LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF PRIVATE SECURITY EXAMINERS

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Date:

January 15, 2025

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 Chairman Ritchie Rivers at 10:51 AM.

II. Roll Call

Chairman Rivers asked Julie Fisher to call the roll of the board.

Ritchie Rivers, Chairman Present Dynette Burke, Vice Chairman Present Forrest Hise Not Present Kristen Brennan Present Jason Robbins, Sr Not Present Jennifer King Present Mark Leto. Sr Present Dwayne Regan Present **Lewis Frost** Not Present

A quorum of the board was determined.

Also present were Executive Secretary, Carl Saizan, Jr.; Scott Lazarone, Board CPA; Blake Arcuri, Board Attorney; members of agency staff Julie Fisher, Cindy Eidson, Stephanie Richardson, Heather Mitchell, and Logan Berthelot; and members of the public Derrick

Davis, Platinum Protection & Consulting LLC; and Jeremy Berge, American Guard and Security.

Ms. Julie Fisher recorded the meeting minutes. A court reporter recorded a transcript of the meeting.

III. Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman Rivers asked Mr. Leto to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

IV. Public Comments/Question

No public comments or questions were recorded at this time.

V. Review and Approve Minutes for Board Meeting on 11/19/24

A motion was made to approve the minutes for the board meeting on August 14, 2024.

Motion by:

Ms. Burke

Seconded by:

Mr. Regan

Ayes: 6

Nays: 0

The motion was carried.

VI. Executive Secretary Report

Executive Secretary Carl Saizan, Jr. presented his report to the board. The report covered many topics such as staffing, Thentia implementation, ProProfs testing, the agency marketing campaign, company owner round table discussions, Super Bowl LIX, consent agreements, and the fee increase legislation. Please see Attachment A for full report.

VII. Committee Updates

a. Finance Committee Update - Chairman Dynette Burke

Mr. Scott Lazarone from board CPA Faulk and Winkler updated the board on the current financial statements for November 2024 and answered questions.

b. Ethics Committee Update - Chairman Ritchie Rivers

No current investigations.

c. Legislative Committee Update - Chairman Forrest Hise

Vice Chairman Burke gave a short update on the status of the legislative update from information that Mr. Hise sent to her. Mr. Hise was not in attendance at today's meeting.

VIII. Old Business

A. Discussion of current private security insurance market and exclusions

Vice Chairman Burke led a discussion concerning how to keep insurance underwriters here and how to keep insurance rates down for the private security industry.

IX. New Business

A. Securitas Consent Agreement

Discussion of the consent agreement concerning a fine levied on Securitas Security Services USA Inc. in 2019 which stems from the Inspector General's report from December of 2023.

X. Consideration of New License Applications (Julie Fisher)

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

- a. Company Applications:
 - i. Battle Tested Security, LLC Casey Holliday

- ii. Sunstates Security, LLC Change of Ownership Denis Kelly, Rob Rogalski
- iii. Spearhead Solutions Incorporated Julian Dioulo, Christopher Grant
- iv. Marksman Security LLC Mark Radi, Shezad Moten
- v. Dova Consulting Group Ganiyu Jimoh, Constant Payne
- vi. Platinum Protection & Consulting LLC Mark Echler

b. Instructor Applications:

- i. Eduardo Manriquez Classroom In-House Contemporary Service Solutions
- ii. Raymond Barr Classroom In-House Job1USA, Inc.

Ms. Fisher asked for a motion to approve the following completed license applications: Battle Tested Security LLC., Spearhead Solutions Incorporated, Platinum Protection & Consulting Inc, and Eduardo Manriquez.

Motion by:

Ms. Burke

Seconded by:

Mr. Regan

Ayes: 6

Nays: 0

The motion was carried.

Ms. Fisher asked for a motion to approve the following incomplete license applications: Sunstates Security LLC change of ownership, Marksman Security LLC, Dova Consulting Group Inc., Echler Security & Investigations, and Raymond Barr; pending receipt and completion of all outstanding items. Once completed, the board gives the Executive Secretary the authority to issue these licenses.

Motion by:

Mr. Regan

Seconded by:

Ms. Brennan

Ayes: 6

Nays: 0

The motion was carried.

- XI. Executive Session (The Board may go into executive session to deliberate, pursuant to La. R.S. 42:17(A)(1), which allows the Board to go into executive session to discuss the character, professional competence or physical or mental health of a person.)
 - a. Consent agreement presented for approval regarding Toney Steele, individually and/or doing business as Steele Protective Services (PSE-21-CO-001)
 - b. Consent agreement presented for approval regarding Zachary Mackey, individually and/or doing business as Allied Universal Event Services, a dba of Staff Pro Inc. of CA (PSE-23-CO-014)
 - c. Consent agreement presented for approval regarding Emanuel Smith III, individually and/or doing business as Edifice Protection Group, Inc. (859)
 - d. Consent agreement presented for approval regarding Edward Robinson, Sr., individually and/or doing business as L&R Security Services, Inc. (077)
 - e. Consent agreement presented for approval regarding Eric Amerland, individually and/or doing business as Merchants Security Services, Inc. (039)
 - f. Consent agreement presented for approval regarding Matthew Lejeune, individually and/or doing business as Weiser Security Services Inc. (005)
 - g. Consent agreement presented for approval regarding Xavier Lee, individually and/or doing business as Alpha Hawk Security LLC (PSE-22-CO-010)
 - h. Consent agreement presented for approval regarding Pete Wypyszinski, individually and/or doing business as United American Security LLC dba GardaWorld Security Services (948)
 - Consent agreement presented for approval regarding Lorraine Alicandri, individually and/or doing business as Brosnan Risk Consultants LTD. (986)

- j. Consent agreement presented for approval regarding Terrica Hardnett, individually and/or doing business as Reel Security Corp. of Louisiana (770)
- k. Consent agreement presented for approval regarding Nicholas Jarrell, individually and/or doing business as True Focus Hospitality Group Inc. (899)
- Consent agreement presented for approval regarding Eric Lyles, individually and/or doing business as Vigilant Protective Services, LLC (443)
- m. Consent agreement presented for approval regarding Jonathan Johansen, individually and/or doing business as Viking Protection (PSE-19-CO-006)
- n. Consent agreement presented for approval regarding Chad Perez, individually and/or doing business as Pinnacle Security, Inc. (838)
- Consent agreement presented for approval regarding Nick Sacco, individually and/or doing business as Metro One Loss Prevention Service Group (789)
- p. Consent agreement presented for approval regarding Courtney Arthur, individually and/or doing business as Security Industry Specialists, Inc. (759)
- q. Consent agreement presented for approval regarding John Boyd, individually and/or doing business as Alamo Services LLC (448)
- r. Consent agreement presented for approval regarding Bobby Crockett, individually and/or doing business as Crockett's Security Guard Service LLC (553)
- s. Consent agreement presented for approval regarding Willie Jarreau, individually and/or doing business as First Class Protective Services LLC (PSE-21-CO-018)
- t. Consent agreement presented for approval regarding Channon Campesi, individually and/or doing business as Plant Security, Inc. (497)
- u. Consent agreement presented for approval regarding Leonard Sanders,

- individually and/or doing business as Full Armor Security Guard Services LLC (PSE-20-CO-014)
- v. Consent agreement presented for approval regarding Donny Pitts, individually and/or doing business as Guardian CPP, LLC (PSE-18-CO-912)
- w. Consent agreement presented for approval regarding Buddy Lott, individually and/or doing business as Lott Gaming, Inc. (567)
- x. Consent agreement presented for approval regarding Richard Horton, individually and/or doing business as Retlo & Associates LLC (PSE-22-CO-016)
- y. Consent agreement presented for approval regarding Mark Duet, individually and/or doing business as Securitas Security Services USA, Inc. (152-A)
- z. Consent agreement presented for approval regarding Steven Vanover, individually and/or doing business as Professional Security Consultants, Inc. (816)
- aa. Consent agreement presented for approval regarding Marlon A. Defillo, individually and/or doing business as Crescent City Consulting LLC (846)
- bb. Consent agreement presented for approval regarding Aaron Jarrell, individually and/or doing business as Health and Safety Sciences LLC (PSE-21-CO-002)
- cc. Consent agreement presented for approval regarding Danny Grizzard, individually and/or doing business as G4S Secure Solutions USA, Inc. (10)
- dd. Consent agreement presented for approval regarding Willie Harris, individually and/or doing business as Andy Frain Services, Inc. (578)
- ee. Consent agreement presented for approval regarding Ken Thomas, individually and/or doing business as Archangel Protective Services, Inc. (PSE-21-CO-017)
- ff. Consent agreement presented for approval regarding Cleve Grant, individually and/or doing business as Justice Securities, LLC (949)

A motion was made to go into executive session.

Motion by: Ms. Burke Seconded by: Ms. King Ayes: 6 Nays: 0

The motion was passed.

Executive Session begins at 12:09 PM.

Open Session begins at 12:40 PM.

A motion was made to accept the following consent agreements as presented:

Steele Protective Services	\$ 3,285.00
Allied Universal Event Services, a dba of Staff Pro Inc.	\$ 5,225.00
Edifice Protection Group, Inc.	\$15,565.00
L & R Security Services, Inc.	\$84,825.00
Merchant Security Services, Inc.	\$13,605.00
Weiser Security Services, Inc. (005-D)	\$ 4,905.00
Weiser Security Services, Inc. (005-B)	\$ 2,225.00
Weiser Security Services, Inc. (005-C)	\$ 1,085.00
Weiser Security Services, Inc. (005-A)	\$14,305.00
Alpha Hawk Security LLC	\$14,745.00
United American Security dba GardaWorld Security Services	\$ 8,725.00
Brosnan Risk Consultants, LTD.	\$ 4,500.00
Reel Security Corp. of Louisiana	\$ 5,045.00
Andy Frain Services, Inc.	\$14,845.00
True Focus Hospitality Group Inc.	\$17,925.00
Vigilant Protective Service, LLC	\$ 5,445.00
Viking Protection	\$ 2,485.00
Pinnacle Security, Inc.	\$ 3,250.00
Metro One Loss Prevention Services Group	\$ 3,465.00
Security Industry Specialists, Inc.	\$ 1,000.00
Crescent City Consulting, LLC	\$ 3,085.00
G4S Secure Solutions (USA) Inc.	3,265.00
Alamo Services, LLC	\$ 1,500.00
Crockett's Security Guard Service, LLC	\$ 1,550.00
First Class Protective Services, LLC	\$ 1,950.00
Plant Security, Inc.	\$ 3,500.00
Full Armor Security Guard Services, LLC	\$ 1,500.00

Health and Safety Sciences, LLC	\$10,525.00
Lott Gaming, Inc.	\$ 2,350.00
Retlo & Associates, LLC	\$ 2,765.00
Securitas Security Services USA Inc. (152-A)	\$ 800.00
Justice Securities, LLC	\$61,385.00
Archangel Protective Services, Inc.	\$ 6,105.00
Professional Security Consultants, Inc.	\$ 1,000.00

Motion by:

Ms. Burke

Seconded by:

Ms. Brennan

Ayes: 6

Nays: 0

The motion was passed.

A motion was made to edit the consent agreement for Guardian CPP to the following: suspend license; impose \$1000.00 fine per day for operating with a suspended license due to non-responsiveness to the audit findings and fine of \$15,425.00. Guardian CPP will have until the next board meeting to comply with audit findings and sign agreement, or the license will be revoked.

Motion by:

Mr. Regan

Seconded by:

Ms. Brennan

Aves: 6

Navs: 0

The motion was passed.

A motion was made to revoke the company license for Echelon Enforcement Agency LLC due to the owner being a Sheriff's Deputy which is against AG Opinions 97-528 and 81-612.

Motion by:

Mr. Regan

Seconded by:

Ayes: 6

Nays: 0

The motion was passed.

A motion was made to accept the consent agreement between LSBPSE and Securitas Security Services USA Inc. at \$65,000.

Motion by:

Ms. Burke

Seconded by:

Ms. Brennan

Ayes: 6

Nays: 0

The motion was passed.

XII. Adjournment

A motion was made adjourn.

Motion by:

Ms. King

Seconded by:

Mr. Regan

Ayes: 6

Nays: 0

The motion was passed.

Vice Chairman Burke adjourned the meeting at 1:05 PM.

MINUTES CERTIFICATION

Proposed minutes respectfully submitted,	
Julie Fisher	2/12/25
Secretary/Recording Secretary	Date
Minutes reviewed & approved by Board Member vote on signatures of Board Chairman and Executive Secretary.	February 19, 2025. Approval affirmed below by
	2/19/2023
Ritchie Rivers, Board Chairman	Date
Cal Sayar	2-19-25
Carl F. Saizan, Jr., Executive Secretary	Date



LSBPSE Board Meeting

Wednesday, January 15, 2025 @ 10:30 p.m.

Executive Secretary's Briefing Notes

Staffing:

We currently have 15 staff members: eight full-time, five WAEs, and two student workers.

Processes:

- LSBPSE staff is continuing their training and making recommendations for adjustments to the Thentia Cloud web solution being configured for our agency. Wayne Gonzales is extracting bulk data from Image Trend and working with Thentia Cloud to configure the data for their solution so that we can seamlessly input the data into the new solution.
- Proprofs online testing platform has been activated to deliver the 4-hour training exam online. We are running a test pilot this week and look to make this available to the industry by February 1st.
- We are three months into our marketing campaign which commenced on Monday, November 18, 2024, with BLARE Advertising and Digital Media Agency in the New Orleans and Baton Rouge areas. List the data to date......
- We sent an End of Year letter to the industry via MailChimp and posted it on our website.

Meetings:

- ➤ Heather Mitchell and I held a roundtable discussion with security company representatives in the Lafayette area. The meeting was held at Troop I on Thursday, November 21, 2024, at 10:30 am.
- ➤ On Thursday, December 2, 2024, I traveled to the JW Marriott Hotel in NOLA to meet with representatives from CSC and APEX reference Superbowl LIX.

- ➤ On Thursday, December 5, 2024, Heather, and I traveled to Franklin, Louisiana (St. Mary's Parish) to attend a maritime transportation safety administration meeting. Later that afternoon, we conducted a post check at Rene's Bar 204 St. Phillip St., Thibodeaux, LA reference to Wilks Security operating unlicensed.
- ➤ Heather Mitchell and I held a roundtable discussion with security company representatives in the Baton Rouge area. The meeting was held at Troop A on Friday, December 6, 2024, at 10:30 am.
- ➤ On Monday, December 9, 2024, Heather, Stephanie, and I traveled to Blake's law office at 1650 Poydras St., Ste 1250 NOLA, for seven informal conferences: Edifice Protection Group, Inc., True Focus Hospitality Group Inc., Steel Protective Services Inc., Merchants Security Services, Inc., L&R Security Services, Inc., Vigilant Protective Services, LLC., United American Security LLC dba Gardaworld Security Services, Viking Protection, Allied Universal Event Services dba Staff Pro Inc of CA.
- ➤ On Tuesday, December 10, 2024, the following informal conferences were handled via Teams, with Blake Arcuri, myself, Heather and Stephanie on the call; Alpha Hawk Security LLC, Guardian CPP, LLC, Retlo & Associates LLC, Reel Security Corp. of Louisiana, C13 LLC (rescheduled to January 8, 2025), and Metro One Loss Prevention Services Group.
- ➤ On Wednesday, December 11, 2024, Heather, Stephanie, and I traveled to Blake's law office at 1650 Poydras St., NOLA, for three scheduled informal conferences. Two of the three were rescheduled (V.J. Rollo and Rollo Security as well as Alamo Services, LLC,) so we only had one informal conference with Weiser Security. Later that afternoon we met with Chad Perez, owner of Pinnacle Security and his staff, at his office and got on a call with RAVE, via Teams, regarding the NOLA private security initiative.
- ➤ On Thursday, December 12, 2024, I signed a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement (CEA) along with the Orleans Parish Communication District (OPCD) and New Orleans & CO. regarding the NO & Co. providing a pathway for the funding required for the NOLA private security initiative.
- ➤ On Thursday, December 19, 2024, Heather and I had a follow-up meeting with representatives of the US Coast Guard, via Teams, to discuss operational requirements for security personnel working on the wharfs and material they provided for a future curriculum related to maritime operations.
- ➤ On Tuesday, January 7, 2025, Blake Arcuri and I traveled to 32nd JDC in Terrebonne Parish for a civil hearing on the civil injunction filed against Issas Wilks d/b/a Wilks Safety services a/k/a Wilks Protection Services LLC. The judge granted the injunction!
- On Wednesday, January 8, 2025, I traveled to Blake's law office at 1650 Poydras St., Ste 1250 NOLA, for seven informal conferences, one dealing with an investigation and six audits. Stephanie and Heather participated via Teams from the agency's conference room for the audit conferences. The following companies had an informal conference; Echelon Enforcement Agency, (Investigation), C13 LC (failed to show), Crescent City Consulting LLC., G4S Secure Solutions (USA) Inc. (via Teams), Health and Safety Sciences, LLC (via Teams), V.J. Rollo and Rollo Security.
- On Thursday, January 9, 2025, we had three informal conferences scheduled, all being done via Teams, Blake from his office and Heather, Stephanie and I from the agency's conference room. The following companies had an informal conference, Andy Frain Services Inc., Archangel Protective Services Inc., Justice Securities.

➤ On Friday, January 10, 2025, Heather and I had a Teams meeting with Jay Brock (CSC), Jeff Powell (ASM Global), Markus Smith, Derek Sentino and Andy Murphy (LSP) and Barb Lee (Idemia) to discuss a more accelerated fingerprint process for out-of-state security personnel as well as local security personnel deploying to New Orleans in support of Super Bowl LIX.

Board Counsel: (Blake Arcuri, General Counsel)

- ➤ On Thursday, November 14, 2024, Blake filed a civil injunction on Wilks Safety LLC, a/k/a Wilks Protection Services, out of Thibodeaux, LA, for failing to comply with a Cease-and-Desist Order. The hearing was held on Tuesday, January 7, 2025, in civil court in Houma. The judge ruled in our favor and granted the injunction.
- ➤ On Friday, November 15, 2024, Blake filed a civil injunction on GDM Security for failing to comply with a Cease-and-Desist Order. The court date is pending.

Legal Counsel: (Attorney Graham Bosworth, Collections Attorney)

Submitted an invoice on 12.17.24 in the amount of \$2,250.00 (10 hrs. @ \$225.00) plus a \$12.00 filing fee totaling \$2,262.00 that was paid on 12.19.24.

Update: As of Monday, December 16, 2024, Blache's motion for new trial was denied. Graham has indicated that they have presented the final judgement on the dismissal of Fabian's claims, and they have sent discovery. He said that they are waiting to see if Fabian seeks supervisory review and provides discovery timely. Graham said that they should know something about the supervisory review in the next few weeks. He said that the same applies to the discovery and whether they will need to have the court intervene or not.

Board Ethics Committee: (Ethics Board Chair, Ritchie Rivers)

Nothing to report.

Board Investigative Committee: (Board Chair, Ritchie Rivers)

- > We have one (1) open investigation.
 - o Solid Steel Security LLC regarding a lapse in general liability insurance.

Complaints / Investigations:

- > Two (2) complaints were initiated between November 20, 2024, and January 15, 2025:
 - On Friday, December 13, 2024, Derrick Lawrence (PSE-18-8575) sent an email to the agency's public email address, with a threatening overtone. His guard registration has been suspended indefinitely until I can speak with him regarding his inappropriate email.
 - On Friday, December 13, 2024, we received an email from Monique Payton, a civilian, through the agency's public email address regarding an ongoing personal issue she is facing with a security guard. After review, it was determined that the matter did not fall under the agency's jurisdiction for investigation. She was advised to contact the security guard's employing company and the local law enforcement agency to address her concerns.

Legislation:

➤ We have contacted Representative Muscarello's office regarding his filing a bill on behalf of the agency for an increase in fees. The last fee increase was in 2003.

We are waiting to hear back from Senator Miguez's office regarding possible legislation to amend existing statute L.R.S. 9:2793.12 Limitations of Liability; Concealed Handgun Permit; Definitions; Exceptions.

Private Security Industry:

- Number of active, licensed companies to date: active- 227 and inactive- 214
- ➤ Number of registered instructors to date: classroom only-64 and classroom and firearms-58
- Number of registered security officers to date: 16,135

Licenses issued since meeting on 11/19/24:

Companies: (4)

- ➤ Gideon Protective Solutions Company License issued 11/25/24
- ➤ Anthony M Mitchell LLC Company License issued 12/3/24
- ➤ Dawson Security & Investigations LLC Company License issued 12/18/24
- ➤ Trident Service Solutions Inc Emergency Temporary License issued 1/10/25

Instructors: (6)

- ➤ Anthony Scott Monistere Classroom In-House issued 11/20/24
- ➤ Brian Stephens Classroom In-House Issued 11/25/24
- ➤ Luis Uribe, Jr Classroom In-House issued 11/25/24
- ➤ Chad Cox Classroom, Firearms & Baton In-House issued 12/26/24
- ➤ Eduardo Manriquez Classroom In-House issued 1/6/25
- ➤ Richard Booth Classroom In-House issued 1/7/25

Compliance Unit: (Stephanie Richardson, Compliance Investigator 3)

- Companies (35) audited from November 20, 2024, to January 14, 2025:
 - o Securitas Security Services USA Inc.
 - o Security Alliance, LLC
 - o The Cogar Group LTD.
 - o St. Moritz Security Services Inc
 - Top Brass Protection LLC
 - o Thomas Protective Service Inc.
 - o Off Duty Services, Inc.
 - Fidelity Security Services LLC
 - o Pinkerton Consulting & Investigations, Inc.
 - No 1 NOLA Security Enforcements LLC
 - o Bourgeois Security Inc. DBA Signal of Baton Rouge
 - o Aptim Maintenance, LLC
 - o Diamond Security Services Inc
 - Lofton Security Service Inc
 - o Unlimited Resources, LLC
 - Lofton Armed Security Service LLC
 - o Tactical Impact Security, LLC
 - o National Alliance Security Agency Inc
 - COAST 2 COAST SECURITY INC

- o Single Source Security LLC DBA Protos Security
- NOLA Security Ops LLC
- Valentis Security Services Inc
- o Eagle-Hawk Premium Protection Services LLC
- o Jaguar Security and Investigations Corp
- Syotos LLC
- o LSG Protective Services, LLC
- Bulldawg Security and Investigative Services LLC
- o Allied Universal Security Services
- o Asset Security, LLC
- o Securitas Critical Infrastructure Services, Inc.
- o Trek Security Service LLC
- o Akima Global Services, LLC
- o The Maccabees LLC
- o Brinks, Inc.
- o Professional Security Agency Inc.

Post Check:

➤ On Thursday, December 5, 2024, I conducted a Post check at Rene's Bar, located at 204 St. Phillip Street in Thibodaux and spoke with Hannah Bacon, bar's manager. This check was regarding Wilk's Safety, an unlicensed security company that was providing security services at the establishment. Additionally, I sent a letter to the bar's owner, Jamie Rister, informing her of the situation and advising that continuing to employ the unlicensed company would violate state law.

Training:

➤ Logan Berthelot and David Ryerson, Retired LSP Lieutenant, have started the process of revising the first 8-hour LSBPSE training curriculum.

Facility Upgrades / Needs:

➤ We are seeking authorization to install a video intercom system at the main entrance of the building, along with a monitor at the reception desk for controlled access. This enhancement aims to improve security for our staff. The installation will include an upgraded locking mechanism and a push-button access control feature. The total one-time cost for this new security system will not exceed \$4,500.00.

Agency Audits:

N/A

COOP Plan Overview:

> Completed / semi-annual review required.

ORM Claim Overview:

Nothing to report.

OIG Update:

Nothing to report.

Incident(s):

On Friday, January 2, 2025, at approximately 2:00 PM, Security Officer David Hemphill (PSE-Ins-19-1205), who was operating a Loomis two-person C-body truck, was robbed in Texarkana, Arkansas. The incident occurred at the Red River Federal Credit Union located on Jefferson Avenue, Texarkana, AR. While servicing a stand-alone ATM, Officer Hemphill was ambushed by two male suspects who sprayed him with a fire extinguisher as he exited the truck. Fortunately, he was not injured during the incident. He was able to discharge his service weapon once at the suspects but believes he did not hit them. The suspects escaped in a red or maroon sedan after stealing a cassette containing \$5.00 bills, resulting in a total loss of \$1,500.00. A firearms discharge report was received on Saturday, January 3, 2025, and was filed accordingly.