



## NOTICE OF PILOT BOARD MEETING

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The Board of Pilot Commissioners for the Port of Corpus Christi Authority (the "Pilot Board") will hold a public meeting on **Tuesday, 15 Dec 2015**, at the Portland Community Center, 2000 Billy G. Webb, Portland, Texas. The meeting will begin at 8:30 a.m.

*Persons with disabilities who plan to attend this meeting and who may need auxiliary aids or services are requested to contact Sherry DuBois at (361) 882-5633 at least 48 hours in advance so that appropriate arrangements can be made.*

*Si usted se dirige a la junta y cree que su inglés es limitado, habrá un intérprete inglés español en la reunión de la junta para ayudarle.*

The agenda for the meeting is as follows:

1. Call meeting of the Pilot Board to order and receive safety briefing and conflict of interest affidavits.
2. [Approve the minutes of the Pilot Board meeting held on 18 Aug 2015.](#)
3. Receive comments from the public. **(Each speaker will be limited to three minutes.)**
4. [Present two Aransas-Corpus Christi Pilot Work hours visual inspection reports performed 14 August 2015 and 9 Oct 2015 per Sec V of the Rules and Regulations Governing Pilots and Pilotage on the Corpus Christi Ship Channel.](#)
5. [Approve renewal of Captain Forrest Albrecht's expiring Branch Pilot's license per Texas Transportation Code Sec. 70.040. Branch Pilot's License Renewal.](#)
6. [Determine whether Deputy Branch Pilot Trip Webb is qualified to be a Branch Pilot to and from the Port of Corpus Christi and authorize the Secretary of the Pilot Board to certify such finding to the governor per Texas Transportation Code Sec. 70.036. Branch Pilot Appointment by Governor. \(Sensitive personal information withheld from public record and held in file\).](#)
7. [Determine whether Deputy Branch Pilot Steve Conway is qualified to be a Branch Pilot to and from the Port of Corpus Christi and authorize the Secretary of the Pilot Board to certify such finding to the governor per Texas Transportation Code Sec. 70.036. Branch Pilot Appointment by Governor. \(Sensitive personal information withheld from public record and held in file\).](#)
8. Adjourn the meeting.























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John P. LaRue  
Secretary: Board of Pilot Commissioners  
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Dear Mr. LaRue,

Having been raised in a Pilot family, I have been afforded the unique perspective of the rigors and rewards of a piloting career. From an early age, my intention was to one day become a harbor pilot like my father. My journey began in the fall of 2003, attending the Texas Maritime Academy at A&M Galveston. Upon graduation, I began employment with one of the premier Jones Act tanker companies; Overseas Shipholding Group. On the Overseas Luxmar, our primary port of call in the United States was Corpus Christi, TX. I was very impressed with the pilots and port facilities. I eagerly awaited our port stays in Corpus Christi. Through hard work and dedication, I was promoted quickly within OSG. I was chosen to sail on their new shuttle tanker fleet; the Overseas Chinook and Overseas Cascade. At the time of promotion to Chief Mate, I was the youngest senior officer in the fleet. Fast forward to 2013, I had finally upgraded my USCG license to the highest level possible: Unlimited Master. Shortly thereafter, I received a phone call that changed my life forever, I had been selected into the deputy training program of the Aransas-Corpus Christi Pilots.

On March 1st 2014, I began my training as a Deputy Aransas-Corpus Christi Pilot. During the first four months, I made more than 300 transits under the guidance of senior Pilots and acquired a USCG first class pilotage license. Since then, I have piloted all types and classes of vessels, starting with the smallest, then progressing to the largest. My off-channel training has included; Bridge Resource Management for Pilots, Advanced Manned-Model Ship Handling, Tractor Tug Application and Legal Aspects of Piloting.

As a State Commissioned Branch Pilot in Corpus Christi, I look forward to safeguarding the waterways of the Coastal Bend Region, while being an integral part of the Port's continued growth.

Sincerely,

  
Capt. Stephen James Conway