

PEC (Pilot Evaluation Committee) Chairman's Report to BOPC (Board of Pilot Commissioners)

July 16, 2025

Item A:

The Pilot Evaluation Committee met on Wednesday July 16, 2025. The members present were Captains Wher, Slack, Stultz and Ruff. At 0730 we started our open session with Captain Garfinkle joining us. Items discussed, psychometrician company, Dainus (sp) seems to be the lead company to help with 2026 exam. Budget for training including testing and when to bring in the next and last trainee on this current list. Open session completed 0745, PEC moved into smaller room for the closed sessions. There are currently four trainees in the program, Captains Gallo, Johnson & Johnston and Thinger. Their time in the program ranges from eight to twenty-three months. Captains Gallo and Johnson have completed all their first-class pilotage requirements and are developing the craft of pilotage on the San Francisco Bay. Captain Thinger is nearly done with only the two river sections and the section outside the Golden Gate Bridge. Captain Johnston continues as before studying for pilotage. Those riding ship are observing, part handling and handling under the direct supervision of a licensed San Francisco Bar Pilot. In closed session, the three trainees riding ships were counseled on their progress. Time was spent addressing any specific issues for each apprentice. As of today three apprentices are meeting the recommended benchmarks and are progressing at their own pace.

Agenda Item B:

As stated last month, PEC recommends Captain Johnstons dismissal from training program.

Agenda Item C: no recommendation.

Agenda Item D: no recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,

Captain Paul Ruff

PEC Chairman