

Minutes of the Board for Branch Pilots
Examining Committee
September 14, 2022

The Examining Committee met at 8:30 AM in the Virginia Port Authority conference room, 600 World Trade Center, Norfolk, VA.

Committee members present: Capt. Robert H. Callis III, Capt. J. W. Whiting Chisman III, Capt. E. Waightstill Avery, and Capt. January N. Collins.

Apprentice Committee Chairman and James River Pilot Capt. Chase A. Huffman

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 AM

The purpose of the meeting was to examine:

Ryan R. Nienstedt for an extension of route from City Point to Richmond upon the James River.

Richard A. Lyons for an extension of route from City Point to Richmond upon the James River.

Timothy D. Oksman for an extension of route from City Point to Richmond upon the James River.

Ryan R. Nienstedt answered oral questions related to the extension of route. The subjects included courses and distances, channel depths upon the upper James River, characteristics of the river regarding vessel placement approaching turns, usage of turning basins, local traffic, desired meeting positions, pier and dock descriptions, safe anchoring positions, safe anchoring methods in a narrow channel, bridge and power cable clearances, adverse weather conditions including freshets, and safe vessel speed.

Richard A. Lyons answered oral questions related to the extension of route. The subjects included courses and distances, channel depths upon the upper James River, characteristics of the river regarding vessel placement approaching turns, usage of turning basins, local traffic, desired meeting positions, pier and dock descriptions, safe anchoring positions, safe anchoring methods in a narrow channel, bridge and power cable clearances, adverse weather conditions including freshets, and safe vessel speed.

Timothy D. Oksman answered oral questions related to the extension of route. The subjects included courses and distances, channel depths upon the upper James River, characteristics of the river regarding vessel placement approaching turns, usage of turning basins, local traffic, desired meeting positions, pier and dock descriptions, safe anchoring positions, safe anchoring methods in a narrow channel, bridge and power cable clearances, adverse weather conditions including freshets, and safe vessel speed.

After considering the results of the examination, the Examining Committee recommends Ryan R. Nienstedt for an extension of route from City Point to Richmond upon the James River. This change of license will take effect when he presents his Federal First Class Pilot Endorsement to the Board for Branch Pilots.

After considering the results of the examination, the Examining Committee recommends Richard A. Lyons for an extension of route from City Point to Richmond upon the James River. This change of license will take effect when he presents his Federal First Class Pilot Endorsement to the Board for Branch Pilots.

After considering the results of the examination, the Examining Committee recommends Timothy D. Oksman for an extension of route from City Point to Richmond upon the James River. This change of license will take effect when he presents his Federal First Class Pilot Endorsement to the Board for Branch Pilots.

The Examining Committee adjourned at 12:15 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Capt. Robert H. Callis, III". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'C' and 'R'.

Capt. Robert H. Callis, III