

LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF
PRIVATE SECURITY EXAMINERS

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Date: November 19, 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 10:44 AM.

II. Roll Call

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

Ritchie Rivers, Chairman	Present
Dynette Burke, Vice Chairman	Not Present
Forrest Hise	Present
Kristen Brennan	Present
Jason Robbins, Sr	Not Present
Jennifer King	Present
Mark Leto, Sr	Not Present
Phillip Higgins	Present
Lewis Frost	Not Present

A quorum of the board was determined.

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

Stephanie Richardson provided the board with a brief update on the 2024 audits. She reported that 78% of the audits are complete, and the remainder are on track to be complete by the end of the year. Notably, 47% of companies audited had no findings, which is a significant improvement from the previous years' 20%.

VIII. Committee Updates

a. Finance Committee Update – Chairman Dynette Burke

Scott Lazarone presented the October 2025 financial statements.

b. Training Committee Update– Chairman Jason Robbins

No updates at this time.

c. Legislative Committee Update – Chairman Forrest Hise

Mr. Hise gave a brief update on the statute revisions that the committee has been working on.

A motion was made to approve all proposed updates to LA RS 37:3270, 37:3271, 37:3272 and 37:3275 and send them to the legislature.

Motion by:	Ms. King
Seconded by:	Ms. Brennan
Ayes: 5	Nays: 0

The motion was carried.

IX. Contract Approval

a. Blake Arcuri

A motion was made to approve the contract renewal for board attorney Blake Arcuri for the 2026 fiscal year with no changes in compensation.

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

XI. 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: None at this time
- b. Company License Applications:
 - i. ZF Collective – Jacob Scroggins, Cliff Dore, Brian Gonzalez & Trevor Warner
 - ii. Securemedy Incorporated- Olabanji Folayan
 - iii. C2 Security Group – David Carothers
 - iv. Fiore Industries, Inc. – Christine Zach & Stacy Ettel
 - v. Valere Security LLC – David Myers
 - vi. Security & Safety Associates of Louisiana LLC – Revere Christophe & Andrea Christophe
- c. Instructor License Applications
 - i. Helena Major – Classroom In-House – NOLA Protection
 - ii. Jody Smith – Classroom & Firearms In-House & External - IPSC
 - iii. Billy Stewart – Classroom & Firearms In-House – IPSC

Ms. Fisher asked for a motion to approve the instructor license application for Jody Smith.

Motion by:	Ms. King
Seconded by:	Ms. Brennan
Ayes: 5	Nays: 0

The motion was carried.

Ms. Fisher asked for a motion to pre-approve the incomplete instructor applications for Helena Major and Billy Stewart pending receipt of completion of outstanding items. Once completed, the board gives the Executive Secretary the authority to issue these licenses.

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

The motion was carried.

Ms. Fisher asked for a motion to preapprove the following incomplete company license

being paid. The lack of payment led to guards not reporting for work, thus creating a security risk.

A motion was made to place the company license for Guard Tac, owned by Damon Holmes, on probation for 1 year, and must satisfy all outstanding payroll payments before the next board meeting or the license will be revoked.

Motion by:	Mr. Hise
Seconded by:	Mr. Higgins
Ayes: 5	Nays: 0

The motion was carried.

XIII. 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 ERIC AMERLAND, individually and/or doing business as ACCEL PROTECTIVE SERVICES, INC. (543).
- b. Consent Agreement presented for approval regarding MICHAEL STAMPS, individually and/or doing business as BIG BOY ENTERPRISES LLC DBA BIG BOY SECURITY SERVICES (PSE-24-CO-016).
- c. Consent Agreement presented for approval regarding MICHAEL STAMPS, individually and/or doing business as BIG BOY ENTERPRISES LLC DBA BIG BOY SECURITY SERVICES (PSE-24-CO-016).
- d. Consent Agreement presented for approval regarding MICHAEL CANADY, individually and/or doing business as BRINKS, INC. (225-B).
- e. Consent Agreement presented for approval regarding TAMIKA BROOKS, individually and/or doing business as BROOKS INTEGRITY LLC (PSE-20-CO-013).
- f. Consent Agreement presented for approval regarding MICHAEL DIBENEDETTO, individually and/or doing business as DIBENEDETTO SECURITY, LLC (957).
- g. Consent Agreement presented for approval regarding KIMBERLY PICKNEY,

Board in Executive Session at 12:03 PM.

Board out of Executive Session at 12:27 PM.

A motion was made to approve consent agreements as presented for all companies listed except for Vision Quest Solutions.

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

The motion was carried.

A motion was made to approve the consent agreement as presented for Vision Quest Solutions. Mr. Hise abstained from this vote due to a conflict of interest.

Motion by:	Ms. Brennan	
Seconded by:	Mr. Higgins	
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Ayes: 4	Abstain:1	Nays: 0

The motion was carried.

XIV. Adjournment

A motion was made adjourn.

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

The motion was passed.

MINUTES CERTIFICATION

Proposed minutes respectfully submitted,

Julie Fisher

Secretary/Recording Secretary

1/19/26

Date

Minutes reviewed & approved by Board Member vote on January 28, 2026. Approval affirmed below by signatures of Board Chairman and Executive Secretary.



Ritchie Rivers, Board Chairman

Date

1-28-24



Carl F. Saizan, Jr., Executive Secretary

Date

1-28-24



LSBPSE Board Meeting

Wednesday, November 19, 2025 @ 10:30 a.m.

Executive Secretary's Briefing Notes

Staffing:

- We currently have 18 staff members: nine full-time, nine WAEs, and two Westaff temporary employee.

Processes:

- Nothing to Report

Meetings:

- On Monday, September 29, 2025, LSBPSE hosted the 2nd week long NRALE Handgun Course at the St. Bernard Parish Sheriff's Office Range in Chalmette.
- On Tuesday, September 30, 2025, I traveled to the Ernest N Morial Convention Center (ENMCC) GSX International Security Conference and attended the NASCO breakfast where I gave a speech on the state of the agency and private security industry in Louisiana.
- On Thursday, October 9, 2025, I was the guest presenter at the GNO Chapter of ASIS luncheon held at the Quarter View Restaurant in Metairie.
- On Thursday, October 23, 2025, the LSBPSE held its annual instructor conference at Troop B in Kenner. The same conference was held on Wednesday, October 29, 2025, at Troop I in Lafayette. Both events were well attended, and the new S.O.S.T. curriculum was introduced, with plans for implementation starting on January 1, 2026.

Board Counsel: (Blake Arcuri, General Counsel)

- Arcuri's Legal Contract is ready for approval

- On Tuesday, November 11, 2025, Blake Arcuri, Stephanie Richardson and I held three informal conferences at Blake's law office in New Orleans,
- Blue Marine Security, Statewide K9-Unit Patrol Enforcement and Big Boy Security Services.

Legal Counsel: (Attorney Graham Bosworth, Collections Attorney)

- Bosworth's Legal Counsel contract is ready for approval.

Case Update – We are still waiting on the court to set a court date.

Legal Counsel: (Attorney Lisa Henson, Promulgating LSBPSE Rules)

- The LSBPSE Rule rewrite is ongoing, was returned to the agency on Friday, November 6, 2025, and is currently under review by the LSBPSE staff.

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

- Nothing to report.

Board Investigative Committee: (Board Chair, Ritchie Rivers)

- Nothing to report.

Board Legislative Committee:

- There was one working group meeting on September Thursday, October 30, 2025, at 10:30 a.m.

Board Training Committee:

- Instructor conferences were held on October 23rd at Troop B in Kenner and October 29th at Troop I in Lafayette.

Complaints / Investigations:

- On October 15, 2025, Stephanie Richardson discovered that Ranger Guard-Louisiana (an unlicensed company) was advertising for business in Louisiana. I spoke with the company owner, Assaf Catran, at 917.346.4408, and told him that he needed to stop advertising for security services in Louisiana, or we would take legal action against his company. He agreed to do so and stated that he would be applying for a company license in Louisiana. As of today, November 19, 2025, their website is inactive.
- On November 3, 2025, we received information that the New Orleans Recreation Department (NORD) was utilizing Gorilla Proof Protection, an unlicensed security company that had been issued a cease-and-desist order on April 5, 2024. This was confirmed on Tuesday, November 18, 2025, after discussions with Ashley Frank, the NORD Director of Security. He provided me with a bid submitted by the company's owner and an invoice paid to Gorilla Proof Protection as evidence. I will consult our board attorney about pursuing a civil injunction against Gorilla Proof Protection.
- On November 14, 2025, Guard Tac received a letter informing the owner, Damon Holmes, that his company was being placed on probation for one year, pending board approval. This action was taken due to the company's failure to fulfill a multimillion-

dollar contract with the state of Louisiana. Guard Tac was awarded the contract on October 1, 2025, but it was revoked on November 7, 2025, because of unpaid employee wages. This situation created financial hardship for employees and posed risks for those in the state of Louisiana.

Legislation:

- On-going and pending the 2026 legislative session.

Private Security Industry:

- Number of active, licensed companies to date: active- 224 and inactive- 233
- Number of registered instructors to date: classroom only-64 and classroom and firearms-53
- Number of registered security officers to date: 16,461

Licenses issued since meeting on 9/17/25: (Julie Fisher, Licensing Analyst 2)

Qualifying Agents:

- None

Companies: (3)

- Blue Chip Services LLC – 9/23/25
- Lions Gate Security Solutions Inc – 10/1/25
- Cerberus Security LLC – 11/12/25

Instructors: (6)

- Thomas Pirtle – Classroom & Firearms External – 9/23/25
- Revere Christophe – Classroom External – 10/1/25
- Kimberly Wilson – Classroom In-House & External – 10/1/25
- Arquette Broomfield – Classroom In-House – 10/2/25
- Chastain Fontenet – Classroom, Firearms & Baton In-House – 10/2/25
- Gene Miller – Classroom In-House – 10/15/25

Compliance Unit: (Stephanie Richardson, Compliance Investigator 3)

- Nothing to report.

Post Check:

- Nothing to report.

Training:

- Logan Berthelot is establishing S.O.S.T office hours for the new 1st- and 2nd-level 8-hour training curriculum, providing instructors and company owners with additional information and clarification on any material.

Facility Upgrades / Needs:

- N/A

Agency Audit(s):

- On September 25, 2025, we received a confirmation email and letter from the FBI that their Biometric Services Section (BSS) Criminal History Information and Policy Unit (CHIPU), in consultation with the CJILU, has approved LRS 37:3276.2, which officially gives us the authority to receive and review criminal histories for all LSBPSE applicants.

COOP Plan Overview:

- Completed / semi-annual review required.

ORM Claim Overview:

- Nothing to report.

OIG Update:

- Nothing to report.

Incident(s):

- Nothing to report.