

# Board of Pilot Commissioners

for the Bays of San Francisco, San Pablo, and Suisun  
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## NOTICE OF MEETING

February 13, 2026

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 26, 2026, 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 Board.

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

### Location:

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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, or in the Board's office for public inspection.

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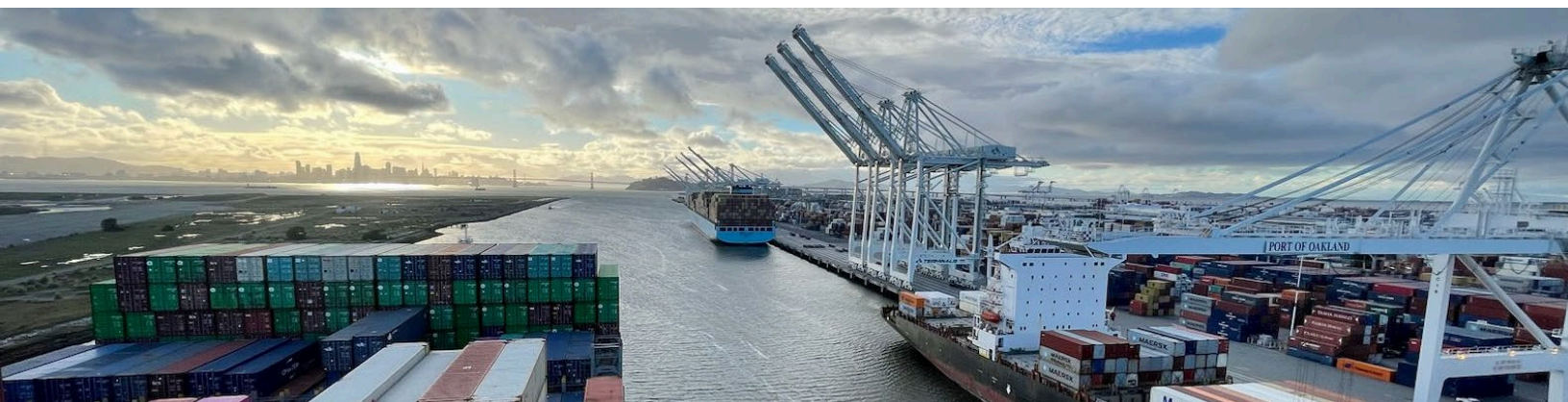
BOARD OF PILOT COMMISSIONERS

Allen Garfinkle, Executive Director

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- \* Order of business is approximate and subject to change.
- \*\* When Incident Review Committee (IRC) reports are presented, only written public comment, submitted to the IRC prior to the meeting, may be considered for the corresponding agenda item.



**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.

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Board Meeting  
Thursday, February 26, 2026, at 9:30 a.m.  
MEETING AGENDA**

**OPEN MEETING**

1. Call to Order and Roll Call. (President Tynan)
2. Public comments on matters on the agenda or not on the agenda.
3. Review and approval of Board meeting minutes. (President Tynan)  
**Possible Board action to approve the minutes from the Board meeting held on January 15, 2026.**
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 15, 2026.
  - B) Report on pilot licensing matters since the Board meeting held on January 15, 2026.
  - 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) Port Agent updates, including: a list of pilots who have been Absent for Medical Reasons (AFMR) and any Minimum Rest Period (MRP) exceptions, SFBP Fatigue Risk Mitigation Report, SFBP Pilot Boat Report, and vessel moves.
  - 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 confidential contents of the Port Agent's report and other relevant confidential medical information, as authorized by Harbors and Navigation Code (HNC) section 1157.1.**
8. Pilot Evaluation Committee. (Committee Chair Ruff)
  - A) Report on the Pilot Evaluation Committee (PEC) meeting held on February 18, 2026.
  - B) Possible PEC recommendation to place one or more Pilot Trainee Training Program trainees on probation, and/or suspend 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, and/or suspend or dismiss one or more trainees from the program.**  
**The Board may go into closed session to discuss any confidential portions of the Committee Chair's report and/or other relevant confidential personal information of a pilot or trainee, as authorized by HNC section 1157.1.**
  - C) 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 or trainees who has/have completed the Pilot Trainee Training Program.**

D) Possible recommendation from the Executive Director for the Board to issue a state pilot license to a trainee or trainees who hold a Certificate of Completion from the Pilot Trainee Training Program.

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

E) Possible PEC recommendation regarding amendments to the text of California Code of Regulations (CCR) section 214(f) to extend the pilot trainee probation period beyond one year, by a set period.

**Possible Board action on the PEC's recommendation to the Board to amend CCR § 214(f) to extend the pilot trainee probation period beyond one year, by a set period.**

9. Reported Safety Standard Violations. (Executive Director Garfinkle)

(Reported safety standard violations occurring up to the start of the meeting will be included.)

10. Reported Piloting Events from the Incident Review Committee (IRC).

(Executive Director Garfinkle/Vice President Hayes-White)

(Reportable piloting events occurring up to the start of the meeting will be included.)

11. Discussion regarding IRC reporting process and responses to Capt. Carr's October 29, 2025 letter. (Executive Director Garfinkle/Vice President Hayes-White)

12. Review and discussion of Board staff report on a Consumer Price Index calculation, and consideration of a potential percentage increase to the target monthly pension amount received by retired pilots and other recipients of pension benefits from the San Francisco Bar Pilot Pension Plan pursuant to Harbors and Navigation Code Section 1167 to be effective April 1, 2026. (Executive Director Garfinkle/Assistant Director Millspaugh)

**Possible Board action to approve a percentage increase to the target monthly pension benefits received by retired pilots and other recipients of pension benefits from the San Francisco Bar Pilot Pension Plan pursuant to Harbors and Navigation Code Section 1167, to be effective April 1, 2026.**

13. Status report on the Board's Information Technology Modernization Project (ITMP).

(Assistant Director Millspaugh)

14. Finance Committee. (Commissioner Rodriguez, Assistant Director Millspaugh)

A) Board staff presentation on Board Financial Overview and Shipping Activity for Fiscal Year 2024-25 (Assistant Director Millspaugh).

B) Report on the Finance Committee meeting held on February 10, 2026 (Commissioner Rodriguez).

C) Finance Committee recommendations to the Board on the following Board surcharges (Commissioner Rodriguez):

a. ITMP funding options, including but not limited to, ITMP expenditure reimbursement updated to reimburse Board Operation by the Trainee Training, Pension, and Pilot Boat funds proportionate to each program's share of ITMP solution implementation and maintenance costs.

**Possible Board action related to ITMP cost reimbursement.**

b. To adjust or not adjust the Board Operations Surcharge rate (currently at 6.50% of all pilotage fees).

**Possible Board action to adjust the Board Operations Surcharge rate.**

- c. 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.**

- d. 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.**

To adjust or not adjust the Pilot Boat Surcharge rate (currently at \$0.020 per gross registered ton).

**Possible Board action to adjust the Pilot Boat Surcharge rate.**

- 15. Discussion of Harbors and Navigation Code (HNC) sections 1198 and 1110, regarding indemnification of pilots and pilot trainees and piloting jurisdiction. (President Tynan/Board Counsel Tuck)

**Possible Board action regarding potential changes to HNC sections 1198 and/or 1110 pertaining to indemnification of pilot and pilot trainees, and piloting jurisdiction.**

- 16. Discussion of recommended revisions to the Board's mission statement. (Commissioner William Benedict)

**Possible Board action to revise the Board's mission statement.**

- 17. Stakeholders' report on subjects that may be of interest to the Board, including reports on shipping activity regionally and within the Board's jurisdiction, and the status of the next pilot build.

(Mike Jacob, Pacific Merchant Shipping Association (PMSA)/Captain Anne McIntyre, SFBP)

- 18. Update and discussion regarding the status of 2026 Pilot Trainee Program Exam. (Commissioner Robert Carr and Assistant Director Millspaugh)

- 19. Closed session for the Board to confer with legal counsel regarding potential significant exposure to litigation against the Board involving a former licensee. (Board Counsel Tuck)

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

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

- 21. Comments by public and Board Members on matters not on the agenda.

- 22. Adjournment.



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