

Minutes of the Board for Branch Pilots
Examining Committee
June 9, 2021

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

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

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 AM.

The purpose of the meeting was to examine:

Zachary Stewart Dodson for a raise in grade from a Charlie license (38,000 gross tons and 34 feet maximum draft) to a Delta license (45,000 gross tons and 36 feet maximum draft).

Zachary Stewart Dodson answered oral questions related to the raise in grade. The subjects included safe anchoring positions in Sewell's Point, Lynnhaven and Cape Charles Anchorage, bridge clearances, under keel clearance, vessel displacement and hydrodynamic influence meeting deep draft vessels, proper monitoring and usage of VHF radio channels, security broadcasts, small boat traffic, use of auxiliary channels, port security, hazards of marine construction and dredging operations, adverse weather, and safe vessel speed.

The Examining Committee adjourned at 9:45AM.

Zachary Stewart Dodson successfully completed the oral examination with the Board for Branch Pilots Examining committee. After considering the results of the examination, the Examining Committee recommends Zachary Stewart Dodson for a raise in grade from a Charlie license (38,000 gross tons and 34 feet maximum draft) to a Delta license (45,000 gross tons and 36 feet maximum draft).

Respectfully submitted,

Capt. Robert H. Callis, III