

**BOARD FOR BRANCH PILOTS  
EXAMINING COMMITTEE  
December 10, 2025**

The Examining Committee of the Board for Branch Pilots met on Wednesday, December 10, 2025, at the Virginia Port Authority, 600 World Trade Center, Norfolk, Virginia. The members indicated below were present:

Capt. J. W. Whiting Chisman, III  
Capt. E. Waightstill Avery  
Capt. January N. Collins  
Capt. Clarence M. Young

The following captains were present and appeared before the Committee for examination:

Capt. Charles A. Huffman  
Capt. Chadwick M. Jamison  
Capt. Richard Austin Lyons  
Capt. Timothy Delaney Oksman  
Capt. William G. Saunders, Jr

Capt. Avery called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM.

Capt. Avery reviewed Emergency Evacuation procedures.

There was no public comment.

At 9:05 AM Capt. Chisman offered a motion, seconded by Capt. Young, to recess the meeting and that the committee immediately reconvene in closed meeting for the purpose of administering **Exams** as permitted by § 2.2-3711.A of the Code of Virginia.

The motion was approved by unanimous vote. Members voting yes were Capts. Avery, Collins, Chisman, and Young.

At 12:05 PM Capt. Avery read the following certification of closed session:

**WHEREAS**, the Examining Committee of the Board for Branch Pilots has convened a closed meeting on this date pursuant to an affirmative recorded vote and in accordance with the provisions of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act; and

**WHEREAS**, § 2.2-3712 of the Code of Virginia requires a certification by this Committee that such closed meeting was conducted in conformity with Virginia law;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Examining Committee of the Board for Branch Pilots hereby certifies that, to the best of each member's knowledge, (i) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements by Virginia law were

discussed in the closed meeting to which this certification resolution applies and (ii) only such public business matters as were identified in the motion convening the closed meeting were heard, discussed or considered by the committee.

**Call for the vote:**

Capt. Avery: Aye

Capt. Collins: Aye

Capt. Chisman: Aye

Capt. Young: Aye

After reconvening in open session, the Examining Committee recommended approval of Capt. William G. Saunders, Jr., Capt. Charles A. Huffman, Capt. Chadwick M. Jamison, Capt. Richard Austin Lyons, and Capt. Timothy Delaney Oksman for an extension of route from Wolf Trap Light to Smith Point Light upon the Chesapeake Bay and agreed to present a report at the Board for Branch Pilots' September 11, 2025 Board Meeting for Board approval.

Being no further business, Capt. Avery adjourned the meeting at 12:10 PM.

**Respectfully submitted,**

Capt. E. Waightstill Avery