

**LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF
PRIVATE SECURITY EXAMINERS**

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Date: November 29, 2023
Time: 10:30 AM
Location: LSBPSE Headquarters
15703 Old Hammond Hwy.
Baton Rouge, LA 70816

MINUTES

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Lameika Washington at 10:30 AM.

II. Roll Call

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

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

A quorum of the Board was determined.

Also present were Executive Secretary, Carl Saizan, Jr.; Stephanie Richardson, Section Chief Compliance; Scott Lazarone, board CPA; Abbie St. Onge, Allied Universal; Hunter Young, Stratigos Dynamics; and members of the agency staff.

Ms. Julie Fisher recorded the meeting minutes.

III. Pledge of Allegiance

Vice Chairperson Robinson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

IV. Public Comments/Questions

No public comments were made.

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

A motion was made to amend the agenda to add a discussion of insurance after agenda item #9.

Motion by: Ms. Burke
Seconded by: Mr. Robinson
Ayes: 7 Nays: 0

The motion was passed.

A motion was made to amend the agenda to discuss the company license application for Vision Quest, Inc and their federal contract bid before item #6.

Motion by: Mr. Hise
Seconded by: Ms. Burke
Ayes: 7 Nays: 0

The motion was passed.

The members had a discussion on the content of board meeting minutes and how the minutes need to be done going forward versus how the board's former attorneys have been advising on how they were to be done.

A motion was made to postpone the approval of meeting minutes from the meeting on September 27, 2023, so additional content can be added.

Motion by: Ms. Washington

Seconded by: Mr. Robinson

Ayes: 6 Nays: 1

The dissenting vote was Donny Pitts. The motion was passed.

VI. Discussion of the Company License Application for Vision Quest, Inc and their federal contract bid.

Board member Forrest Hise presented his concerns about the license application for Vision Quest Solutions, Inc and K R Contracting, Inc. and the company bidding on and winning a federal contract before it was licensed. The members and agency staff engaged in a lengthy discussion of the matter and reviewed in detail a wide range of issues, including the timeline of the license application and bid, details of the federal contract solicitation, and the appropriateness of approving the company license application for these two companies considering that their license applications were not yet approved at the time the federal contract was awarded.

A motion was made to request an investigation into Vision Quest Solutions, Inc and KR Contracting, Inc for operating/soliciting while unlicensed.

Motion by: Ms. Burke

Seconded by: Mr. Leto

Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Abstain: 2

Board members Forrest Hise and Jason Wilbur recused themselves from this vote due to conflicts of interest. The motion was carried.

VII. Executive Secretary Report

Using the report Executive Secretary Carl Saizan, Jr. distributed to the members as a guide, Mr. Saizan reviewed what has happened at the agency since the previous board meeting including the new contract with Prometric for exam proctoring services, the meetings he's taken with individuals and organizations around the state, and the statistics of how many guards, companies, and instructors are currently operating. See attachment A for the full report.

VIII. Consideration of New Applications (Julie Fisher)

Ms. Fisher presented the pending license applications for final review and approval by the board.

Ms. Fisher asked for a motion to amend the agenda to withdraw the application for Houston Harris Commission Capt. J. 316 PLLC.

Motion by: Ms. Washington

Seconded by: Mr. Robinson

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0

The motion was carried.

a. Completed Applications Ready for Approval:

- i. Matthew Pincus – Public Safety Services Corporation
- ii. Don Powers – Level Five Security Services, LLC

Ms. Fisher asked for a motion to approve the company license applications for Matthew Pincus, Public Safety Services Corporation and Don Powers, Level Five Security Services, LLC.

Motion by: Ms. Washington

Seconded by: Mr. Wilbur

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0 Abstain:1

Forrest Hise abstained because he didn't know enough about the background information. The motion was passed.

b. Applications Needing Approval Pending Completion of Outstanding Items:

- i. Christian Mitchell - Qualifying Agent - Healthcare Security Services
- ii. Jacqueline Renee Ledoux - Qualifying Agent - Aptim Maintenance LLC
- iii. Atanacio Martinez - Classroom and Firearms External - FRC BR
- iv. Mark Gay - Classroom In-House - Weiser
- v. Daniel England - Classroom External - DavTac Custom Arms
- vi. Holly Dominguez & Samuel Lyles - Company - Native Alliance Security Solutions
- vii. Jeremie Meisel - Company - E H Investigations LLC
- viii. Adam Cutrer - Company- Asset Security LLC #746
- ix. Brian Lightle - Company - Vision Quest Solutions Inc
- x. Sishman Rimpson - Company - SMR Security Services LLC
- xi. Sonia Tims - Company - Nationwide Investigations and Security Inc
- xii. Bruce Kuhlman Jr - Company - K R Contracting, Inc
- xiii. Damon Holmes, Sr - Company - Guard Tac Protection Agency LLC
- xiv. Percy Johnson - Company - Diamond Elite Security
- xv. Daniel Secundy - Company - Providers International Arizona LLC

Ms. Fisher asked for a motion to approve license applications that are pending items, excluding Vision Quest Solutions, Inc. and K R Contracting Inc., and to give the Executive Secretary the authority to issue the licenses upon receipt and completion of the outstanding items.

Motion by: Ms. Burke

Seconded by: Mr. Pitts

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0 Abstain: 1

Forrest Hise chose to abstain from this vote. The motion passed.

Ms. Fisher asked for a motion to approve the company license applications for Vision Quest Solutions, Inc and K R Contracting, Inc pending receipt and completion of the outstanding items, and then to give the Executive Secretary the authority to issue the licenses upon completion of outstanding items.

Motion by: Mr. Pitts

Seconded by: Mr. Robinson

Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Abstain:2

Forrest Hise and Jason Wilbur abstained from this vote due to a conflict of interest. The motion was passed.

IX. Committee Updates

a. Finance Committee – Chair Dynette Burke

Scott Lazarone, Board CPA presented the financial reports to the board. Board members asked questions including inquiries about the Inflation Reduction Act in reference to the backup generator, and the amount of interest that different accounts are earning.

A motion was made to move \$400,000 of cash on hand into an account that will maximize its earnings.

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

The motion was passed.

b. Ethics Committee – Ritchie Rivers

Mr. Rivers was not in attendance at this meeting.

c. Legislative Committee – Lameika Washington

Ms. Washington, the former chair of this committee, appointed Forrest Hise as the new chair of the Legislative Committee. Ms. Washington, Ms. Burke and Mr. Wilbur will still be participants in this workgroup. Some discussion followed concerning meeting the deadlines of the legislative session and the process of updating the laws and rules.

d. Investigative Committee – Lameika Washington

Mr. Saizan informed the board that there are three informal conferences that need to be worked on once a new attorney is hired.

X. Discussion of Security Guard Insurance

Ms. Burke presented information concerning insurance coverage for security companies and how it's changing as time progresses concerning cost and what the insurance companies are willing to cover.

XI. Discussion and Approval of New Board Attorney

The members of the board discussed the three candidates for board attorney. The three candidates were David A. Lowe, James M. Garner, and Blake J. Arcuri. Mr. Saizan and Ms. Washington discussed the interviews they conducted with each attorney and the

positives and negatives of each candidate.

A motion was made to elect Blake Arcuri as the board attorney at a rate of \$225.00 per hour, not to exceed \$30,000.00 annually.

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

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

Motion did not pass. No majority.

The members of the board held farther discussion of the three candidates for the board attorney.

A motion was made to enter into a contract with Blake Arcuri as the board attorney at a rate of \$225.00 per hour, not to exceed \$30,000.00, commencing today, November 29, 2023, and ending at the end of the fiscal year, June 30, 2024.

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

The motion was carried.

XII. 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 1:16 PM.