

APPROVED MINUTES
RHODE ISLAND STATE PILOTAGE COMMISSION MEETING
November 12, 2015
held at 235 Promenade Street, Room 250
Providence, Rhode Island 02908

<u>MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:</u>	<u>OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:</u>
Capt. E. Howard McVay Jr., Chair Capt. Peter Fritz, Member Frank Floor, Member Larry Mouradjian, Member	Atty. Gary Powers, Legal Counsel , RIPC Sean Bogus, President, NEMP Paul Costabile, Ex. Director, NEMP

I. REVIEW OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

Quorum being present, the Chair called the meeting to order at approximately 9:30 a.m.

II. OLD BUSINESS

- 1) Regulation Review: The Chair stated that Commissioner Larry Mouradjian signed the “filing form” for the commission. Atty. Powers then delivered the amended regulations to the Secretary of State’s office. Atty. Powers stated that he provided a “true and attest copy for the Commission files.
- 2) Advisory Form Update: The Chair advised that the commissioners all approved the advisory forms and were sent out to all the pilots.
- 3) State Pilot Report: The chair emailed the State Pilot Board report to the Commissioners (*filed with commission files*). Member Peter Fritz stated that he has not met Capt.’s Harper and Crombie yet. The Chair said he will schedule both to come to a Commission meeting. Member Larry Mouradjian made a motion to support Probationary Pilot Capt. Gray to unlimited tonnage. Member Peter Fritz seconded the motion. Voted 3-0 in favor.
- 4) Raven Equipment: Chair McVay advised that Member Frank Floor has the Raven equipment and that the IT staff will attend training. Once they attend the training, Raven will issue both trainees a certificate.
- 5) Fatigue Update: Chair McVay told the commissioners that he emailed them a copy of Atty. Powers’ response to the NTSB letter dated June 24.

Capt. Bogus advised that he attended the APA Conference (*American Pilots Association*) in September. One of the topics of discussion was how pilot fatigue can effectively be regulated. He elaborated that in addition to state policy being unacceptable by the NTSB, they also found that the pilot’s internal rules to be unsatisfactory. The commissioners and Northeast Pilots continued discussions.

The Chair advised that Capt. Bogus and Capt. Costabile met with shipping agents (*Geoff & Page and Moran Shipping*) regarding the current regulations. Capt. Bogus said that the agents

had comments and disagreed on some of the notifications and cancellation parts of the regulations. Both Capt. Bogus and Capt. Costabile tried to settle some of the differences with the agents without compromising fatigue prevention. The commissioners and Northeast Pilots then discussed making changes to those rules.

The Pilots said that they would like to attend a future meeting with the Commissioners and make an informal proposal to amend rules overseeing pilot fatigue and penalties.

- 6) Communications: Letter from Capt. Astles.

II. NEW BUSINESS

No new business.

III. ADJOURNMENT

Member Larry Mouradjian made a motion for the meeting to adjourn. Member Frank Floor seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at approximately 11:30a.m.

IV. NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

Next schedule meeting will be Thursday, December 3, 2015 beginning at approximately 9:30am at the Dept. of Environmental Management, Division of Law Enforcement, 235 Promenade Street, Rm. 250, Providence, RI 02908.