

**LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF
PRIVATE SECURITY EXAMINERS**

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Date: May 21, 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 10:55 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	Present
Kristen Brennan	Present
Jason Robbins, Sr	Not Present
Jennifer King	Not Present
Mark Leto, Sr	Not 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

VII. Committee Updates

a. Financial Committee Update – Chairman Dynette Burke

Scott Lazarone, CPA presented proposed 2024-2025 budget amendments and proposed 2025-2026 budget to the board.

A motion was made to approve the 2024-2025 budget amendments recommended by the finance committee.

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 adopt the proposed 2025-2026 budget option B, the version that does not include the potential fee increase, as recommended by the finance committee.

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 increase the salary for Executive Secretary Carl Saizan by 10% in the 2025-2026 fiscal year.

Motion by:	Mr. Regan
Seconded by:	Mr. Robbins
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Ayes: 5	Nays: 0

The motion was carried.

b. Ethics Committee Update– Chairman Ritchie Rivers

No current investigations.

Shane Lewis, Prosegur; completed Company License Application for Elite Defense, LLC, Jason Lewis; and completed Instructor License Applications for Velvet Gary, IPSC and Meagan Prestenback, IPSC.

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

The motion was carried.

Ms. Fisher asked for a motion to preapprove the following incomplete license applications: Qualifying Agent application for Dwayne Hallman, Hub Enterprises; Company Applications Delta Force Security Services LLC, Ian Matthews and Burrel Robinson; and Rock Executive Protection, Jeffrey Prince and Kendrick Smith; and Instructor Applications Joel Baum, IPSC; David Norton, IPSC; and Clark White, IPSC. Once completed, the board gives the Executive Secretary the authority to issue these licenses.

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

The motion was carried.

Ms. Fisher asked for a motion to approve the Instructor License Application for John Workman III, Tectus Security Services, pending review. Once completed, the board gives the Executive Secretary the authority to issue this license.

Dynette Burke abstained from this vote due to potential conflict of interest.

Motion by:	Mr. Hise
Seconded by:	Ms. Brennan
Ayes: 4	Nays: 0

The motion was carried.

IX. Executive Session (The Board may go into executive session to

A motion was made to preapprove the incomplete Company License Application for Quality Security, Preston Jones pending completion. The board also requests that he file a separate trade name with the state to separate the training and security portions of his business. Once completed, the board gives the Executive Secretary the authority to issue this license.

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

The motion was passed.

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

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

The motion was passed.

A motion was made to suspend the company license for Donny Pitts, individually or doing business as Guardian, CPP, and the company and instructor license for Joe Saba, individually or doing business as C13, LC with the intent to revoke all three licenses at the board meeting on August 20, 2025.

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

The motion was passed.



LSBPSE Board Meeting

Wednesday, May 21, 2025 @ 10:30 a.m.

Executive Secretary's Briefing Notes

Staffing:

- We currently have 16 staff members: nine full-time, six WAEs, and two student workers. We are in the process of hiring a third compliance investigator, Ricky Roubique, a retired SFM compliance investigator, who is slated to start the week of June 9, 2025.

Processes:

- Nothing to Report

Meetings:

- On Thursday, March 27, 2025, Heather Mitchell and I held a roundtable discussion at LSP Troop B in Kenner for all security companies in the metropolitan New Orleans area.
- On Wednesday, April 15, 2025, Heather Mitchell and I held a roundtable discussion at LSP Troop L in Mandeville for all security companies in St. Tammany and Tangipahoa Parishes.
- On Thursday, April 24, 2025, Heather Mitchell and I attended the InfraGard Louisiana Members Alliance and connected with Sue Englebert, retired captain from the U.S. Coast Guard and current professor of Emergency Management Administration, Maritime and Border Security and Critical Infrastructure at Tulane University.
- On Wednesday, April 28, 2025, Heather Mitchell, Logan Berthelot and I went to the Capitol to testify in the House Commerce Committee on behalf of HB-152 and HB-157. Both bills passed unanimously out of committee.
- On Thursday, April 30, 2025, Heather Mitchell and I held a roundtable discussion at LSP Troop B in Kenner for all security companies in the New Orleans area.
- On Tuesday, May 7, 2025, Heather Mitchell and I attended the State Civil Service Board meeting, Claiborne Bldg, Baton Rouge. We had two items on their agenda: Al Clavin,

Compliance Investigator, additional hours for 24/25 and our updated rewards and recognition policy. Both were approved.

- On Wednesday, May 14, 2025, Heather Mitchell and I met with Katrina Emery, the Revenue Tax Director, and Kevin McNicoll, Revenue Tax Auditor, for the Office of Charitable Gaming, LaSalle Bldg., Baton Rouge to discuss a partnership with their agency to assist the LSBPSE with compliance checks at their respective locations throughout the state. They have since agreed to the partnership request.
- On Tuesday, May 20, 2025, Stephanie Richardson and I met with Meridith Trahant, the Deputy Assistant Secretary, and Adrienne Quillen, Attorney Supervisor of the Louisiana Workforce Commission. We discussed the requirements for workers' compensation insurance in the private security industry and the process of incorporating these requirements into our regulations. Additionally, we covered how the Louisiana Workforce Commission will enforce these insurance requirements.

Board Counsel: (Blake Arcuri, General Counsel)

- On Tuesday, April 8, 2025, Blake reported that the federal lawsuit filed by North Atlantic against the former LSBPSE executive director, Fabian Blanche, was settled with an NDA.

Legal Counsel: (Attorney Graham Bosworth, Collections Attorney)

- **Case Update** - Fabian's attorney requested an additional 30-day extension to provide the discovery answers, and Bosworth agreed to this extension. He believes that the latest court ruling against Fabian will go unnoticed, resulting in a summary judgment in favor of the agency.

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

- The LSBPSE Rule rewrite is underway. Extensive work has been done by Ms. Henson and the LSBPSE staff. Ms. Henson said that she will have a draft back to the agency June 1, 2025, at which point the information will be shared with the Board for their review and input. We are anticipating having the rules posted for comment sometime after the session ends so that we can add the necessary changes that are associated with HB-152 and HB-157.

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

- Nothing to report.

Board Investigative Committee: (Board Chair, Ritchie Rivers)

We have three (3) open investigations:

- 25-INV-001 Gideon Protective Solutions LLC (PSE-24-CO-026)
- 25-INV-002 Guardian CPP LLC (PSE-18-CO-912)
- 25-INV-003 Bleu Ocean Security Inc. (PSE-25-CO-Pending Board Approval)

Complaints / Investigations:

- We received a complaint about an unregistered security guard at the Knights Inn in Shreveport. The unidentified security guard is directly employed by the hotel. The situation described does not fall under the jurisdiction of the Louisiana State Board of Private Security Examiners, therefore no action was required.

- We received a complaint regarding hotels in the New Orleans area being operated by management companies and their security is unlicensed/unregistered. I spoke with Mavis Early, Executive Director of the Hotel and Lodging Association and Mike Cahn, president of the Security Directors Association. On going.....
- We received a complaint regarding West Alabama Security, an unlicensed security company, providing security services at a fair, hosted by Thrillville LLC, in EBR the week of April 10th thru 13th, and April 17th to April 19th. Necessary action was taken, and no investigation was warranted.
- We received a complaint on People's Protection providing security services at a private party on Saturday, April 3, 2025, in St. John Parish. Necessary action was taken, and no investigation was warranted.
- We received a complaint about a security officer associated with Paragon who was operating an unlicensed security company. The individual agreed to stop all operations with his company, Truth Veterans Security LLC, to avoid jeopardizing his federal and private security jobs. Appropriate action was taken, and no investigation was warranted.
- We received a complaint about United 318 Security providing security services in the parking lot at The Onyx Lounge in Monroe on Thursday, May 15, 2025. I issued a cease and desist (C&D) order to Kevin Jackson, the owner of United 318 Security, in October 2023. On Friday, May 16, 2025, I spoke with Chief Cleveland, the Chief of Police for the Town of Richwood. I explained the situation regarding United 318 Security and requested that he issue a municipal summons to Mr. Jackson for violating LRS 37:3292. He agreed to do so. Following our conversation, I sent Chief Cleveland an email that included the C&D issued to Mr. Jackson in 2023. On the same day, I spoke with Tonia Davis, the owner of The Onyx Lounge, to inform her about the situation and followed up with an email. On Tuesday, May 20, the chief called me to confirm some specifics and also confirmed that he was issuing Mr. Jackson a municipal summons that same day.

Legislation:

- HB-157 passed on the House floor on Monday, May 6, 2025.
- HB-152 passed the House floor on Tuesday, May 7, 2025.
- Both bills are scheduled for the Senate Commerce Committee on Wednesday, May 21, 2025, at 9 am.

Private Security Industry:

- Number of active, licensed companies to date: active- **231** and inactive- **228**
- Number of registered instructors to date: classroom only-**71** and classroom and firearms-**52**
- Number of registered security officers to date: **16,607**

Licenses issued since meeting on 3/19/25: (Julie Fisher, Licensing Analyst 2)

Companies: (0)

Instructors: (0)

Compliance Unit: (Stephanie Richardson, Compliance Investigator 3)

- The 2024 audits commenced on Tuesday, April 1, 2025.
- Audits are being done on a monthly grouping basis to expedite the timeline.

- 43 companies are currently being audited: 20 companies comprise Group 1, and 23 companies comprise Group 2.

Group 1 (April 2025)		Group 2 (May 2025)	
Name	PSE #	Name	PSE #
Eagle-Hawk Premium Protection Services LLC	PSE-23-CO-012	1st Veterans Security LLC	PSE-23-CO-001
AAY Security, LLC	901	Alamo Services, LLC	448
First Class Protective Services LLC	PSE-21-CO-018	Allied Universal Event Services, a dba of Staff Pro Inc of CA	PSE-23-CO-014
Global Sector Services Inc	858	Alpha Hawk Security LLC	PSE-22-CO-010
Lofton Armed Security Service LLC	807	American Security, L.L.C. DBA Hub Enterprises	PSE-24-CO-007
No 1 NOLA Security Enforcements LLC	PSE-22-CO-008	Andy Frain Services Inc.	578
Securitas Security Services USA Inc.	366	Aptim Maintenance, LLC	747
Security Engineers Inc	PSE-20-CO-010	Asset Security, LLC	746
Security Solutions of America, a dba of S&S Management Group LLC	968	Blue Marine Security, LLC	570
Single Source Security LLC DBA Protos Security	999	Brinks, Inc.	225
Top Brass Protection LLC	PSE-22-CO-011	Brinks, Inc.	225-A
Young Holdings Group LLC dba Southern Security	PSE-24-CO-010	Brinks, Inc.	225-B
Accel Protective Services, Inc.	543	Brosnan Risk Consultants LTD.	986
American Guard Services, Inc.	860	Convention & Trade Show Staffing Corp	992
Feliciana Security Services LLC	963	Crescent City Consulting LLC	846
Lofton Security Service Inc.	565	Crockett's Security Guard Service, LLC	533
NOLA Protection Group LLC	852	Dibenedetto Security, LLC	957
PSC Security Group LLC	PSE-24-CO-011	Hub Enterprises LLC	035
Tactical Impact Security, LLC	974	LSG Protective Services, LLC	937
Vets Securing America Inc	798	Pinkerton Consulting & Investigations, Inc.	617
		Security Safety & Consulting LLC	951
		Tectus Security Services	764
		Valentis Security Services Inc	PSE-21-CO-011

Post Check:

- Post check at the BREC property (225.272.9200 / Ryan Reed), 16072 Airline Hwy., Baton Rouge, LA 70817 regarding an unlicensed security company providing security services on the interior of the fair. The unlicensed security company was identified as West Alabama Security, owner Quenton Wesley (205.239.0391). I spoke with Mr. Wesley at 2:15 pm on Friday, April 11th, and informed him that he was to cease all security operations immediately or I would send him a cease-and-desist order. He assured me that he was pulling all of his personnel as of today (4-11-25).
- Post check was conducted at the Manning Family Childrens Hospital 200 Henry Clay, New Orleans on Tuesday, April 1, 2025, regarding a complaint about the private contract security company, Gideon Protective Solutions using uniforms with Police and blue emergency lights. An investigation was opened and a consent agreement negotiated.

Training:

- Logan Berthelot and David Ryerson, Retired LSP Lieutenant, have started the process of revising the first and second 8-hour LSBPSE training curriculum – On-going.
- Logan Berthelot and David Ryerson, Retired LSP Lieutenant, have started the process of creating the first annual update of the Four-Hour Curriculum. – On-going.
- Logan Berthelot and Heather Mitchell met with Sue Englebert on Thursday, May 14, 2025, to lay the foundation for a joint collaboration for the maritime curriculum.

Facility Upgrades / Needs:

- Incom installed the controlled access video camera and doorbell on the exterior of the building just to the right of the glass doors.
- Hudco Roofing repaired the roof with a coating material.

Agency Audit(s):

- Nothing to report.

COOP Plan Overview:

- Completed / semi-annual review required.

ORM Claim Overview:

- Nothing to report.

OIG Update:

- Nothing to report.

Incident(s):

- Nothing to report.