



## BOARD OF EXAMINERS

*New Orleans and Baton Rouge Steamship Pilots for the Mississippi River*

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*Commissioner*

### **SEPTEMBER 25, 2023, QUARTERLY MEETING MINUTES**

#### **1. Call to Order**

The quarterly meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. by President Casey Clayton.

#### **2. Roll Call**

Roll call was taken. Board members present were President Casey Clayton, Captain Lee Jackson, and Captain Kevin Alario.

Also present were Ralph Wall and Jeff Pastorek.

#### **3. Adoption of Minutes**

Captain Jackson made a motion to approve the June 27, 2023, Quarterly Meeting Minutes; Captain Alario seconded. The motion was approved with all Examiners voting in favor.

#### **4. General Session**

##### **a. Update and Discussion: USCG Annual Physicals and Medical Certificates**

Discussion: There was discussion about medical certificates and the changes in the law. Capt. Clayton explained that she wanted to bring it to the examiners' attention because of potential conflicts between the different rules. There was discussion about potentially sending clarifying information to the membership about the changes in the law and multiple different expiration dates that potentially apply. For now, to avoid potentially creating confusion with a mass communication to the membership, the examiners will continue to respond to inquiries for clarification as they come in individually.

b. Discussion: Continuing Education

Discussion: Capt. Clayton continued the discussion of information previously provided as well as summaries relative to a set of schools nationally and internationally that provide continuing education to pilots. Some of the international facilities are manned-model focused schools. Because there is currently not a formal, published list of approved schools, Capt. Clayton explained that the goal is to create a list of approved schools, as set forth in the BOE's rules, by the end of the year. The list would include approved schools inside and outside of the United States that can be provided to the NOBRA membership as additional options to use to fulfill the pilot's continuing education.

Comments were provided by the public about other facilities in the United States and internationally that could be considered as well.

c. Discussion: Greater New Orleans Port Safety Council (GNOPSC)

Discussion: Capt. Alario discussed his experience of recently attending the GNOPSC meeting. Discussion among the examiners about the purpose of GNOPSC, future presentations by the organization, and suggestions about future efforts to open communication between the Board and the GNOPSC

## 5. Executive Session

Captain Clayton made a motion to go into executive session pursuant to La. R.S. 42:16 and 42:17(A)(1), (4), and (10) to discuss the below items; Seconded by Captain Alario. A member of the public made a comment/objection prior to the Board going into executive session about the fact that the agenda lists two litigation matters. The motion to go into executive session was approved with all Examiners voting in favor.

- a. Individual Pilot Reviews
- b. Incidents Pending before the Board
- c. Existing Litigation Update
  - i. Ted Davisson v. Board of Examiners, et al., 24<sup>th</sup> JDC, Case No. 823705, Div. "C"
  - ii. Jeremy Smith v. Board of Examiners, et al., 24<sup>th</sup> JDC, Case No. 825241, Div. "G"
- d. Return to Regular Session

Captain Alario made a motion to return to regular session; seconded by Captain

Clayton. The motion was approved with all Examiners voting in favor.

## **6. Any Necessary Votes Arising from Executive Session**

Captain Clayton made a motion to close the following incidents, subject to a change in circumstances or new information given to the board about the incidents: (incidents are identified by vessel name and date of incident)

1. Jalma Topic; July 12, 2021
2. MV Torvanger; March 16, 2022
3. Thor Monadic; March 30, 2022
4. Darya Sati; April 10, 2022
5. Genco Auvergne; April 16, 2022
6. Chem Ranger; April 28, 2022
7. Iris Bliss; May 1, 2022
8. Interlink Sagacity; May 12, 2022
9. Aeolian Fortune; May 24, 2022
10. Chem Polaris; June 17, 2022
11. Stolt Sea; July 23, 2022
12. Ultra Dedication; September 6, 2022
13. Zennoh Grain Pegasus; September 14, 2022
14. Bright Gemini; September 23, 2022
15. Ultra Incahusai; September 24, 2022

The motion was seconded by Captain Alario. The motion was approved with all Examiners voting in favor.

## **7. Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn meeting by Captain Jackson; seconded by Captain Clayton. The motion was approved with all Examiners voting in favor. Meeting adjourned at 2:10 p.m.