

Minutes of Pilot Commission
Port Freeport
February 17, 2022

A Special Meeting of the Pilot Commission of Port Freeport was held February 17, 2022, beginning at 8:32 AM at the Port Freeport Administration Building, 1100 Cherry Street, Freeport, Texas.

The meeting will be conducted pursuant to Section 551.127 of the Texas Government Code titled "Videoconference Call." The quorum of the Pilot Commission, including the presiding officer, will be present at the Commissioner Meeting Room located at 1100 Cherry Street, Freeport, Texas. The public will be permitted to physically attend the meeting in person or by videoconference.

Public comment will be available at the beginning of the meeting during the agenda item devoted to public comment. Public comment may be communicated in person or by videoconference, but in either event public comment will be limited to 5 minutes per participant and must be communicated verbally. Following public comment, the public will not be permitted to communicate with the Pilot Commission.

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Commissioners present in person:

Mr. John Hoss, Chairman
Mr. Rudy Santos, Vice Chairman
Mr. Dan Croft, Secretary
Mr. Rob Giesecke, Asst. Secretary
Mr. Ravi Singhanian, Commissioner
Mr. Shane Pirtle, Commissioner

Staff Members present:

Mr. Peter Nemeth, Interim Legal Counsel
Ms. Phyllis Saathoff, Executive Director/CEO
Mr. Rob Lowe, Director of Administration/CFO
Mr. Al Durel, Director of Operations
Mr. Jason Hull, Director of Engineering

Mr. Mike Wilson, Director of Economic Development
Mr. Brandon Robertson, Network Systems Manager
Ms. Missy Bevers, Executive Assistant
Mr. Austin Seth, Operations Specialist

Also, present:

Capt. Daniel Blanton, Brazos Pilots Association
Capt. Billy Burns, Brazos Pilots Association
Capt. Matthew Krohn, Brazos Pilots Association
Capt. Sean Kelly, Brazos Pilots Association
Capt. Noah Niday, Brazos Pilots Association
Ms. Colleen Kallestad, Freeport LNG
Mr. Chris Moore, Texas Port Ministry
Mr. Greg DeLong, Enterprise
Mr. JJ Plunkett

1. CONVENE OPEN SESSION in accordance with Texas Government Code Section 551.001, et. seq., to review and consider the following:

2. Roll Call.

Commissioner Hoss noted that Commissioners were present in the Board Room.

At this time, Commissioner Hoss asked Mr. Chris Moore with Texas Port Ministry to give an invocation.

3. Public Comment.

There were no comments from the public.

4. Approval of minutes from the Special Meeting held January 13, 2022.

A motion was made by Commissioner Pirtle to approve the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Santos with all Commissioners present voting in favor of the motion.

5. Conduct a Workshop regarding proposed changes to the Basic Operating Procedures for the Freeport Harbor Channel:

A. Presentation from Brazos Pilots Association

Capt. Krohn gave a brief history on the Basic Operating Procedures with regard to waivers; when they were added, what they represent and how many waivers are currently processed to transit the Port. Capt. Krohn then gave a presentation outlining the proposed changes to the Basic Operating Procedures which captures all the current vessel traffic the Pilots handle on a regular basis under the waiver system. The proposed changes include separating the Port into Zones (1-5) which allows the Pilots to treat each type of vessel differently according to the place they are going. Under the current procedures, all vessels that are 820

ft, 145ft beam and 42 ft draft and under are inside the basic operation procedures. Proposed changes with the Zones include the following:

***Zone 1: 984ft, 170ft beam, 42ft draft
(Entrance Channel & FLNG Basin)***

- Vessels >984ft waiver required
- Night transits >820ft LOA or beam >145ft waiver required

***Zone 2: 910ft, 160ft beam, 42ft draft
(Dow & Seaway/Enterprise)***

- Vessels >910ft LOA or >160ft beam waiver required and DLR (Daylight Restricted)
- Night transit vessels >820ft LOA or >145ft beam waiver required
- SW2 (Seaway Terminal Berth 2) arrival in ballast not DLR
- Dow A14 >107ft waiver required
- No vessel in/out A14W with vessel at A8
- Tug/Barge on the wire DLR

***Zone 3: 820ft, 145ft, 42ft
(P66 and Port Freeport 6, 7 & 8 Docks)***

- No waiver required >750ft LOA or >107ft beam or >700ft & >36ft draft for night transit in/out (Waiver required >820ft LOA or >145ft beam in/out)
- Ro/Ro type vessel sail at night without waiver
- Passing rule – combined beam <275ft (78.329m) of both the moored and passing vessel day/night
- Tug/Barge on the wire DLR

***Zone 4: Docks 1, 2 & 3 – 775ft, Dock 5 660ft, 135 ft beam, 36ft draft
(BASF & Port Freeport 5, 1, 2 & 3 Docks)***

- Ro/Ro type vessel sail at night without waiver except Dock 5 is DLR
- Dock 5 >625ft LOA DLR and 2 pilots
- Tug/Barge on the wire DLR

***Zone 5: 300ft, 75ft, 14ft
Freeport Launch & all berths upriver of Freeport Launch***

- >300ft LOA or >75ft beam required a waiver and DLR
- >14ft draft requires a waiver and DLR
- Tug/Barge on the wire DLR

6. Receive update from the Lone Star Harbor Safety Committee

Ms. Colleen Kallestad with Freeport LNG gave an update on the committee stating that all is going well adding that more participation is taking place within the committee. The committee's biggest issue and/or concern at this time is recreational boater safety. The team is working with the Pilots, Houston committee and Coast Guard (possibly TP&W) for outreach on how they can educate boaters. San Jac is also putting together training programs for recreational boaters. The upcoming meeting in May will include an update from Lance Goodwin on the LNG barge/dock. The Pilots are assisting in updating a mariner's guide that is currently out of date. The NOAA Ports system is moving forward, however with the supply chain crisis, parts to complete the project are delayed. Original completion was scheduled for

May but has now been pushed to September. Ms. Kallestad noted that the Coast Guard has been doing a great job in the Port with the aids to navigation issues and having people call in if they hit something so they can get it fixed right away. They are also working with the Coast Guard Auxiliary for the boater safety to do walks along the harbor to help educate boaters. Coast Guard is also looking into some LED lights that fishermen use at Surfside, that have been a nuisance. NOAA has finished their OCS Study and is now available. The Coast Pilot (Guide to all Ports “Atlas”) is still being updated, but the charts have been completed.

7. Adjourn.

With no further business before the Commission, the meeting adjourned at 9:26 AM.