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PEC Chairman's Report to the BOPC
August 24th, 2023

The Pilot Evaluation Committee met on August 16th 2023. The members present were Captains Bridgeman, Ruff, Slack, Wehr and myself.

Agenda item A:

The four active trainees include Burns, Meyer, Olmsted and Pascucci. The trainee's range of time in the program span from 16 months to 34 months.

All trainees have First Class Pilotage endorsement for unlimited tonnage upon San Francisco Bay issued by the Coast Guard on their federal license's. All trainees are handling in all areas.

Trainee's Burns, Olmsted and Pascucci are in the evaluation stage of training.

In closed session, all trainees were individually interviewed and counseled on their progress in the training program. All of the trainees are progressing at their own rates.

The next PEC meeting is scheduled for September 13th 2023 at 0730 in this office.

Agenda Item A

No action

Agenda Item B

No action

Agenda item C:

See Attached

Agenda item D:

Executive Director Allen Garfinkle

Respectfully submitted,
Captain Eric Robinson

The Pilot Evaluation Committee met on August 16th 2023 at which time it completed a final assessment of whether trainees Matthew Burns and Jim Pascucci have 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 on this matter and has authorized me to present this recommendation to the Board today.

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

Captain Mathew Burns began his career at the California Maritime Academy after high school at the age of 18.

After graduating from CMA Mathew set out working aboard oceanographic research vessels for Scripps Institution of Oceanography. Over the next two years he would visit ports around the Pacific Rim working as an AB and Mate.

Mathew then went to work aboard a containership for MM&P. Following his discharge he was offered a 3rd Mate position aboard a high-speed catamaran ferry based in Okinawa, Japan.

This ship was chartered exclusively to provide transportation for the US Marine Corps, moving the Marines, vehicles and gear all over the Far East. The ship's operating tempo was fast and the days were busy. Mathew would stay with that company, Seaward Services Inc., for the next 15 years, working his way up the ranks to Master.

Mathew was given the opportunity to Captain a new passenger and vehicle ferry service between Nova Scotia and Maine. He sailed as Master there, as well as with the operation in the Far East, until the BOPC and the SF Bar Pilots Association invited him to begin the training program late in 2021.

Now his adventures take him back to the San Francisco Bay, where his career began. He looks forward to working on familiar waters close to my home and family. After receiving his first command Mathew knew he needed to set his sights on the next and final step, becoming a San Francisco Bar Pilot.

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

Captain Jim Pascucci took the first steps toward a professional maritime career by enrolling at CMA in 2006. Jim spent most of his 20's working as a sailing instructor and in boat-maintenance at a local sailing school. After graduating CMA in 2010, he went to work on harbor tugs here in the Bay, first with AmNav and then at Foss. Jim worked his way up to Captain and looks back fondly on his time on tugs.

The last two years as a trainee have been a blur. Moving from tug Captain to ship-handler and Pilot was the hardest thing he's done in his life. Jim is extremely gratified to have gone through that process and he's eager to start the next chapter of his life, as a San Francisco Bar Pilot.

Mathew and Jim are grateful for the time, knowledge, and wisdom every member of the San Francisco Bar Pilots and staff shared with him throughout his training.

Mathew has worked extensively with the PEC, acquiring 130 PEC rides, 25 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 4.28. Mathew maintained an average of 30.8 jobs per month with a total of 669 jobs completed during training.

Jim has worked extensively with the PEC, acquiring 121 PEC rides, 26 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 4.37. Jim maintained an average of 28.2 jobs per month with a total of 775 jobs completed during training.

The committee used detailed trip reports and personal observation to insure they 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 have demonstrated the skills and knowledge necessary to become Board licensed pilots. It is the unanimous decision of the Pilot Evaluation Committee that Mathew Burns and Jim Pascucci have completed the pilot trainee training program. On behalf of the Pilot Evaluation Committee, I would like to recommend to the Board that Mathew and Jim be issued Certificate's of Successful Completion of the Board's Pilot Trainee Training Program effective today August 24th 2023.