

Board of Pilot Commissioners

for the Bays of San Francisco, San Pablo, and Suisun
660 Davis Street, San Francisco, CA 94111

Phone: (415) 397-2253 | Email: bopc@bopc.ca.gov | Website: www.bopc.ca.gov



NOTICE OF MEETING

February 14, 2025

The Board of Pilot Commissioners for the Bays of San Francisco, San Pablo, and Suisun (Board or BOPC) will conduct a public meeting on **Thursday, February 27, 2025, at 9:30 a.m.** Items of business scheduled for the meeting are listed on the attached agenda.* There may be recesses at the discretion of the Chairperson.

Members of the public may participate in this meeting in person or via telephone.

Location:

Board of Pilot Commissioners
660 Davis Street
San Francisco, California 94111

To participate via telephone please use:

888-808-6929

Access Code:
4310981#

There will be an opportunity for public comments on all agenda and non-agenda items at the outset of the open session. There will also be an opportunity for public comment during the presentation of each

agenda item, and on non-agenda items at the end of the meeting. Meeting documents will be available on the Board's website listed below.

This meeting is accessible to the physically disabled. A person who needs a disability-related accommodation or modification to participate in the meeting should call the Board office at (415) 397-2253 or write to the Board at the above address or email address. Providing your request at least five (5) business days before the meeting will help ensure availability of the requested accommodation.

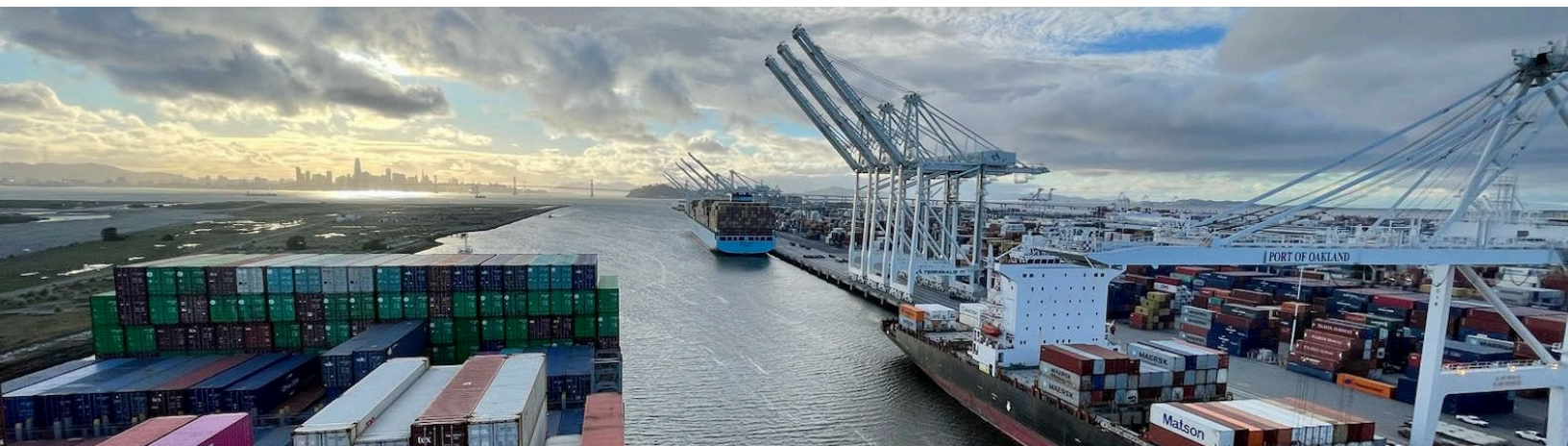
BOARD OF PILOT COMMISSIONERS

Allen Garfinkle, Executive Director

This notice and agenda may also be found on the Board's website
www.bopc.ca.gov.



* Order of business is approximate and subject to change.



SUSTAINING CALIFORNIA'S ECONOMY: Board-licensed pilots guide ships carrying billions of dollars of cargo through some of the most challenging waterways in North America.

PHOTO CREDIT: San Francisco Bar Pilots Association

**Board of Pilot Commissioners
for the Bays of San Francisco, San Pablo, and Suisun
Board Meeting
Thursday, February 27, 2025, at 9:30 a.m.**

MEETING AGENDA

OPEN MEETING

1. Call to Order and Roll Call (President Tynan)
2. Public comment on matters on the agenda or not on the agenda.
3. Review and approval of Board meeting minutes from the meeting held on January 23, 2025.
(President Tynan)

Possible Board action to approve the minutes from the Board meeting held on January 23, 2025.

4. President Announcements and Activities (President Tynan)
5. Board Member Announcements and Activities (Board Members)
6. Directors' Report (Executive Director Garfinkle/Assistant Director Millspaugh)
 - A) Correspondence and activities since the Board meeting held on January 23, 2025.
 - B) Report on pilot licensing matters since the Board meeting held on January 23, 2025.
 - C) Report on Board surcharges.
 - D) Report of pension fiduciary.
 - E) Report on legislative activities and contractual matters.
7. Port Agent's Report (Port Agent Carlier)
 - A) Monthly report on San Francisco Bar Pilots' (SFBP) pilot availability and absences.
 - B) Monthly report on SFBP ship piloting business activity.
 - C) Monthly confidential written report of licensed pilots who have been Absent for Medical Reasons (AFMR). **The Board may go into closed session to discuss the contents of the Port Agent's confidential report and other relevant confidential medical information, as authorized by Harbors and Navigation Code (HNC) section 1157.1.**
8. Pilot Evaluation Committee (Committee Chair Captain Ruff)

- A) Report on the Pilot Evaluation Committee (PEC) meeting held on February 19, 2025.
- B) Discussion and possible PEC recommendation to increase pilot trainee stipends. The stipend is currently set at \$8,000/per month/per/trainee.

Possible Board action to increase the stipend, currently set at \$8,000 a month/per trainee.

- C) Possible PEC recommendation to place one or more Pilot Trainee Training Program trainees on probation or dismiss one or more trainees from the program.

Possible Board action to place one or more Pilot Trainee Training Program trainees on or off probation or dismiss one or more trainees from the program.

- D) Possible PEC recommendation as to whether a trainee has, or trainees have successfully completed the Pilot Trainee Training Program.

Possible Board action to award a Certificate of Completion to a trainee who has completed the Pilot Trainee Training Program.

- E) Possible recommendation from the Executive Director for the Board to issue a state pilot license to a trainee who holds a Certificate of Completion from the Pilot Trainee Training Program.

Possible Board action to accept a recommendation from the Executive Director that a trainee holding a Certificate of Completion from the Pilot Trainee Training Program be licensed as a state-licensed pilot, and issue said state license.

- 9. Reported Safety Standard Violations (Executive Director Garfinkle) (Reported safety standard violations occurring up to the start of the meeting will be included.)

- 10. Incident Review Committee (IRC) —Reportable Piloting Events (Executive Director Garfinkle/Vice President Hayes-White) (Reportable piloting events occurring up to the start of the meeting will be reported on.)

- A) Progress report on IRC report regarding the September 25, 2024, event involving the bulk carrier Motor Vessel (M/V) KONA TRADER which made unintended contact with the pier in the Port of Stockton.

IRC request and Board action on an extension to present the IRC report at the next monthly Board meeting.

- B) Progress report on IRC report regarding the October 14, 2024, event involving the Motor Tanker (M/T) PLATANOS which made unintended contact with the pier at Shell Martinez.

IRC request and Board action on an extension to present the IRC report at the next monthly Board meeting.

11. Ad Hoc Committee to Review the Pilot Trainee Training Program Selection Exam (Committee Chair Captain Carr)

Report on the February 20, 2025, Ad Hoc Committee to Review the Pilot Trainee Training Program Selection Exam meeting.

12. Finance Committee (Commissioner Rodriguez)

A) Report on the Finance Committee meeting held on February 11, 2025.

B) Finance Committee recommendations to the Board on the following Board surcharges:

- i. To adjust or not adjust the Board Operations Surcharge rate (currently at 5.75% of all pilotage fees), and the revenues, expenditures, and reserve balance.

Possible Board action to adjust the Board Operations Surcharge rate.

- ii. To adjust or not adjust the Pilot Continuing Education Surcharge rate (currently at \$45 per move).

Possible Board action to adjust the Pilot Continuing Education Surcharge rate.

- iii. To adjust or not adjust the Trainee Training Surcharge rate (currently \$20/trainee/move).

Possible Board action to adjust the Pilot Trainee Training Surcharge rate.

- iv. To adjust or not adjust the Pilot Boat Surcharge rate (currently at \$0.021 per gross registered ton).

Possible Board action to adjust the Pilot Boat Surcharge rate.

13. Discussion regarding the status of the Pilot Boat Regulations package. (Executive Director Garfinkle)

14. Discussion regarding the Pilot Boat Program and the status of the next pilot boat build. (Captain Anne McIntyre)

15. Status report on the Board's Information Technology Modernization Project (ITMP) (Assistant Director Millspaugh/Gartner Inc.)

16. Stakeholders' report on subjects that may be of interest to the Board, including reports on shipping activity regionally and within the Board's jurisdiction (Mike Jacob, Pacific Merchant Shipping Association (PMSA)/Captain Anne McIntyre, SFBP)

17. Discussion regarding the contract for Surcharge Collection, Pilot Education and Pilot Trainee Training between the SFBP and the Board, and issues related to reimbursement of the SFBP by the Board. Captain McIntyre)

18. Presentation and discussion of a request for a disability pension by licensee Captain Steven Teague (Executive Director Garfinkle)

Presentation and discussion of disability pension request by licensee Captain Steven Teague. Possible Board deliberation and findings on:

- A) Whether Captain Teague is disabled within the meaning of Harbors and Navigation Code section 1164(b). In this context, “disabled” means “a disability of permanent or extended and uncertain duration, as determined by the board, based on competent medical opinion.”
- B) If the Board determines that Captain Teague is disabled as defined in section 1164(b) and unable to perform the duties of a pilot, the Board must determine the date that the disability became permanent (or of extended and uncertain duration), and Captain Teague was unable to perform the duties of a pilot.

Possible Board action determining whether Captain Teague is disabled within the meaning of Harbors and Navigation Code section 1164(b) and unable to perform the duties of a pilot, and the date that the disability became of a permanent or extended and uncertain duration and Captain Teague was unable to perform the duties of a pilot.

The Board may go into Closed Session to discuss Captain Teague’s confidential medical reports as authorized by Harbors and Navigation Code section 1157.1.

19. Closed session for the Board to confer with legal counsel regarding potential significant exposure to litigation against the Board involving an inactive licensee. (Board Counsel)

The Board is authorized to discuss this matter in a closed session pursuant to the Open Meeting Act, Government Code section 11126, subdivisions (e)(1) and (e)(2)(B).

20. Performance Evaluation of the Executive Director (President Tynan)

The Board will conduct the annual performance evaluation of Executive Director. The Board may go into closed session pursuant to 11126(a)(1) of the Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act to discuss the evaluation.

21. Proposals for the next Board meeting agenda. (President Tynan)

- A) Discussion regarding the need to reschedule the March 27, 2025 Board meeting to a new date due to multiple scheduling conflicts.

Possible Board action to adjust the Board meeting schedule.

B) Discussion regarding agenda items to include in the next Board meeting.

22. Comment by public and Board members on matters not on the agenda.

23. Adjournment



To access this document and the Board of Pilot Commissioners' website on your mobile device, please scan the Quick Response (QR) code with your phone's camera. This QR code gives you access the documents on the go, directly from your device.