

**Meeting Minutes**  
**Board of River Port Pilot Commissioners**

August 2, 2023, 2:00 pm  
2728 Athania Pkwy  
Metairie, LA 70002

1. Meeting called to order at 2:40 pm
2. In Attendance: Capt. Mark Delesdernier III, Capt. Jack Anderson, Capt. David Renegar, Michael Delesdernier (Executive Director), and Mary Delesdernier (Executive Staff)
3. June meeting minutes approved with two changes.
4. No Public Comments
5. Apprentice Training
  - Reviewed apprenticeship to date
  - Set dates for apprentice training at MPI
  - Reviewed the 2022-23 Apprentice Class training critique responses
  - Discussed need for mentor training
  - Suggested that when current apprentice class starts evaluations, that each apprentice ride with their mentor once a month.
6. Executive Session
  - Report on New Notices to Commissioners
    - 7/10/23 – Unit 44 – Lesvos – Bump and Go (no tugs) - Discussed and determined to be non-issue and will be placed in the hold for one year file.
    - 7/28/23 – Unit 62 – Seletar Spirit – Wake Damage - Discussed and determined to be non-issue and will be placed in the hold for one year file.
  - 7/4/23 Incident at Algiers Locks – Reviewed incident and determined no reason to open investigation.
  - Report on Current Investigations
    - 5/25/23 – Unit 54 – Lambert Maru – Allision – Report given
    - 1/29/23 – Unit 24 – Star Lysefjord – Findings and Conclusions signed and will be sent to pilot and filed
    - 1/21/23 – Unit 95 – MV Genco Magic - Pilot completed peer review and the report will be placed in the pilot's file

- Report on Pilot Compliance
    - Report given on Continuing Education
    - Report given on Licenses and Physicals
  - Reviewed disposition of two year-old Notices to Commissioners. All determined to be non-issues.
7. Executive Director Report – No report this month.
8. Committee Reports
- Safe Navigation – No report this month
  - Professional Development – Executive Director gave report on progress of development of a one-day tug seminar. Next planning meeting is on 8/3/23.
9. Report on regulation changes –
- Regulation change was submitted to Board of Review’s July meeting.
  - It was moved by Capt. Anderson to enact the attached changes to education (see attachment). The motion was seconded by Capt. Renegar. The matter was discussed amongst the commissioners. The vote was 3-0 to approve the changes.
10. Review the 3 updated policies as recommended by Pharos – Moved to next meeting.
11. New Business – Executive Director proposed question of whether the commission will host a 20-hour seminar with commission topics in 2024. Decision made to not host a seminar in 2024 but to wait until next continuing education cycle which starts in 2025.
12. Meeting adjourned at 4:30 pm.

## **BRPPC Current Regulation**

### **§3205. Education Qualifications**

A. In addition to the requirements described herein, the Applicant must have a bachelor's degree or diploma granted by a college or university accredited by one of the regional accreditation agencies recognized by the United States Department of Education for the accreditation of degree- granting institutions of higher education.

B. Applicants shall document the aforementioned requirements by providing the board with an official transcript of the mandatory educational requirements.

## Proposed Regulation

### **§3205. Education Qualifications**

A. The pilot apprentice applicant shall be a graduate from either The U.S. Merchant Marine Academy (deck curriculum), The U. S. Coast Guard Academy and qualified as officer-in-charge of a navigational watch, The U.S. Naval Academy and qualified as officer-in-charge of a navigational watch, The Great Lakes Maritime Academy (deck curriculum) or any other maritime academy approved by and conducted under rules prescribed by the Federal Maritime Administrator and listed at Title 46, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 310. Additionally, each applicant must have held one of the licenses described in §3203. A.1, A.2.a, or A.2.b for a period of one year prior to December 31st of the year the application is submitted to become an apprentice candidate. or

B. Applicants shall document the aforementioned requirements by providing the board with an official transcript of the mandatory educational requirements.

### Effective Date

The effective date of the amendments to 3205 is December 31, 2025. Any applicant who has been certified as an “Apprentice Candidate” for the year 2026 have satisfied the “Education and Service” requirements prescribed in 3205 in future apprentice application processes.