

BOARD FOR BRANCH PILOTS
Cell Phone Usage Committee
Tentative MEETING AGENDA
April 3, 2023 at 11:00 p.m.
VPA Board Room
Norfolk, Virginia

1. Call to Order
2. Safety Evacuation Instructions
3. Approval of Agenda
4. Public Comment Period*
5. Cell Phone Usage Draft Language
6. Other Business
7. Conflict of Interest Forms / Travel Vouchers
8. Adjourn

*Five minute public comment, per person, with the exception of any open disciplinary or application files. See page two for instructions on providing public comment.

***The meeting is open to the public; however, a portion of the Board's business may be discussed in closed session pursuant to Va. Code § 2.2-3711(A)(8).*

NEXT BOARD MEETING SCHEDULED FOR JUNE 12, 2023 AT 10:30 A.M.

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- **Call to Order**
- **Safety Evacuation Instructions**
- **Public Comment**

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Policy Statement of the Virginia Board for Branch Pilots

The Virginia Board for Branch Pilots (“the Board”) is aware of the potential risks associated with the inappropriate use of cellular telephones and other devices (“cellular devices”) in the maritime environment and therefore announces the following policy regarding the non-operational use of cellular devices by licensed pilots while performing pilotage duties aboard a vessel underway on the navigable waters of the Commonwealth of Virginia.

It is the policy of the Board that a licensed pilot should, while providing pilotage services:

- (1) Limit communications by cellular telephone, text, or email to navigational, operational, maritime safety, national security, or other professional purposes;
- (2) Keep all cellular communications – whether verbal, by text, or by email – to a minimum, both in quantity and duration.

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