

Minutes of the Board for Branch Pilots
Examining Committee
March 15, 2019

The Examining Committee met at 8:00 AM in the Virginia Port Authority conference room, 600 World Trade Center, Norfolk, VA.

Committee members present were: Board for Branch Pilots President Christine N. Piersall, Capt. Robert H. Callis, III, Capt. J. William Cofer, Capt. J. W. Whiting Chisman, III and Capt. E. Waightstill Avery.

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 AM.

The purpose of the meeting was to examine:

Ryan Robert Nienstedt for a raise in grade from a Delta classification (44,000 gross tons and 35 feet maximum draft) to an Echo classification (52,000 gross tons and 37 feet maximum draft).

Timothy Delaney Oksman for a raise in grade from a Delta classification (44,000 gross tons and 35 feet maximum draft) to an Echo classification (52,000 gross tons and 37 feet maximum draft).

Richard Austin Lyons for a raise in grade from a Delta classification (44,000 gross tons and 35 feet maximum draft) to an Echo classification (52,000 gross tons and 37 feet maximum draft).

Ryan Robert Nienstedt answered oral questions related to the raise in grade. The subjects included safe anchoring positions in Lynnhaven, Cape Charles and Sewell's Point, safe anchoring procedures, effects of wind on light draft vessels, under-keel clearance, reduced visibility, hazards of marine construction and dredging, port security and safe vessel speed.

Timothy Delaney Oksman answered oral questions related to the raise in grade. The subjects included safe anchoring positions in Lynnhaven, Cape Charles and Sewell's Point, safe anchoring procedures, effects of wind on light draft vessels, under-keel clearance, reduced visibility, hazards of marine construction and dredging, port security and safe vessel speed.

Richard Austin Lyons answered oral questions related to the raise in grade. The subjects included safe anchoring positions in Lynnhaven, Cape Charles and Sewell's Point, safe anchoring procedures, effects of wind on light draft vessels, under-keel clearance, reduced visibility, hazards of marine construction and dredging, port security and safe vessel speed.

The Examining Committee adjourned at 10:40AM.

After considering the results of the examination, the Examining Committee recommends Ryan Robert Nienstedt for a raise in grade from a Delta classification (44,000 gross tons and 35 feet maximum draft) to an Echo classification (52,000 gross tons and 37 feet maximum draft).

After considering the results of the examination, the Examining Committee recommends Timothy Delaney Oksman for a raise in grade from a Delta classification (44,000 gross tons and 35 feet maximum draft) to an Echo classification (52,000 gross tons and 37 feet maximum draft).

After considering the results of the examination, the Examining Committee recommends Richard Austin Lyons for a raise in grade from a Delta classification (44,000 gross tons and 35 feet maximum draft) to an Echo classification (52,000 gross tons and 37 feet maximum draft).

Respectfully submitted,

Capt. Robert H. Callis, III