

PEC Chairman's Report to the BOPC
August 27, 2020

The Pilot Evaluation Committee met on August 19, the members present were Captains Haggerty, Robinson, Slack, Wehr and myself. At the request of the committee, Captain Garfinkle initially joined the meeting so we could discuss an overview of this past month. In closed session, all trainees were individually interviewed and counseled on their progress in the training program.

The eight current trainees include Adams, Benedict, Deisher, Murney, Nelson, Rogers, Stevens and Weber. Their range of time in the program span from 1 to 19 months. Stevens and Nelson each have the full unlimited Coast Guard pilotage endorsement on their federal licenses. Stevens, is presently in evaluation stage and is handling vessels as much as possible along with the occasional observation trip to watch a licensed pilot perform their duties. Nelson is presently on a 30 day leave of absence from the program as granted by the Executive Director. Adams, Benedict, Deisher, Murney and Rogers are in the final stages of acquiring route trips and are handling vessels in areas where they meet the present requirements to do so. The newest trainee, Weber, started the program on August 5 with an orientation followed by a shipboard assignment. He is presently only observing as he becomes familiar with the training program. These six are in a holding pattern with testing for federal pilotage routes while the Coast Guard has suspended testing during the present pandemic situation. There is still no date as to when testing will resume with the Coast Guard, however, discussions are underway at the state and federal level for developing a solution for the resumption of testing. All individuals are meeting the recommended benchmarks in the training program and are progressing at their own rates.

The next PEC meeting is scheduled for September 16, 2020 at 0730 at this office.

I have no action to take on agenda item B.

Agenda item C:

A motion was made to recommend issuance of a certificate of completion for trainee David Burchard.

The motion failed, with a vote of one in favor, four against.

There will be a written explanation developed and provided to the Board, as well as David Burchard, setting forth the basis for the committee's decision not to recommend issuance of a certificate of completion.

Respectfully submitted, Captain Steve Teague