

**LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF  
PRIVATE SECURITY EXAMINERS  
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**Date:** December 13, 2023  
**Time:** 10:30 AM  
**Location:** LSBPSE Headquarters  
15703 Old Hammond Hwy.  
Baton Rouge, LA 70816

## **MINUTES**

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### **I. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Lameika Washington at 10:31 AM.

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### **II. Roll Call**

Chairperson Washington asked Julie Fisher to call the roll of the Board.

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Donny Pitts	Not Present
Ed Robinson, Vice Chairman	Not Present
Dynette Burke	Present
Jason Wilbur	Not Present
Lameika Washington, Chairwoman	Present
Ritchie Rivers	Present
Mark Leto	Present
Forrest Hise	Present

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A quorum of the Board was determined.

Also present were Executive Secretary, Carl Saizan, Jr.; Stephanie Richardson, Section Chief Compliance; Cindy Eidson, Agency Staff; Julie Fisher, Recording Secretary; Blake Arcuri, Board Attorney; Brian Lightle, Vision Quest Solutions, Inc; Ivan Gatewood, Vision Quest Solutions, Inc; Janell Rivers, Rivers Security; and Kristine Ferachi, court reporter.

Ms. Julie Fisher recorded the meeting minutes. Ms. Kristine Ferachi will be preparing a transcript of this meeting.

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### **III. Pledge of Allegiance**

Vice Chairperson Robinson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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### **IV. Public Comments/Questions**

No public comments were made.

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### **V. Review and Approve Minutes for September 27, 2023 Board Meeting**

The minutes prepared with additional information as requested in the last board meeting were discussed, and guidance from the board attorney was requested. Mr. Arcuri advised that the proposed minutes may contain too much information. Members asked questions to the attorney concerning procedures for executive sessions including who can be present, and if they should be recorded.

A motion was made to postpone the approval of the September 27, 2023 board meeting minutes until after we receive legal information on how to properly prepare minutes from the board attorney.

Motion by: Ms. Burke  
Seconded by: Mr. Leto  
Ayes: 5 Nays: 0

The motion was passed.

A motion was made to have the new board attorney provide clarification on why different executive sessions, specifically the ones held for Scott Ford and Donny Pitts, were handled differently in the past.

Motion by: Ms. Burke

Seconded by: Mr. Leto

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Ayes: 5                      Nays: 0

The motion was passed.

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**VI. Discussion of Sable Spade Asset Protection providing security for a trail ride**

Mr. Saizan provided a summary of the events around Sable Spade Asset Protection, an unlicensed company, providing security at a trail ride where a fatal shooting occurred, and the steps that have been taken since, including a cease and desist order, and a state municipal summons for operating an unlicensed security company at the event to Zachary Williams, owner of Sable Spade Asset Protection.

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**VII. Executive Session pursuant to La. R.S. 42:17(A)(4) for discussion of investigative proceedings surrounding the licensure of Vision Quest Solutions, Inc.**

A motion was made to go into Executive Session.

Motion by: Ms. Burke

Seconded by: Mr. Leto

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Ayes: 4                      Nays: 0                      Abstain: 1

Forrest Hise abstained from this vote due to a conflict of interest. He did not participate in the executive session. The motion was carried.

**Executive (Closed) Session began at 11:11 AM.**

A motion was made to come out of Executive Session.

Motion by: Ms. Burke  
Seconded by: Mr. Robinson  
Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Abstain: 1

Forrest Hise abstained from this vote due to a conflict of interest. He did not participate in the executive session. The motion was carried.

**Board Meeting (Open) Session began at 12:33 PM.**

A motion was made to await the report of the government accountability office with respect to Vision Quest Solutions, Inc or this contract prior to completion of the Executive Secretary's investigation, allowing it to be concluded, after which the licensure process can continue.

Motion by: Mr. Rivers  
Seconded by: Ms. Burke  
Ayes: 3 Nays: 1 Abstain: 1

Forrest Hise abstained from this vote due to a conflict of interest. He did not participate in the executive session. The dissenting vote was Lameika Washington. The motion was carried.

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**VIII. Executive Session pursuant to La. R.S. 42:17(A)(4) for discussion of investigative proceedings regarding allegations of misconduct – Draft of Office of State Inspector General Report, OIG Case No. 23-0007**

A motion was made to go into Executive Session.

Motion by: Ms. Burke  
Seconded by: Mr. Leto  
Ayes: 5 Nays: 0

The motion was carried.

**Executive (Closed) Session began at 12:44 PM.**

**Board Meeting (Open) Session began at 12:46 PM.**

Before the members could go into executive session, Brian Lightle and Ivan Gatewood with Vision Quest Solutions, Inc requested to be able to have some discussion with the members on account of them traveling from out of state to be at the meeting. Mr. Gatewood and Mr. Lightle presented their timeline of the license application process and bid proposal, and answered questions posed by board members during a lengthy discussion.

A motion was made to go into executive session to discuss the statements made by the representatives by Vision Quest Solutions, Inc.

Motion by:	Mr. Rivers	
Seconded by:	Mr. Leto	
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Ayes: 4	Nays: 0	Abstain: 1

Forrest Hise abstained from this vote due to a conflict of interest. He did not participate in the executive session. The motion was carried.

**Executive (Closed) Session began at 1:19 PM.**

A motion was made to come out of Executive Session.

Motion by:	Mr. Rivers	
Seconded by:	Mr. Leto	
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Ayes: 4	Nays: 0	Abstain: 1

Forrest Hise abstained from this vote due to a conflict of interest. He did not participate in the executive session. The motion was carried.

**Board Meeting (Open) Session began at 2:00 PM.**

The members and the representatives of Vision Quest Solutions, Inc engaged in more discussion when the members came out of executive session.

A motion was made to go into Executive Session for discussion of OIG Case No. 23-0007.

Motion by: Mr. Rivers  
Seconded by: Mr. Leto  
Ayes: 5 Nays: 0

The motion was carried.

**Executive (Closed) Session began at 2:14 PM.**

A motion was made to come out of Executive Session.

Motion by: Ms. Burke  
Seconded by: Mr. Robinson  
Ayes: 5 Nays: 0

The motion was carried.

**Board Meeting (Open) Session began at 2:27 PM.**

The members had a brief discussion on continuing education items for the agency staff including Open Source Intelligence to aid in investigative research.

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**IX. Adjournment**

A motion was made to adjourn.

Motion by: Ms. Washington  
Seconded by: Mr. Leto  
Ayes: 7 Nays: 0

The motion was passed.

**Chairperson Washington adjourned the meeting at 2:31 PM.**