

Board of Pilot Commissioners for the Bays of San Francisco, San Pablo and Suisun

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AD HOC WORKING GROUP ON TRAINEE RECRUITMENT

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MINUTES

9:30 a.m.

The Board of Pilot Commissioners Ad Hoc Working Group on Trainee Recruitment met on September 6, 2012, at 9:30 a.m. at the Board of Pilot Commissioners office, 660 Davis Street, San Francisco, California. In attendance were Committee Chairman Barbara Price, presiding, with Committee members Commissioner Wainwright, Commissioner Cronin, and San Francisco Bar Pilot (SFBP) Capt. William Lemke. Staff members present were Executive Director Allen Garfinkle, and Staff Services Analyst Kelly Dolcini and Office Technician Sigrid Hjelle. Members of the public present were SFBP Captains Long, Ridens, and Robinson.

Open session:

1. Call to Order and Roll Call.

Chairman Price called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. All members of the Committee were present, constituting a quorum.

2. Reading and approval of minutes from February 28, 2011

Chairman Price noted that Commissioner Wainwright was the only Committee member present at the meeting from which the minutes were produced, therefore the minutes were simply acknowledged. There was no vote to approve them.

3. Review related correspondence.

There was no related correspondence.

4. Review history of changes in Board regulations concerning entry into the training program and existing threshold requirements for entry into the training program.

Commissioner Wainwright, having been on the Committee the longest, took the lead in explaining the history of the regulations up to the present. He reported that the SFBP has an internal ad hoc Committee that is also looking into the matter of trainee selection. Captains Long and Ridens were in the audience to represent the SFBP committee in case there were questions.

5. Review and discuss changes to threshold requirements recommended by SFBP Committees. Draft regulations consistent with changes. Possible Committee action to recommend changes to full Board. Possible Committee action to recommend to full Board to assign changes to the Rules and Regulation Committee for formal rulemaking.

The committee reviewed the proposals drafted by the SFBP and voted on them in order:

- a. Proposal one – Reduction of Offshore Command Requirement.
Commissioner Cronin moved to approve proposal one and Captain Lemke seconded the motion, which passed unanimously on a voice vote.
- b. Proposal two – Increase required experience for entry with 1600 ton license.
Captain Lemke moved to approve Proposal two. Commissioner Cronin seconded the motion, which passed on a voice vote.
- c. Proposal three – Strike “second in command” from entry requirements
Commissioner Cronin moved to approve Proposal three and Commissioner Wainwright seconded the motion, which passed on a voice vote.
- d. Proposal four – Specify “documentation” in sec. 213(e)(3) to mean either USCG discharge or an affidavit attesting to and accompanying an experience report.
After a discussion of proposal four, Commissioner Cronin moved to approve it. Commissioner Wainwright seconded the motion, which passed on a voice vote.
- e. Proposal six – Strike “engaged in ship assist”, from sec. 213(3)(b), insert “not less than 99 gross tons.” The Committee discussed the proposal at length and was unable to agree on the language and will revisit the item at the next meeting.

6. Public Comment on Matters not on the Agenda.

San Francisco Bar Pilot Captain Eric Robinson, who was in the audience, spoke up about providing more opportunities for maritime professionals to become pilots, specifically allowing unlimited licensed chief mates an opportunity as well as mariners currently working as pilots in other ports. Committee members noted that the issue was important enough to be added to the next agenda for further discussion.

7. Proposals for Additions to Next Month's Agenda.

In addition to the proposal to provide more opportunities for maritime professionals to become pilots, Committee members would like to see agenda items addressing the need to further document military command time as “sea time” and to evaluate minimum age requirements for entry into the trainee training program.

8. Adjournment

The Committee adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Allen Garfinkle".

Allen Garfinkle
Executive Director