**Louisiana State Board of Private Investigator Examiners**

**January 30, 2024 - Board Meeting Minutes**

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Lance Wallace, on Tuesday, January 30, 2024, at 9:02 am, at 7414 Perkins Rd., Suite 120, Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

**Roll Call**

Present: Lance Wallace, Marcal Poullard, Annette Kovac, Jonathan Mitchell, Paul Dugas, Tim Asmussen, and Maria Landry.

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 September 19, 2023, board meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Poullard and passed unanimously.

**Public Comments**

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

**Approval of Agency Applications**

**Motion:** Mr. Wallace made a motion to approve the agency application of **Gregory Alphonso.** The motion was seconded by Mrs. Kovac. Mr. Alphonso was present.

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

**Motion:** Mr. Wallace made a motion to approve the agency application of **William Ard.** The motion was seconded by Mrs. Kovac. Mr. Ard was present.

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

**Motion:** Mr. Wallace made a motion to approve the agency application of **Robert Gaspard.** The motion was seconded by Mrs. Kovac. Mr. Gaspard was present. **Roll Call Vote:** Mr. Poullard – yes, Mrs. Kovac – yes, Mr. Mitchell - yes, Mr. Dugas – yes, Mr. Asmussen – yes, and Mrs. Landry – yes. The motion passed.

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

**Motion:** Mr. Wallace made a motion to approve the agency application of **Paul Kimball.** The motion was seconded by Mrs. Kovac. Mr. Kimball was present. **Roll Call Vote:** Mr. Poullard – yes, Mrs. Kovac – yes, Mr. Mitchell - yes, Mr. Dugas – yes, Mr. Asmussen – yes, and Mrs. Landry – yes. The motion passed.

**Motion:** Mr. Wallace made a motion to approve the agency application of **Sederick Smith.** The motion was seconded by Mrs. Kovac. Mr. Smith was present. **Roll Call Vote:** Mr. Poullard – yes, Mrs. Kovac – yes, Mr. Mitchell - yes, Mr. Dugas – yes, Mr. Asmussen – yes, and Mrs. Landry – yes. The motion passed.

**Motion:** Mr. Wallace made a motion to defer the agency application of **David Thomas.** The motion was seconded by Mrs. Kovac. Mr. Thomas was not present.

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

**Motion:** Mrs. Kovac made a motion to deny the agency application of **Mohamad Zeidan** for lack of three years’ experience**.** The motion was seconded by Mrs. Landry. Mr. Zeidan was not present. **Roll Call Vote:** Mr. Poullard – yes, Mrs. Kovac – yes, Mr. Mitchell - yes, Mr. Dugas – yes, Mr. Asmussen – 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 9:18 am. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Kovac. **Roll Call Vote:** Mr. Poullard – yes, Mrs. Kovac – yes, Mr. Wallace – yes, Mr. Mitchell - yes, Mr. Dugas – yes, Mr. Asmussen – yes, and Mrs. Landry – yes. The motion passed.

**Motion:** Mr. Wallace made a motion to go back into regular session at 11:08 am. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Kovac. **Roll Call Vote:** Mr. Poullard – yes, Mrs. Kovac – yes, Mr. Wallace – yes, Mr. Mitchell - yes, Mr. Dugas – yes, Mr. Asmussen – yes, and Mrs. Landry – yes. The motion passed.

Mr. Mitchell would like to ask questions on public record to explain why the dates were incorrect on the application he previously submitted. Mr. Gerhold said that he mistakenly put the wrong date. Mr. Mitchell asked Mr. Gerhold who signed the previously submitted sponsor form. Mr. Gerhold stated that his father had signed the form.

**Motion:** Mr. Wallace made a motion to approve the agency application of **Alex Gerhold, IV.** The motion was seconded by Mr. Dugas. Mr. Gerhold was present. **Roll Call Vote:** Mr. Poullard – no, Mrs. Kovac – no, Mr. Mitchell - no, Mr. Dugas – no, Mr. Asmussen – yes, and Mrs. Landry – yes. The motion did not pass.

**Approval of Apprentice List**

**Motion:** Mr. Wallace made a motion to approve the Apprentice applications starting with Lawrence Simpson and ending with Travis Andres. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Kovac and passed unanimously.

**Approval of Individual List**

**Motion:** Mr. Wallace made a motion to approve the Individual applications starting with Stephen Young and ending with Kristen Mainord. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Kovac and passed unanimously.

**Approval of Journeyman List**

**Motion:** Mr. Wallace made a motion to approve the Journeyman applications starting with Darius Carey and ending with David Johnson, Jr. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Kovac and passed unanimously.

**Financial Report**

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

**2024 Legislative Session**

**Motion:** Mr. Mitchell made a motion to move forward with the proposed fee increase and additional language added to La. R.S. 37:3507(1)(a). License fees would increase an additional $50.00 per new and renewed license. There would be a $50.00 fee increase for new exams and a $25.00 fee increase for re-examination fee. La. R.S. 37:3507 (1)(a) – adding *or other experience the board determines is relevant and sufficient to qualify someone for an agency license regardless of the time frame during which that experience was acquired.* The motion was seconded by Mr. Asmussen. **Roll Call Vote:** Mr. Wallace – yes, Mr. Poullard – yes, 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 discuss school fees**.** The motion was seconded by Mrs. Kovac. **Roll Call Vote:** Mr. Wallace – yes, Mr. Poullard – yes, Mr. Asmussen – yes, Mr. Dugas – yes and Mrs. Landry – yes. The motion passed.

**Motion:** Mrs. Kovac made a motion to approve the ability to charge a $100.00 administrative fee to the schools offering the 40-hour course. The motion was seconded by Mr. Wallace. **Roll Call Vote:** Mr. Wallace – yes, Mr. Poullard – yes, Mr. Asmussen – yes, Mr. Dugas – yes and Mrs. Landry – yes. The motion passed.

Mr. Asmussen left the meeting.

**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 Mrs. Kovac and was passed unanimously.

**Adjournment**

**Motion:** Mr. Wallace made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Poullard. **Roll Call Vote:** Mr. Wallace – yes, Mr. Poullard – yes, Mr. Dugas – yes and Mrs. Landry – yes. The motion passed. The motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 10:52 a.m.