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**MINUTES OF MEETING
May 4, 2022**

By authority of AS 08.01.070(2), and in compliance with the provisions of AS 44.62, Article 6, a scheduled teleconference for the Board of Marine Pilots was held May 4, 2022, originating from 333 Willoughby Ave., 9th Floor, Conference Room C, Juneau, Alaska.

Call to Order/Roll Call

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Curtis Thayer, at 10:03 a.m. Those present, constituting a quorum of the Board were:

Curtis Thayer
Richard Harris
Captain Edward Sinclair
Lucas Hasenbank
Les Cronk
Joe Tougas

Present throughout the meeting from the Department of Commerce, Community and Economic Development, Division of Corporations, Business and Professional Licensing, were:
Renee Hoffard, Marine Pilot Coordinator

Visitors present included:

Jenni Zielinski, Southwest Alaska Pilots Association (SWAPA)
Jessi Le, Southeast Alaska Pilots Association (SEAPA)
Captain James Cunningham, Southwest Alaska Pilots Association (SWAPA)
Captain Doug Strum, Southeast Alaska Pilots Association (SEAPA)
Captain Ian Maury, Southwest Alaska Pilots Association (SWAPA)
Captain Nick Garay, Alaska Marine Pilots (AMP)

Tom Rueter, Alaska Maritime
Lalanya Downs, Cruise Lines International Association Alaska
LCDR Hadley Owen (NOAA Coast Survey)
1 unidentified caller joined the call over the course of the meeting.

Agenda Item 2 – Review Agenda

Upon a motion duly made by Les Cronk, seconded by Captain Edward Sinclair, and approved unanimously via roll call, it was resolved to approve the agenda as written.

Agenda Item 3 – Review of public comments -Regulation amendments

The Board received one (1) written comment in support of the proposed amendment to 12 AAC 56.080 from Captain Frank Didier of SEAPA.

Agenda Item 4 – Regulation Amendment 12 AAC 56.080

The Board reviewed the proposed change to 12 AAC 56.080 that was public noticed. The proposed language amends the regulatory requirements for renewal of biennial licenses for Deputy Marine Pilots and Marine Pilots. It was noted that the regulatory citation in the public notice was for 12 AAC 56.082(c) when in fact it should have been 12 AAC 56.080 (c).

Upon a motion duly made by Les Cronk, seconded by Captain Edward Sinclair, and approved unanimously via roll call, it was:

**RESOLVED to adopt the proposed amendment to 12 AAC 56.080 as follows:
Amend 12 AAC 56.080 to add (i) During a public health emergency, natural disaster, or other regional or statewide crisis prohibiting licensees in one or more regions from completing the requirements of 12 AAC 56.080(c), the board may adopt alternative standards for compliance with this section.**

Agenda Item 5 – Regional Standards for Compliance

The board reviewed standards proposed by each regional association as alternative standards for compliance with 12 ACC 56.080 as adopted by the board at this meeting.

AMP; Pilots must provide proof of 60 days piloting a vessel subject to AS 08.62 and/or 60 familiarization trips on vessels subject to AS 08.62 in any port of Western Alaska Region (Region 3).

SWAPA; Pilots must provide proof of a combination of 30 days

- working as a master or pilot on an enrolled vessel or as a pilot on a vessel subject to AS 08.62
- as an observer on an enrolled vessel or vessel subject to AS 08.62
 - successfully perform five dockings and five undockings including at least one docking and undocking in each of the three areas; Cook Inlet, Kodiak Island Group and Prince William Sound

- for a pilot with a VLCC endorsement, successfully perform five dockings and undockings on tankers at the Valdez oil terminal, with at least two dockings and undockings being on VLCC vessels.

SEAPA; A pilot shall perform

- on vessels of 1,000 gross tones or tug and tows exceeding 1,000 combined gross tones that are not subject to AS 08.62, at least two round trips between Ketchikan and Skagway. Not to include transits of Peril Straits or Wrangell Narrows due to limited vessel traffic
- on vessels of 1,000 gross tons or more, one round trip or two one-way trips:
 - through Snow Pass
 - through Decision Pass
 - through North Inian Pass
 - into Sitka
 - in Gastineau Channel
 - over Tracy Arm Bar or into Endicott arm, and
 - into Glacier Bay

Upon a motion duly made by Les Cronk, seconded by Joe Tougas, and approved unanimously via roll call, it was:

RESOLVED to approve the alternative standards as proposed by each respective regional association for the 2022 license renewal application.

Agenda Item 6 – Candidate Interview; Executive Session

Upon a motion duly made by Captain Edward Sinclair, seconded by Joe Tougas, and approved unanimously, it was:

RESOLVED to enter into executive session for the purpose of the candidate interview for Captain Nick Garay of AMP; discussing matters subjects that tend to prejudice the reputation and character of any person, provided the person may request a public discussion. Board staff and Captain Garay to remain during the session.

Off record at 10:28 am

Back on record at 10:37 am

No actions were taken during executive session.

Upon a motion duly made by Captain Edward Sinclair, seconded by Joe Tougas, and approved unanimously via roll call, it was:

RESOLVED to approve the Deputy Marine Pilot license for Captain Nick Garay, Badge number 236. The license will be issued for vessels of 50 KGT in Region 2 with the exception of St. Paul.

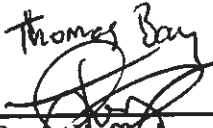
Chair Thayer requested MPC Hoffard poll the board to set the date for the meeting to be held the week of October 3 in Seward.

Upon a motion duly made by Les Cronk, seconded by Rick Harrsi, and approved unanimously, it was:

RESOLVED to adjourn the meeting.

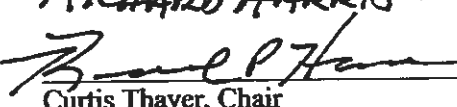
Off record at 10:45 am.

Respectfully Submitted:

Thomas Bay
 FOR

Renee Hoffard
Marine Pilot Coordinator

Approved:

Richard HARRIS
 FOR

Curtis Thayer, Chair
Alaska Board of Marine Pilots

Date: 11/30/2022