The Pilot Evaluation Committee met on January 20, 2021 at which time it completed a final assessment of whether trainee Matt Stevens has successfully completed all elements of subsection 214 (c) and (h) of Title 7, CA Code and Regulations, which are the training requirements in the Board's regulation. The committee has unanimously agreed in this matter and has authorized me to present this recommendation to the Board today.

Trainee Performance under Title 7, 214(c) and (h):

Matt lives in Martinez and graduated from the California Maritime Academy in 2004. He initially worked offshore aboard tankers, container ships, cruise vessels and Alaska ferries before transitioning to harbor tugs on San Francisco Bay. He last sailed as a captain for Bay Delta Maritime for 11 years immediately prior to starting the training program. Matt's wife currently works as an occupational therapist. Matt entered the training program on January 15, 2019. To date, he has a total of 724 training jobs with the San Francisco Bar Pilots. 181 jobs were as observer, 543 jobs were handled or partially handled, directing the navigation and control of vessels under the direct supervision of a San Francisco Bar Pilot.

He has worked extensively with the PEC, acquiring 151 PEC rides, 34 of which were in the previous 90 days. As required by regulation, he has maintained an average score over 4.0 in each of the last 3 months with PEC members, resulting in a 3 month average score of 4.24.

The committee used detailed trip reports and personal observation to insure he demonstrated a working knowledge of the fundamentals of ship handling in each of the categories listed in subsection 214(c) and (h) of Title 7, CA Code and Regulations, and has demonstrated the skills and knowledge necessary to become a Board licensed pilot. It is the unanimous decision of the Pilot Evaluation Committee that Matt Stevens has completed the pilot trainee training program.

On behalf of the Pilot Evaluation Committee, I would like to recommend to the Board that Matt Stevens be issued a Certificate of Successful Completion of the Board's Pilot Trainee Training Program effective today January 28, 2021.