

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

May 20th, 2026

Agenda Item A:

The Pilot Evaluation Committee met on Wednesday, April 15th at 0730, in this office. The members present were Captains Wehr, Stultz, Slack, Bridgman, and Ruff. From 0730 to 0800, Captain Garfinkle joined us in open session.

- Number of candidates, so far.
- Sim and written test progress

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

There are three trainees including Captains Johnson, Thinger, and Roberts. The trainees' time in the program ranges from 9 months to 28 months. They are observing, part handling and handling under the direct supervision of a licensed San Francisco Bar Pilot. Captains Johnson, and Thinger have completed all testing for first class pilotage and continue learning the fine art of piloting. Captain Johnson is improving his pilotage skills. Captain Thinger successfully completed second month in Eval status and if all goes well could be licensed next month, not jinxing it by saying it. Captain Roberts is continuing his FCP testing now that funding has been found for the REC as well as keeping his job average up. In individual closed session meetings, trainees talked about issues and or difficulties encountered, and the committee attempted to come up with strategies to help in advancing their training.

Agenda item B: Probation or dismissal

No action currently

Agenda item C: Completing training program

No action currently

Agenda item D:

No action currently

In open session,

- Public or committee member comments not on agenda. There were none.
- The next meeting will be held here on June 17th at 0730
- At 1030, meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully given Captain Paul Ruff