

**LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF  
PRIVATE SECURITY EXAMINERS**

**BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**Date:** May 22, 2024  
**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 Chairwoman Lameika Washington at 10:39 AM.

**II. Roll Call**

Chairwoman Washington asked Julie Fisher to call the roll of the board.

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

A quorum of the board was determined.

Also present were Executive Secretary, Carl Saizan, Jr.; Scott Lazarone, Board CPA; Kristine Ferachi, Court Reporter; members of agency staff Julie Fisher, Cindy Eidson, Stephanie Richardson and Nelofar Wafa; and members of the public Abbie St. Onge, Allied Universal; Charlyse Davis, American Guard and Security; and Jennifer King, American Guard and Security.

Ms. Julie Fisher recorded the meeting minutes. Ms. Kristine Ferachi recorded a transcript of the meeting.

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

Mr. Forrest Hise led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

No public comments were recorded at this time.

### **V. Review and Approve Minutes for Board Meeting on 3/27/24**

A motion was made to approve the minutes for the board meeting on March 27, 2024.

Motion by:	Mr. Robinson
Seconded by:	Mr. Hise
Ayes: 5	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, including an update on Thentia, a potential new web solution for the agency and industry; his interview with Travis Mackels, anchor for WDSU; his meeting with Gov. Landry; his meeting with Rep Daryl Deshotel, Chair of the House Commerce Committee; collections from former Executive Secretaries Fabian Blache, III and Bridgette Hull; and many other items. See Attachment A for full report.

## **VII. Committee Updates**

### **a. Finance Committee – Chairwoman Dynette Burke**

Mr. Scott Lazarone, Board CPA, presented the current financial statements, budget amendments for the 23-24 fiscal year, and the new proposed budget for the 24-25 fiscal year.

A motion was made to accept the current financial statements.

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

The motion was carried.

A motion was made to accept budget amendments for the 23-24 fiscal year and to accept the proposed budget for the 24-25 fiscal year.

Motion by:	Ms. Washington
Seconded by:	Ms. Burke
Ayes: 5	Nays: 0

The motion was carried.

### **b. Ethics Committee – Chairperson Ritchie Rivers**

No current investigations.

### **c. Legislative Committee – Chairperson Forrest Hise**

Mr. Hise presented an update on the status of the legislative rewrite. He stated that there are three main goals of the rewrite: increasing accountability, encompassing technology, and updating the levels at which guards can be registered and trained.

## **VIII. Consideration of New Applications (Julie Fisher)**

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

- a. **Qualifying Agent Applications:**
  - i. Alberto Garcia – Paragon Systems
  - ii. Myron Mansion – Paragon Systems
  - iii. Alex Gardunio – Securitas (152-A)
  - iv. Zachary Mackey – Staff Pro dba Allied Universal Event Services
  
- b. **Company Applications:**
  - i. Raven Security, Safety and Storm Services, LLC – James Williams and Jeffrey Rogers, Owners
  - ii. Protection Agency and Security Services – Adam Jones, Owner
  - iii. Stratus Security Management Inc – Brandon Pierce, Owner
  - iv. PSC Security Group – Solomon Ona, Owner
  - v. Young Holdings Group dba Southern Security – Tracy Young, Owner
  
- c. **Instructor Applications:**
  - i. Deon Simien – Global Security Corporation
  - ii. Nicholas Jarrell – True Focus Hospitality Group

Ms. Fisher asked for a motion to approve the completed Qualifying agent application for Alberto Garcia and completed Instructor applications for Deon Simien and Nicholas Jarrell.

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

The motion was carried.

Ms. Fisher asked for a motion to approve the incomplete Qualifying Agent applications for Myron Mansion, Alex Gardunio and Zachary Mackey and the incomplete Company License applications for Raven Security, Safety and Storm Services LLC, Protection Agency and Security Services, Stratus Security Management Inc, PSC Security Group and Young Holdings Group dba Southern Security pending receipt and completion of outstanding application items, and to then give Executive Secretary Carl Saizan, Jr. the authority to issue the license once applications are completed.

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

The motion was carried.

**IX. 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 Anthony Jackson, Sr. and Anthony Jackson, Jr., individually and/or doing business as City One Security and Investigative Agency, LLC #PSE-21-CO-015
- b. Consent agreement presented for approval regarding Francis Quinn and Darrell Dumestre, individually and/or doing business as NOLA Protection Group #852

A motion was made to go into executive session.

Motion by: Ms. Washington  
Seconded by: Mr. Hise  
Ayes: 5 Nays: 0

The motion was passed.

**Executive Session begins at 11:53AM.**

**Open Session begins at 12:36PM.**

A motion was made to accept the consent agreement regarding Anthony Jackson, Sr. and Anthony Jackson, Jr., individually and/or doing business as City One Security and Investigative Agency, LLC #PSE-21-CO-015 as presented.

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

The motion was passed.

A motion was made to accept the consent agreement regarding Francis Quinn and Darrell Dumestre, individually and/or doing business as NOLA Protection Group #852 as presented.

Motion by: Ms. Washington  
Seconded by: Ms. Burke  
Ayes: 5 Nays: 0

The motion was passed.

A motion was made to postpone the date of the next scheduled board meeting from July 24, 2024 to August 14, 2024.

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

The motion was passed.

## **X. Adjournment**

A motion was made adjourn.

Motion by: Ms. Washington  
Seconded by: Mr. Hise  
Ayes: 5 Nays: 0

The motion was passed.

**Chairperson Washington adjourned the meeting at 12:49 PM.**

# MINUTES CERTIFICATION

Proposed minutes respectfully submitted,

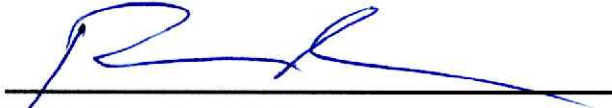
Julie Fisher

Secretary/Recording Secretary

7/12/24

Date

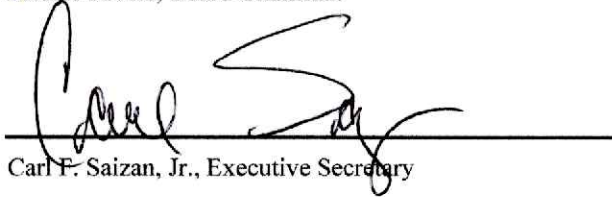
Minutes reviewed & approved by Board Member vote on August 14, 2024. Approval affirmed below by signatures of Board Chairman and Executive Secretary.



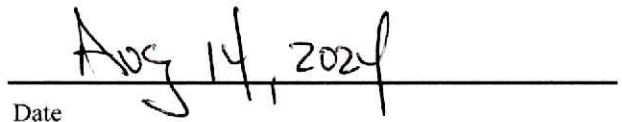
Ritchie Rivers, Board Chairman



Date



Carl F. Saizan, Jr., Executive Secretary



Date



# LSBPSE Board Meeting

Wednesday, May 22, 2024 @ 10:30

## Executive Secretary's Briefing Notes

### Staffing:

- Currently, we have 12 staff members in total: six full-time, three WAEs, and two student workers.

### Processes:

- We are in the process of evaluating a new web solution that will take the place of our current licensing management system. We have looked at three companies: Image Trend, Thentia, and Tyler Technologies. After careful consideration, we have decided to move forward with Thentia web-solution. The goal is to keep the initial cost under \$100,000 and to receive board approval to proceed with the transition once we have completed the evaluation and tested the system internally and with end users from a small, medium and large company.

### Meetings:

- On Tuesday, April 9, 2024, Heather, Stephanie, and I met with Logan Berthelot to review the most recent draft of the fee study. Some minor adjustments are needed so Logan will make the necessary changes and we will meet again in early May 2024.
- On Thursday, April 11, 2024, I had a meeting with Daphne Barnes, GNO Inc., via Team, to discuss the private security initiative in New Orleans linking private security patrols to the New Orleans 911 center and New Orleans Real-time Crime Center.
- On Monday, May 20, 2024, Ritchie Rivers and I met with Governor Landry at the Mansion to discuss the private security initiative.
- On Tuesday, May 21, 2024, I met with Rep. Daryl Deshotel at his office in the state capitol to discuss the importance of the regulatory agency and the private security initiative.

On Friday, May 10, 2024, I was interviewed by Travers Mackle, anchor for WDSU in New Orleans, regarding the private security industry. The interview emphasized the licensing and registration requirements.



**Board Counsel:** (Blake Arcuri, General Counsel)

- On April 8, 2024, Blake and I had a meeting, via Teams, with Katherine McKenzie-Veal, Wanda Bunn, Operations Manager with Constellis, the parent company of Centerra Group, LLC #916 (senior manager Angela Smith), a security company that is licensed by the board and only provides security personnel to the US Marshall Service to handle security in the 5<sup>th</sup> Circuit US Court Houses throughout Louisiana. They have always maintained that they were exempt from registering their guards with our regulatory agency. It is our position that they start registering all security personnel regardless of their work location or level of authorization give to them by the client. On Wednesday, May 8, 2024, we received word back from the representatives of Constellis informing us that they will start registering all security officers from now on (current total is 175).

**Legal Counsel:** (Attorney Graham Bosworth, Collections Attorney)

- Total payment to date to Graham Bosworth is \$7,719.75 and total payment to date to Network Strategist is \$1,350.00.
- **UPDATE:** Graham indicates that they have started the collection process against Bridget. Their first step is a judgment debtor examination. Next, they will have to serve her with the papers indicating that providing regular court services is successful. Otherwise, they will have to use Network Strategist to serve her again. As for Fabian, they are waiting on a new hearing date on our response to his pleadings. His attorney successfully argued that she did not “have notice” of the initial hearing date despite receiving a courtesy copy of our response and request weeks earlier.
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**Board Ethics Committee:** (Ethics Board Chair, Ritchie Rivers)

- Nothing pending.

**Board Investigative Committee:** (Board Chair, Lameika Washington)

- We have fifteen (13) open investigations.
- On Monday, May 13, Lameika Washington, Blake Arcuri and myself had an informal conference with Mr. Anthony Jackson Sr. and Jr., owners of City One Security & Investigative Agency, regarding an incident at the Wit’s Inn in New Orleans where a security officer working for their security company was shot and killed. A consent agreement was reached and will be presented before the board today.
- On Wednesday, May 15, 2024, Lameika Washington, Stephanie Richardson, Blake Arcuri and myself had an informal conference with Frank Quinn, owner of NOLA Protection and Gabe Roth, admin for NOLA Protection Group regarding their company audit that occurred on December 21, 2023. A consent agreement was reached and will be presented before the board today.

**Complaints / Investigations:**

- We have two (2) complaints that were initiated between March 27, 2024, and May 21, 2024
- On Friday, April 5, 2024, a cease & desist order and letter were issued to Gorilla Proof Protection based in New Orleans.

- On Friday, May 3, 2024, a cease & desist order and letter were issued to Paradise Security LLC based in Hammond.
- On February 14, 2024, GDM Security was found to be providing security services at the Hyatt Place New Orleans / Convention Center 881 Convention Center Blvd., NOLA 70130. GDM Security Services LLC was previously issued a cease & desist order and letter on April 26, 2023. As a result of Offray's non-compliance with the C&D, NOPD 8<sup>th</sup> District officer on Monday April 22, 2024, issued Gregory Offray, company owner, a municipal summons for operating an unlicensed security company. We are also considering filing an injunction against Mr. Offray.

#### **Legislation:**

- On Monday, April 15, 2024, I appeared before the House Commerce Committee to present on HB 638 (an amendment to LRS37:3294). There were no questions and no opposition to the bill. A motion was made to pass the bill favorably out of committee, and it was seconded. The bill advanced to the House floor where it passed unanimously on Thursday, April 18, 2024. The bill will now be headed to the Senate committee on commerce for a hearing.
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#### **Private Security Industry:**

- Number of active licensed companies to date: active-218 and inactive-204
- Number of registered instructors to date: classroom only-51 and classroom and firearms-55
- Number of registered security officers to date: 14,557

#### **Compliance Unit:** (Stephanie Richardson, Compliance Investigator 3)

- 1<sup>st</sup> Veterans Security LLC (PSE-23-CO-001) was audited at their facility in Lafayette on Thursday, April 11, 2024 (results sent).
- Southern Defense & Security (PSE-20-CO-011) was audited at their facility in Lafayette on Friday, April 12, 2024 (results pending).
- Southern Security Inc. (247) was audited at their facility in Crowley on Wednesday, April 17, 2024 (results pending).
- Garda CL Southeast, Inc. DBA GardaWorld (855) was audited at their facility in Lafayette on Thursday, April 18, 2024 (results pending).
- Tectus Security Services (764) was audited at their facility in Mandeville on Thursday, May 9, 2024 (results pending).

#### **Post Check:**

- On Tuesday, April 16, 2024, at 10:50 AM, Ross Bourgeois, Director of the New Orleans Real-time Crime Center, called me and informed me that on Sunday, April 14, 2024, around noon, he had seen a man of African American descent wearing a tan tactical vest

covered with a zip-up hoodie and carrying a semi-automatic sidearm. Later that afternoon (4-16) Danny Franklin conducted a post-check at the Rouse's, 6600 Franklin Ave., New Orleans. Franklin met with the manager of the Rouse's Market, Raymond Cora. He (Cora) confirmed that IPSC was the security company under contract with the store. No further action was required, and the complaint was closed.

**Fines:**

- Fines collected for the months of April and May 2024 is \$24,033.50.

**Training:**

- All staff completed their 2024 annual Ethics, Sexual Harassment, and Cyber Security training.

**Facility Upgrades / Needs:**

- We had the A/C unit in the kitchen repaired for \$725.00.

**Agency Audits:**

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**COOP Plan Overview:**

- Completed / semi-annual review required.

**ORM Claim Overview:**

- We submitted a claim to ORM to recover \$15,524.47 in misappropriated funds by Bridget Hull, the former executive secretary.

**OIG Update:**

- Nothing to report.

**Incident(s):**

- Nothing to report.