

# Board of Louisiana River Pilot Review & Oversight

Minutes of the Board of Louisiana River Pilot Review & Oversight Meeting  
October 16, 2008

Location: Offices of the New Orleans – Baton Rouge Steamship Pilots Association  
2804 Harvard Ave., Metairie, La. 70006

## **Board Members Present:**

Judge Richard J. Ganucheau – Chairman  
Judge Charles V. Cusimano  
Judge Richard Garvey  
Captain Jack H. Anderson  
Captain Kelvin J. Boston  
Captain Charles P. Steinmuller  
Captain Brett A. Palmer  
Mr. Bruce Bradley  
Mr. R. Michael Lyons

## **Also Present:**

Richard Sherburne – MRG – Attorney  
Chris Barbier – MRG – Legal Assistant

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. by Chairman Ganucheau.

## **Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes**

(Transcript of Meeting, p. 4)

The minutes from the Board's September 16, 2008 meeting were approved.

## **Board Budget – Reimbursement to the Bar Pilots for Legal Fees Paid for the Confection and Modification of Rules and Regulations Adopted by the Board**

(Transcript of Meeting, p. 15-36)

It was resolved to reimburse the Bar Pilots for legal fees associated with the drafting and modification of the Rules and Regulations of the Board of Louisiana River Pilots Review & Oversight in the amount of \$48,121.79. Mr. Bradley is recorded as abstaining from the vote.

**Board Budget – FY2009-2010**

(Transcript of Meeting, p. 70)

It was resolved that the Board’s budget for FY2009-2010 shall be as follows:

Budget 2009-2010	
The Board of Louisiana River Pilot Review and Oversight	
Fees and Expenses of Counsel, Counsel Staff	\$65,000
CPA/Financial Services	10,000
Investigator	10,000
Retired Judges’ (3) Per Diem (Est. 28 days)	12,600
Retired Judges’ (3) Travel and Miscellaneous Expenses	7,500
Court Reporter	20,000
Copy, Postage, Printing Expense	2,000
Printing of Rules of Practice and Procedure	2,500
Retired Judges’ (3) Parking Expenses (Est. 28 days)	840
Cell Phone Expense (Chairman)	600
Fees Payable to Bar Pilots for Re-Imbursement of Fees for Drafting and Revising of Board Rules	<u>48,121.79</u>
Sub-Total of Expenses	\$179,161.79
Reserve for Contingency	17,916.18
Total Estimated Annual Budget	\$197,077.97

**Ratification of Middleberg, Riddle & Gianna Contract for Legal Services**

(Transcript of Meeting, p. 83)

It was resolved that the Middleberg, Riddle & Gianna contract for legal services was ratified and approved.

**Cost of Promulgation of the Board’s Rules and Regulations**

(Transcript of Meeting, p. 83-85)

Mr. Sherburne reported that the approximate cost of promulgation of the Board’s Rules and Regulations is \$1500.

### **Authorization of Bill Payments**

(Transcript of Meeting, p. 109)

It was resolved that the Board's chairman shall have the authority to approve payment of bills up to \$2500 after circulating the bill to all board members via electronic mail. If any board member objects to the payment of such a bill within 10 calendar days, the bill will not be paid until considered at the next board meeting.

### **Judge's Per Diem Statement**

(Transcript of Meeting, p. 111)

It was resolved that the judges that are entitled to per diem payments shall present a statement for payment of those on a quarterly basis.

### **Discussion with Members of the State Legislature on Behalf of the Board**

(Transcript of Meeting, p. 118)

It was resolved that Judge Cusimano will approach members of the State Legislature for help with Board funding issues.

### **Next Meeting Date**

(Transcript of Meeting, p. 125)

The next meeting of the Board was tentatively set for December 10, 2008 at 10:30 a.m.

### **Adjournment**

(Transcript of Meeting, p. 127)

The meeting was adjourned at 12:31 p.m. by Chairman Ganucheau.

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Judge Richard Garvey, Secretary