

**BOARD FOR BRANCH PILOTS MEETING
MINUTES**

The Virginia Board for Branch Pilots met on Wednesday, March 13, 2013, at the Virginia Port Authority, 600 World Trade Center, Norfolk, Virginia, with the following members present:

Captain Robert H. Callis, III
Captain Milton B. Edmunds
Thomas P. Host, III
Christine N. Piersall
Meade G. Stone, Jr.

Board members Charles R. Amory, Jr., Captain J. William Cofer, Patrick B. McDermott and Captain John A. Morgan, Jr. were not present for the meeting.

Staff present for the meeting was:

Kathleen R. (Kate) Nobsch, Executive Director

There was no representative from the Office of the Attorney General present.

Finding a quorum of the Board present, Mr. Stone, President, called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m.

Call to Order

Mr. Host moved to approve the agenda. Ms. Piersall seconded the motion which was unanimously approved by Messrs., Mme. and Captains: Callis, Edmunds, Host, Piersall and Stone.

**Approval of
Agenda**

Captain Callis moved to approve the minutes from the February 1, 2013, board meeting. Ms. Piersall seconded the motion which was unanimously approved by Messrs., Mme. and Captains: Callis, Edmunds, Host, Piersall and Stone.

**Approval of
Minutes**

There were no public comments.

**Public Comment
Period**

Captain Callis provided the Board with a report of the examinations conducted by the Examination Administrators on March 13, 2013. The following report was made:

**Exam
Administrators
Report**

Joseph M. Schacherer III

Joseph M. Schacherer III answered oral questions related to the raise in grade. The subjects included: safe anchoring positions in Lynnhaven and Sewell's Point, anchoring deep loaded vessels, inner harbor transits, proper positioning of towboats in special situations, usage of the deep water route, traffic management, timed arrivals and safe vessel speed. Captain

Schacherer stood a good examination and was found to be qualified. Captain Callis moved that Captain Schacherer be raised from a Foxtrot classification (46,000 gross tons and 40 feet maximum draft) to a Golf classification (55,000 gross tons and 42 feet maximum draft). Mr. Host seconded the motion which was unanimously approved by Messrs., Mme. and Captains: Callis, Edmunds, Host, Piersall and Stone.

Ms. Nobsch relayed a message from Director Dixon, sending his regards.

Other Business

Conflict of Interest forms and travel vouchers were completed by all members present.

Conflict of Interest Forms

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:34 a.m.

Adjourn

Meade G. Stone, Jr., President

Gordon N. Dixon, Secretary