

**Regulatory Review Committee of the
BOARD FOR BRANCH PILOTS MEETING
MINUTES**

The Regulatory Review Committee of the Virginia Board for Branch Pilots met on April 3, 2023, at the Virginia Port Authority, 600 World Trade Center, Norfolk, Virginia, with the following members present:

Captain E. Waightstill Avery
Captain J.W. Whiting Chisman, III
Michael W. Coleman

Staff present for all, or part of the meeting were:

Stephen Kirschner, LRPD Deputy Director
Kathleen R. Nosbisch, Executive Director
Bonnie Davis, Regulatory Operation Administrator

Elizabeth Peay was not present from the Office of the Attorney General with regrets.

Finding a quorum of the Board present, Captain Chisman, Vice President, **Call to Order**
called the meeting to order at 12:20 p.m.

Ms. Nosbisch advised the Board of the emergency evacuation procedures. **Safety
Evacuation
Instructions**

Captain Chisman requested an amendment to the agenda to include the election of a Chair to the committee. Captain Avery moved to approve the amended agenda. Mr. Coleman seconded the motion which was unanimously approved by Messrs., Mme., and Captains: Avery, Chisman, and Coleman. **Approval of
Agenda**

Captain Chisman opened the floor for nominations for Chair to the Regulatory Review Committee. Captain Avery nominated Mr. Coleman as Chair. Mr. Coleman accepted the nomination. Captain Chisman seconded the motion. As there were no other nominations from the floor, Captain Chisman closed the nominations. Mr. Coleman was approved Chair of the Committee by: Messrs. and Captains: Avery, Chisman, and Coleman. **Election of Chair**

There was no public comment. **Public Comment
Period**

Mr. Coleman asked Ms. Nosbisch to summarize the regulatory review process and the responsibilities of the Committee. Ms. Nosbisch provided a summary of the regulatory review process. Captain Chisman requested the Committee also review the statutes to suggest updates to the General Assembly. A discussion took place regarding the Governor's directive of 25% reduction in **Regulations of
the Board for
Branch Pilots**

regulations burden. Ms. Nosbisch stated that if there is a federal requirement, then the requirement is not necessary in the regulations. A discussion took place regarding the distinction between federal regulation and state regulation of pilotage, the jurisdiction of the Commonwealth over pilotage within the waterways of the Commonwealth, the need for distinct state regulations to ensure public safety and waterborne commerce, and the experience required to become a branch pilot.. The Committee reviewed the statutes and regulations. The Committee agreed to meet again on May 22, 2023 at 11:00 a.m.

There was no other business.

Other Business

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

Conflict of Interest Forms and Travel Vouchers

The meeting adjourned at 3:22 p.m.

Adjourn

Michael Coleman, Chair

Demetrios Melis, Secretary