

**LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF
PRIVATE SECURITY EXAMINERS**
BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Date: September 25, 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 Chairman Ritchie Rivers at 10:43 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	Present
Jennifer King	Present
Mark Leto, Sr	Not Present
Dwayne Regan	Present
Lewis Frost	Present

A quorum of the board was determined.

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

Nelafar Wafa; and members of the public Hunter Young, Stratigos Dynamics.

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

III. Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman Rivers asked Mr. Dwayne Regan 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 8/14/24

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

Motion by:	Ms. Burke
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Seconded by:	Mr. Regan
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Ayes: 7	Nays: 0
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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 agency staffing, meetings taken, Thentia Cloud, collections, training curriculums, and the Private Security Initiative in New Orleans. 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 August 2024 and answered questions.

b. Ethics Committee Update– Chairman Ritchie Rivers

No current investigations.

c. Legislative Committee Update – Chairman Forrest Hise

Mr. Hise was not present for this meeting, no updates at this time.

VIII. Consideration of New License Applications (Julie Fisher)

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

- a. Qualifying Agent Applications:
 - i. Jason Maddox - Pinkerton
- b. Company Applications:
 - i. Elite Strategy Consulting and Risk Management Inc. – Holli Draines
 - ii. City One Protection Group – Anthony Jackson, Jr.
- c. Instructor Applications:
 - i. Thomas Brouillette – Classroom, Firearms & Baton In-House – Kingdom Security
 - ii. Toney Steele – Classroom & Firearms External – Steele Protective Service
 - iii. Robert May – Classroom-In House – Contemporary Services Corporation
- d. Received Too Late to Review:
 - i. Alexandria Alleva – Classroom In-House – Contemporary Services Corp
 - ii. James Brock – Classroom In-House – Contemporary Services Corp
 - iii. Andrew Chin – Classroom In-House – Contemporary Services Corp
 - iv. Calvin Makornkran – Classroom In-House – Contemporary Services Corp

- v. David Sidders – Classroom In-House – Contemporary Services Corp
- vi. Brian Stephens – Classroom In-House – Contemporary Services Corp
- vii. Dane Sukimoto – Classroom In-House – Contemporary Services Corp
- viii. Nick Tackett – Classroom In-House – Contemporary Services Corp
- ix. Mackenzie Troche – Classroom In-House – Contemporary Services Corp
- x. Luis Uribe – Classroom In-House – Contemporary Services Corp
- xi. Andrew Sitgreaves – Classroom In-House – Contemporary Services Corp
- xii. Debra Roca – Classroom In-House – Contemporary Services Corp
- xiii. Stephen Weeks – Classroom In-House – DSI Security Services
- xiv. Richard Booth – Classroom In-House – Securitas, Inc.
- xv. Corporate & International Protection Group – Louis Linn

Ms. Fisher asked for a motion to approve the following completed applications: Qualifying Agent Jason Maddox; and Company City One Protection Group.

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

The motion was carried.

Ms. Fisher asked for a motion to approve the incomplete Company License application for Elite Strategy Consulting and Risk Management; and the incomplete Instructor License applications for Thomas Brouillette, Toney Steele and Robert May, 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:	Ms. Burke
Seconded by:	Ms. Brennan
Ayes: 6 Abstain: 1	Nays: 0

The motion was carried. Jason Robbins abstained from this vote due to a potential conflict of interest.

Ms. Fisher asked for a motion to approve the following incomplete and not reviewed applications which were paid and received shortly before the board meeting, pending review and receipt/completion of all outstanding items, and to then give Executive Secretary Carl Saizan, Jr. the authority to issue the license once applications are completed: Alexandria Alleva, Classroom In-House; James Brock, Classroom In-House; Andrew Chin, Classroom In-House; Calvin Makornkran, Classroom In-House; David Sidders, Classroom In-House; Brian Stephens, Classroom In-House; Dane Sukimoto, Classroom In-House; Nick Tackett, Classroom In-House; Mackenzie Troche, Classroom In-House; Luis Uribe, Classroom In-House; Andrew Sitgreaves, Classroom In-House; Debra Roca, Classroom In-House; Stephen Weeks, Classroom In-House; Richard Booth, Classroom In-House; and company Corporate & International Protection Group, Louis Linn.

Motion by:	Ms. Burke
Seconded by:	Ms. Brennan
Ayes: 7	Nays: 0

The motion was carried.

IX. Discussion and Vote regarding the implementation of Thentia Cloud

Mr. Saizan supplied the board with documentation showing the costs associated with the implantation of Thentia Cloud.

A motion was made to approve the implementation of Thentia Cloud.

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

The motion was carried.

**X. Presentation of Fee Study and Board Vote to Proceed with
Legislation for the 2025 Fiscal Session (Logan Berthelot)**

Mr. Berthelot presented his fee study and recommendations for fee increases and answered questions from the board.

A motion was made to approve and move forward with the updated Fee Schedule legislation.

Motion by:	Mr. Frost
Seconded by:	Ms. King
Ayes: 7	Nays: 0

The motion was carried.

XI. Presentation of 4-Hour Curriculum (Logan Berthelot)

Mr. Berthelot presented the new 4-Hour Curriculum to the board and answered questions. No motions were made regarding this agenda item.

XII. 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 Vincent Modarelli, individually and/or doing business as Garda CL Southeast, Inc. DBA GardaWorld #855

- b. Consent agreement presented for approval regarding Sheila Jenkins,, individually and/or doing business as Elliott Security Solutions LLC #831

A motion was made to go into executive session.

Motion by:	Ms. Burke
Seconded by:	Ms. Brennan
Ayes: 7	Nays: 0

The motion was passed.

Executive Session begins at 12:57PM.

Open Session begins at 1:03PM.

A motion was made to accept all consent agreements as presented.

Motion by:	Mr. Frost
Seconded by:	Mr. Robbins
Ayes: 7	Nays: 0

The motion was passed.

XIII. Adjournment

A motion was made adjourn.

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

The motion was passed.

Chairman Rivers adjourned the meeting at 1:05 PM.

MINUTES CERTIFICATION

Proposed minutes respectfully submitted,

Julie Fisher

Secretary/Recording Secretary

1/13/25

Date

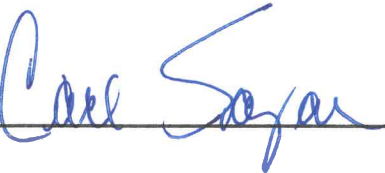
Minutes reviewed & approved by Board Member vote on January 15, 2025. Approval affirmed below by signatures of Board Chairman and Executive Secretary.



Ritchie Rivers, Board Chairman



Date



Carl F. Saizan, Jr., Executive Secretary



Date



LSBPSE Board Meeting

Wednesday, September 25, 2024 @ 10:30

Executive Secretary's Briefing Notes

Staffing:

- We currently have 14 staff members: eight full-time, four WAEs, and two student workers.

Processes:

- After multiple discussions with Thentia Cloud representatives since June 2023 and in consultation with Wayne Gonzales, our IT expert, we recommend that the board invest in this new web solution. We believe it will benefit the industry and create more efficiencies for the agency by automating many processes. Both Blake Arcuri and Wayne Gonzales have reviewed the new Master Service Agreement and Statement of Work as of September 23, 2024, and we are respectfully requesting board approval to move the agency to this new Thentia Cloud regulatory license management solution.

Meetings:

- On Thursday, August 15, 2024, I had a meeting with the Deputy Director of ATC, Joe Picone and several of his compliance agents to discuss the private security licensing and registration requirements so that we work collectively with the ATC to ensure that only legitimate license private security companies are operating in business they regulate throughout Louisiana.
- On Monday, August 19, 2024, Heather Mitchell and I had a meeting with the State Fire Marshall Chief Bryan Adams, to discuss the private security licensing and registration requirements so that we work collectively with the SFM's office to ensure that only

legitimate license private security companies are operating in business they regulate throughout Louisiana.

- I met with the following state representatives to discuss the LSBPSE's current state of affairs, and the vision for the agency going forward:
 - Rep. Vincent Cox – August 21, 2024
 - Rep. Alonzo Knox – August 28, 2024
 - Rep. Shaun Mena – August 28, 2024
 - Rep. Candice Newell – August 29, 2024
 - Rep. Paula Davis – September 5, 2024
 - Rep. Phillip Devillier (House Speaker) - September 5, 2024

- On Monday, September 16, 2024, Heather and I met with Lt. Governor Nungesser and his senior advisor, Julio Guichard, to discuss a national campaign aimed at informing organizers wishing to host events, conferences, conventions, etc. in Louisiana about the requirements for private security operations and to prohibit out-of-state private security companies not licensed by LSBPSE from operating in the state for these events, conferences, conventions, etc.
- On Tuesday, September 17, 2024, Heather and I met with Jonathan Wagner, AAG with the Louisiana Department of Justice, regarding ACT 2 (SB2) in the 2024 Second Extraordinary Session, which gives concealed carry permit cardholders Immunity from Civil Liability.
- On Friday, September 20, 2024, Heather and I met with Chris Stelly, Director of the Office of Louisiana Economic Development, to discuss a national campaign aimed at informing organizers wishing to host events, conferences, conventions, etc. in Louisiana about the requirements for private security operations and to prohibit out-of-state private security companies not licensed by LSBPSE from operating in the state for these events, conferences, conventions, etc.

Board Counsel: (Blake Arcuri, General Counsel)

- Blake will file a civil injunction on GDM Security in New Orleans for failing to comply with a Cease-and-Desist Order issued in February 2023. Also, on Wednesday, September 4, 2024, Gregory Offray, the owner of GDM Security based in Jefferson Parish, pleaded guilty in New Orleans Municipal Court to operating an unlicensed security company. He was ordered to pay a \$350.00 fine and was cautioned by the judge about operating an unlicensed security company.

Legal Counsel: (Attorney Graham Bosworth, Collections Attorney)

- Regarding Blache, we have drafted our discovery request. But Blanche's claims against the agency have been thrown out, and their opportunity to seek supervisory review of that

- Merchants Security Services, Inc. (039) was audited at their facility in Metairie on August 15, 2024.
- Alpha Hawk Security LLC (PSE-22-CO-010) was audited at their facility in Baton Rouge on August 16, 2024.
- United American Security LLC DBA GardaWorld Security Services (948) was audited at their facility in New Orleans on August 21, 2024.
- Brosnan Risk Consultants LTD. (986) was audited at their facility in Metairie on August 22, 2024.
- Reel Security Corp. of Louisiana (770) was audited at their facility in New Orleans on August 22, 2024.
- Andy Frain Services Inc. (578) was audited at their facility in Baton Rouge on August 23, 2024.
- True Focus Hospitality Group Inc (899) was audited at their facility in New Orleans on August 28, 2024.
- Vigilant Protective Services, LLC (443) was audited at their facility in New Orleans on August 28, 2024.
- Elite Sentry, Inc. D/B/A Sentry Security (375) was audited at their facility in New Orleans on August 29, 2024.
- Viking Protection (PSE-19-CO-006) was audited at their facility in New Orleans on August 29, 2024.
- Custom Security Group LLC dba Veteran Security Services (PSE-22-CO-006) was audited at their facility in Mandeville on August 29, 2024.
- Full Measure Security Services LLC (PSE-23-CO-017) was audited at their facility in Slidell on August 29, 2024.
- City One Security & Investigative Agency LLC (PSE-21-CO-015) was audited at their facility in New Orleans on August 30, 2024.
- Pinnacle Security Inc. (838) was audited at their facility in Metairie on September 4, 2024.
- F.E.S.S., Inc. (516) was audited at their facility in Metairie on September 4, 2024.
- Metro One Loss Prevention Services Group (789) was audited at their facility in New Orleans on September 5, 2024.
- Excelsior Arms Security Services LLC (995) was audited at their facility in Harvey on September 6, 2024.
- Whelan Security Co. DBA BEST Crowd Management (289) was audited at their facility in New Orleans on September 6, 2024.
- Blue Marine Security, LLC (570) was audited at their facility in Belle Chasse on September 6, 2024.
- Paragon Systems Inc. (539) was audited at their facility in Kenner on September 11, 2024.
- Security Industry Specialists Inc (759) was audited at their facility in Metairie on September 11, 2024.

- Crescent City Consulting LLC (846) was audited at their facility in New Orleans on September 12, 2024.
- Convention & Trade Show Staffing Corp (992) was audited at their facility in New Orleans on September 12, 2024.
- G4S Secure Solutions (USA) Inc. (10) was audited at their facility in Metairie on September 13, 2024.
- River City Security and Investigations LLC (PSE-21-CO-028) of Ooltewah, TN, was audited on September 13, 2024.
- C13 LC (PSE-23-CO-005) was audited at their facility in Covington on September 18, 2024.
- Level Five Security Services LLC (PSE-23-CO-005) was audited at their facility in Covington on September 18, 2024.
- Solid Steel Security LLC (PSE-22-CO-014) was audited at their facility in New Orleans on September 24, 2024.
- Echelon Enforcement Agency LLC (PSE-23-CO-003) was audited at their facility in New Orleans on September 24, 2024.
- South Legend Officer LLC (945) was audited at their facility in New Orleans on September 24, 2024.

License Approvals 8/14/24-9/24/24

- Qualifying Agents:
 - Brian White, Summit Off Duty Services, 8/14/24
 - Sean Costello, Off Duty Services, 8/14/24
 - Christopher Cantrell, BravOne Security Group LLC Owner addition, 8/27/24
- Companies:
 - Big Boy Enterprises LLC dba Big Boy Security Services (Michael Stamps), 8/14/24
 - RW's Personal Services (Raymond White), 8/14/24
 - Dynamic Integrated Security Inc. (Zeev Fragachan, Jhonelba Moreno), 8/14/24
 - Code 4, LLC (Andrew Hurst, William Hungate), 8/19/24
 - Stratus Security Management Inc. (Brandon Pierce), 8/22/24
 - Fast Guard Service LLC (Roderick Payne, Jr.), 8/29/24
 - Apex Security Group Inc. (Robert Brockway, Sachin Patel, Eugene Walters), 9/24/24
- Instructors:
 - Mitzi Newman, Tactical Impact Security, Classroom & Firearms, 8/14/24
 - Kent Courville, Tactical Impact Security, Classroom & Firearms, 8/14/24
 - Marco Saltarelli, AAY Security, Classroom, 8/14/24
 - James Cox, Plant Security LLC, Classroom, 9/23/24

Post Check:

- Nothing to report.

Fines:

- Fines collected for August 14, thru September 24, 2024 - \$29,988.36.

Training:

- The 4-hour training curriculum was completed, and all training material has been posted on our agency's website. Logan Berthelot and David Ryerson, Retired LSP Lieutenant, are credited with creating and implementing the new training curriculum. The training information was vetted by 15 LSBPSE trainers, LSP Training Academy, our legal counsel, and the Peace Officers Standards and Training Council (POST).

Facility Upgrades / Needs:

- Nothing to report

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, August 23, 2024, at 9:37 am. a GardaWorld security guard was working an armed post at Adlers Jewelry Store, 722 Canal Street, New Orleans, LA. A suspect yelled racial slurs at the uniformed security guard who was outside near the front door of Adlers Jewelry Store. The suspect then attacked the security guard by jumping on his back in an attempt to strangle him and then knocked him to the ground. The suspect reached into a backpack when the security guard fired a single shot from his revolver, fearing an imminent threat of a weapon was inside the bag, at the suspect stopping him. The suspect sustained a gunshot wound to the side of his face and was transported to UMC 2000 Canal Street in stable condition. The perpetrator is being held on an arrest warrant and will be booked when released with R.S.14:35 Battery and R.S.14:107.2 Hate Crimes.