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**MARYLAND BOARD OF PILOTS  
BUSINESS MEETING (VIRTUAL)**

**DATE:** March 22, 2024

**TIME:** 10:30 am

**LOCATION:** 1100 N. Eutaw Street  
5th Floor Conference Room  
Baltimore, MD 21201

**JOINING BY:** Access Using Videoconferencing  
  
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**PRESENT:** Alexander Sandy Steeves, Esq., Chairman  
John Dove, Commissioner, Ex Officio  
Captain Eric Nielsen  
Captain John R. Kinlein  
Captain Kevin L. Hanna  
Captain Shimon D. Horowitz  
Michael R. Reagoso  
David R. Chenowith  
Michael Derby

**LABOR OFFICIALS & STAFF PRESENT:**

Zevi Thomas, Executive Director  
Matthew Venuti, Board Counsel  
Noraida Lozano, Board Administrator  
Hannah Belcher, Design Board Office Secretary

**CALL TO ORDER**

Alexander Sandy Steeves, Esq Chairman, called the Business Meeting of the Maryland Pilots Board to order at 10:36 am, virtually via <https://meet.google.com/sph-abve-cvx>, Phone # (US) +1 219-706-2288 PIN: 948 673 750#.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The Board members reviewed the minutes of the Business Meeting held on January 12, 2024. Motion (I) was made by Chair Steeves, seconded by Capt. Nielsen, and unanimously carried by the Board to approve the minutes without corrections.

## **INCIDENT COMMITTEE REPORT**

Mr. Chenowith reported the following on behalf of the Incident Committee:

**Incident # 02-BP-23** - Closed

**Incident # 02-BP-24** - Opened

## **PILOT COMPLEMENT REPORT**

Captain Nielsen reported the following:

Arrivals – Up by 4%.

Shifts – Up by 11%.

Cargo – still data from 2022

Retiring Pilots – 1 already retired and was expecting 2 more in 2024.

PIT - No PIT will start soon but could be expected in November 2024 or early next year 2025.

## **WORK RULES COMMITTEE REPORT**

Motion (II) was made by Capt. Nielsen, seconded by Chair Steeves and unanimously carried by the Board to approve the Work Rules Amendment under Decision Number (M)711. The following votes were taken via roll call and recorded.

**Kinlein - Yes**

**Hanna - Yes**

**Horowitz - Yes**

**Reagoso - Yes**

**Chenowith - Yes**

**Derby - Yes**

**Nielsen - Yes**

**Dove - Yes**

**Steeves - Yes**

## **PILOT-IN-TRAINING (PIT) SELECTION COMMITTEE REPORT**

Chair Steeves announced that Mr. Derby accepted the position as the Chair of the PIT Selection Committee to supersede him for this year's selection process. Capt. Horowitz reported that there were 32 PIT candidates chosen for interviews. The Committee will offer two (2) interview dates in May, one (1) in July, and lastly one (1) in August 2024. He also mentioned that all the information was already forwarded to Mr. Thomas for notification.

## **QUALIFICATION COMMITTEE REPORT**

Capt. Nielsen reported the following pilots for license upgrade on behalf of the Qualification Committee:

	<b>From</b>	<b>To</b>
<b>Glenn Merkel</b>	40' Limited License	Unlimited License
<b>John Traut</b>	32' Limited License	36' Limited License

Capt. Nielsen stated that Capt. John Traut's 36' Limited license will start sometime in June when he finishes his 36 roundtrips additional training with Senior Pilots and 19 days that he did not finish during his initial training.

Motion (III) was made by Chair Steeves, seconded by Mr. Chenowith, and unanimously carried by the Board to approve Qualification and other Committee Reports. The following votes were taken via roll call and recorded.

<b>Kinlein - Yes</b>	<b>Derby - Yes</b>
<b>Hanna - Yes</b>	<b>Nielsen - Yes</b>
<b>Horowitz - Yes</b>	<b>Dove - Yes</b>
<b>Reagoso - Yes</b>	<b>Steeves - Yes</b>
<b>Chenowith - Yes</b>	

After an explanation from Capt. Nielsen about the process of Vote of Confidence and a brief Board discussion, the Qualification Committee recommended that the Vote of Confidence raw data for limited and unlimited license upgrades be transmitted to the MD Board of Pilots for final determination.

As suggested by Commissioner Dove, Capt. Nielsen and Chair Steeves agreed that Mr. Venuti as the Board Counsel be involved in the process.

Motion (IV) was made by Chair Steeves, seconded by Capt. Hanna, and unanimously carried by the Board to approve that the state assumes responsibility for the process of soliciting a determination of vote of confidence for pilot upgrades from Pilot-In-training to limited licenses and unlimited licenses.

The following votes were taken via roll call and recorded.

<b>Kinlein - Yes</b>	<b>Derby - Yes</b>
<b>Hanna - Yes</b>	<b>Nielsen - Yes</b>
<b>Horowitz - Yes</b>	<b>Dove - Yes</b>
<b>Reagoso - Yes</b>	<b>Steeves - Yes</b>
<b>Chenowith - Yes</b>	

**CORRESPONDENCE - NONE**

**NEW BUSINESS - NONE**

**OLD BUSINESS - NONE**

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Mr. Thomas reported that 32 PIT candidates were selected for interview in this year's selection process and of those about 70% have already responded with their interview dates. The deadline for submission is March 29, 2024.

He also mentioned that the Maritime Institute of Technology will start providing certificates of completion for the training courses provided directly to the Board on a regular basis.

He introduced Ms. Hannah Belcher as the new Office Secretary to support the Design Board and the Board of Pilots.

## ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, Motion (V) was made by Chair Steeves, seconded by Capt. Nielsen, and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 11:09 a.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for **June 7, 2024, Friday at 10:30 am.**

(Signature on File)

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Alexander Sandy Steeves, Esq., Chairman

06/07/2024

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Date