. Nielsen and unanimously carried by the Board to approve via roll call to formally adopt the Policy Statement regarding inappropriate use of cellular telephones and other devices (“cellular devices”) while piloting vessels. Chair Steeves acknowledged the presence of the media and other attendees and announced that Incident Report 02-BP-22 regards MV Ever Forward which has been settled. Any concerned parties may contact Mr. Joseph Farren, Chief Strategy Officer, Media Relations for this Department for additional information.

OLD BUSINESS - NONE

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT

Mr. Thomas reported that the office of the Department of Labor, Occupational & Professional Licensing Department will be relocating to 100 South Charles, Baltimore, MD 21201 within 12 to 18 months from this date.

ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting is scheduled for **March 24, 2023, Friday 10:30 am**

There being no further business to discuss, Motion (VII) was made by Chair Steeves, seconded by Capt. Reagoso, and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 11:49 a.m.

(Signature on File)

01-16-2023

Alexander Sandy Steeves, Esq., Chairman

Date