

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

August 19th, 2026

Agenda Item A:

The Pilot Evaluation Committee met on Wednesday, August 19th at 0730, in this office.

1. The meeting was called to order and roll taken. The members present were Captains Stultz, Slack and Ruff. From 0730 to 0745, Captain Garfinkle joined us in open session.

2. The committee approved the minutes from the last meeting

3. Public or committee member comments on matters on the agenda or not on the agenda.

- Brief discussion about sim exams the previous week and how many were on the list. The distinct probability of another exam cycle in two years.

4. Discuss Pilot trainee Training Program administration and potential changes towards improvement of the program. There was nothing.

5. Discuss correspondence received since last committee meeting.

- Trainee Johnsons resignation from training.

- The relationship between BOPC and SFBP, re the training program. It would be nice if PEC has Train the Trainer certification training at a minimum, possibly the whole of SFBP pilot members.

- When the list for new training candidates is approved, it would be good to start two immediately and a second pair a couple months later, before the end of the year, if possible. No pressure

At 0745 open session completed, we moved to the small room for closed sessions.

6. Review Pilot Trainee Training Program pilot trainee evaluation cards and monthly progress reports.

There is one trainee left in the program, Captain Roberts. His time in the program is 11.8 months. He is observing, part handling and handling under the direct supervision of a licensed San Francisco Bar Pilot. Captain Roberts is continuing his FCP testing and riding ships in between. Last month he had two sections remaining, since then he has taken both sections and has passed Sacramento and we should find out in the next week about how Stockton went. He took the Stockton exam at his 12 month mark, with a nearly 200-day government shutdown, it is pretty impressive that he was able to meet the recommended benchmark for this metric.

7. In individual closed session meetings, he talked about issues and or difficulties encountered, and the committee attempted to come up with strategies to help in advancing his training.

8. Develop recommendations to the board to place one or more Pilot Trainee Training trainees on probation. There are none.

9. Develop recommendation to the Board to issue a Pilot Trainee Training Program certificate of completion to one or more trainees, if warranted. There are none.

10. Vote on recommendations developed in closed session, if any. Possible Committee vote on any recommendations to the Board, developed in closed session, on any issue, including to place one or more Pilot trainee Training Program trainees on probation, dismiss one or more trainees from the program, and/or to issue a Pilot Trainee Training Program certificate of completion to one or more trainees. No recommended actions need to be taken.

11. Public or committee member comments not on agenda. There were none.

12. The next meeting will be held here on September 16th at 0730.

13. At 0845, meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully given Captain Paul Ruff