

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

January 14, 2026

The Pilot Evaluation Committee met on Wednesday, January 14th at 0730, in this office. The members present were Captains Wehr Stultz, Bridgman, and Ruff. From 0730 to 0800, Captain Garfinkle joined us in open session.

- we discussed new PEC trainee cards and digital format.

-time for test development

-application acceptance and cut off dates.

At 0800 open session completed, we moved to the small room for closed sessions.

Agenda Item A:

There are four trainees including Captains Gallo, Johnson, Thinger, and Roberts. The trainees' time in the program ranges from 5 months to 29 months. They are observing, part handling and handling under the direct supervision of a licensed San Francisco Bar Pilot. Captains Gallo, Johnson, and Thinger have completed all testing for first class pilotage and continue learning the fine art of piloting. Captain Gallo has completed her second month in eval status with one more to go. We are very encouraged to see her continue to polish her skills. Captain Roberts has completed his preliminary, limited tonnage testing and will be sitting for his first First Class Pilotage exam, today, and we wish him luck. In individual closed session meetings, trainees talked about issues and or difficulties encountered, and the committee came up with strategies to help in their training. The next PEC meeting is scheduled for February 18th, 2026, at 0730, in this office.

Agenda item B: Probation or dismissal

No action currently

Agenda item C: Completing training program

No action currently

Respectfully given Captain Paul Ruff