**Louisiana State Board of Private Investigator Examiners**

**January 17, 2023 - Board Meeting Minutes**

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Lance Wallace, on Tuesday, January 17, 2023, at 9:17 am, at 7414 Perkins Rd., Suite 120, Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

**Roll Call**

Present: Lance Wallace, Paul Dugas, Maria Landry, and Tim Asmussen.

Absent: Marcal Poullard, Annette Kovac and Jonathan Mitchell

Finding a quorum present, the regular order of business began.

Mr. Wallace led the members and audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Approval of the Minutes**

**Motion:** Mr. Wallace made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 18, 2022, board meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Dugas and passed unanimously.

**Public Comments**

Mr. Wallace opened the floor for public comments. There were no public comments.

**Approval of Agency Applications**

**Motion:** Mr. Dugas made a motion to approve the agency application of **Tymoo Brown.** The motion was seconded by Mr. Asmussen. Ms. Brown was present.

**Roll Call Vote:** Mr. Asmussen – yes, Mr. Dugas – yes and Mrs.Landry – yes. The motion passed.

**Motion:** Mr. Asmussen made a motion to approve the agency application of **Guy Decou.** The motion was seconded by Mr. Dugas. Mr. Decou was present. **Roll Call Vote:** Mr. Asmussen – yes, Mr. Dugas – yes and Mrs.Landry – yes. The motion passed.

**Motion:** Mr. Asmussen made a motion to approve the agency application of **Sheila Goldston.** The motion was seconded by Mr. Dugas. Mr. Goldston was present.

**Roll Call Vote:** Mr. Asmussen – yes, Mr. Dugas – yes and Mrs.Landry – yes. The motion passed.

**Motion:** Mrs. Landry made a motion to approve the agency application of **Christopher Lee.** The motion was seconded by Mr. Wallace. Mr. Lee was not present. **Roll Call Vote:** Mr. Asmussen – yes, Mr. Dugas – yes and Mrs.Landry – yes. The motion passed.

**Motion:** Mr. Asmussen made a motion to approve the agency application of **Takenia Roberts.** The motion was seconded by Mr. Dugas. Ms. Roberts was present.

**Roll Call Vote:** Mr. Asmussen – yes, Mr. Dugas – yes and Mrs.Landry – yes. The motion passed.

**Motion:** Mr. Asmussen made a motion to deny the agency application of **Leslie Smith** for lack of three years’ experience**.** The motion was seconded by Mrs. Landry. Ms. Smith was present.

**Roll Call Vote:** Mr. Asmussen – yes, Mr. Dugas – yes and Mrs.Landry – yes. The motion passed.

**Motion:** Mr. Asmussen made a motion to defer the agency application of **Victoria Taurassi.** The motion was seconded by Mr. Dugas. Ms. Taurassi was not present.

**Roll Call Vote:** Mr. Asmussen – yes, Mr. Dugas – yes and Mrs.Landry – yes. The motion passed.

**Motion:** Mr. Asmussen made a motion to approve the agency application of **Donald White.** The motion was seconded by Mr. Dugas. Ms. Roberts was present.

**Roll Call Vote:** Mr. Asmussen – yes, Mr. Dugas – yes and Mrs.Landry – yes. The motion passed.

**Motion to Amend the Agenda**

**Motion:** Mr. Wallace made a motion to amend the agenda to go into executive session to discuss the agency application of Alex Gerhold, IV. The motion was seconded by Mr. Dugas.

**Roll Call Vote:** Mr. Asmussen – yes, Mr. Dugas – yes and Mrs.Landry – yes. The motion passed.

**Executive Session**

**Motion:** Mr. Wallace made a motion to go into executive session to discuss the agency application of Alex Gerhold, IV at 10:08 am. The motion was seconded by Mr. Dugas. **Roll Call Vote:** Mr. Asmussen – yes, Mr. Dugas – yes and Mrs.Landry – yes. The motion passed.

**Motion:** Mr. Wallace made a motion to go back into regular session at 10:19 am. The motion was seconded by Mr. Asmussen. **Roll Call Vote:** Mr. Asmussen – yes, Mr. Dugas – yes and Mrs.Landry – yes. The motion passed.

Mr. Alex Gerhold, IV withdrew his agency application.

**Agency Application Appeal**

**Motion:** Mr. Asmussen made a motion to uphold the decision to deny the agency application of **Kelly Gonzales** due to lack of three years’ experience with the last ten years**.** The motion was seconded by Mr. Dugas. Mr. Gonzales was present.

**Roll Call Vote:** Mr. Asmussen – yes, Mr. Dugas – yes and Mrs.Landry – yes. The motion passed.

**Approval of Apprentice List**

**Motion:** Mr. Wallace made a motion to approve the Apprentice applications starting with Dexter Brown and ending with Jeremy Romero. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Landry and passed unanimously.

**Approval of Individual List**

**Motion:** Mr. Wallace made a motion to approve the Individual applications starting with John Carroll and ending with Anthony Jones. The motion was seconded by Mr. Asmussen and passed unanimously.

**Approval of Journeyman List**

**Motion:** Mr. Wallace made a motion to approve the Journeyman applications starting with Kristen Theriot and ending with Shelley Simpson. The motion was seconded by Mr. Asmussen and passed unanimously.

**Executive Session**

**Motion:** Mr. Wallace made a motion to go into executive session to discuss licensing issues at 10:30 am. The motion was seconded by Mr. Dugas.

**Roll Call Vote:** Mr. Wallace – yes, Mr. Asmussen – yes, Mr. Dugas – yes and Mrs.Landry – yes. The motion passed.

**Motion:** Mr. Wallace made a motion to go back into regular session at 11:02 am. The motion was seconded by Mr. Dugas.

**Roll Call Vote:** Mr. Wallace – yes, Mr. Asmussen – yes, Mr. Dugas – yes and Mrs.Landry – yes. The motion passed.

**Financial Report**

**Motion:** Mr. Wallace made a motion to approve the financial report which was read aloud by Mr. Asmussen. The motion was seconded by Mr. Dugas and was passed unanimously.

**Motion:** Mr. Wallace made a motion to approve the professional contract of
Cardinal Accounting Services. The motion was seconded by Mr. Asmussen and was passed unanimously.

**Motion:** Mr. Wallace made a motion to approve the Audit Report. The motion was seconded by Mr. Asmussen and was passed unanimously.

**Investigatory Officer’s Report**

**Motion:** Mr. Wallace made a motion to approve the investigatory report which was read aloud by Mr. Dugas. The motion was seconded by Mr. Asmussen and was passed unanimously.

**Motion:** Mr. Wallace made a motion to approve the contract of Fletcher Community College. The motion was seconded by Mr. Asmussen and was passed unanimously.

**Motion to Amend the Agenda**

**Motion:** Mr. Wallace made a motion to amend the agenda to discuss Maria Dugas’ application to teach the 40-hour course. The motion was seconded by Mr. Asmussen.

**Roll Call Vote:** Mr. Wallace – yes, Mr. Asmussen – yes, and Mrs.Landry – yes. The motion passed.

**Motion:** Mr. Wallace made a motion to approve Maria Dugas to teach the 40-hour private investigator course. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Landry.

**Roll Call Vote:** Mr. Wallace – yes, Mr. Asmussen – yes, and Mrs.Landry – yes. The motion passed.

**Adjournment**

**Motion:** Mr. Wallace made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Asmussen. **Roll Call Vote:** Mr. Wallace – yes, Mr. Asmussen – yes, Mr. Dugas – yes, and Mrs. Landry – yes. The motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 11:07 a.m.