

PEC Chairman's Report to the BOPC
September 24, 2020

The Pilot Evaluation Committee met on September 16, 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 seven current trainees include Adams, Benedict, Deisher, Murney, Rogers, Stevens and Weber. Brett Nelson is presently on a 2 month leave of absence as granted by the Board. The trainees range of time in the program span from 2 to 20 months. Stevens has the full unlimited Coast Guard pilotage endorsement on his federal license and is presently in evaluation stage. He is handling vessels as much as possible along with the occasional observation trip to watch a licensed pilot perform their duties. 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. Weber is presently observing and starting to partially handle vessels as he becomes more familiar with the training program. Several of these six, those who had previous approval, have resumed testing for pilotage routes with the Coast Guard. This has been accomplished thru a cooperative effort of individuals at the federal, state and private levels. PEC would like to thank everyone involved in making this happen. All trainees are meeting the recommended benchmarks in the training program and are progressing at their own rates.

The next PEC meeting is scheduled for October 14, 2020 at 0730 at this office.

I have no action to take on agenda items B or C.

Agenda item D:

PEC continues to develop the written statement, which will be provided to the Board, explaining the determination to not recommend David Burchard be granted a certificate of completion from the Pilot Trainee Training Program. We are keeping the Executive Director informed of our status and will notify this office when the statement is completed.

Respectfully submitted, Captain Steve Teague