

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

Date: March 18, 2026
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 Vice Chairman Dynette Burke at 10:37 AM.

II. Roll Call

Vice Chairman Dynette Burke asked Julie Fisher to call the roll of the board.

Ritchie Rivers, Chairman	Not Present
Dynette Burke, Vice Chairman	Present
Forrest Hise	Present
Kristen Brennan	Present
Jason Robbins, Sr	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.

III. Pledge of Allegiance

Vice Chairman Burke led the Pledge of Allegiance.

IV. Public Introductions/Comments/Question

Present for the meeting were David Burke, Tectus Security Services; Blake Arcuri, Board Counsel; and members of the agency staff Carl Saizan, Stephanie Richardson, Logan Berthelot, Cindy Eidson, Heather Mitchell, Ricky Robique and recording secretary Julie Fisher. No public comments were recorded at this time.

V. Review and Approve Minutes for Board Meeting on January 28, 2026

A motion was made to approve the minutes for the board meeting on January 28, 2026.

Motion by: Mr. Hise

Seconded by: Ms. King

Ayes: 6 Nays: 0

The motion was carried.

VI. Executive Secretary Report

Carl Saizan presented the Executive Secretary report to the board. It covered staffing, audits, meetings held, technology upgrades, field enforcement, and public safety initiatives.

Please see Attachment A for full report.

VII. Committee Updates

a. Finance Committee Update – Chairman Dynette Burke

The committee reviewed the January 2026 financials, and stated they would have budget amendments for the 2026 fiscal year at the next board meeting to discuss, as well as the proposed 2027 fiscal budget. The committee recommended to allocate approximately \$15,000.00 from the existing “repairs and maintenance” budget to create a new multi-purpose training and testing room in the former copy/supply room, which will allow for testing five days a week and licensee onboarding

A motion was made to approve the creation of a training room using funds already in budget for building and maintenance repairs.

Motion by:	Mr. Hise
Seconded by:	Mr. Higgins
Ayes: 6	Nays: 0

The motion was carried.

b. Training Committee Update– Chairman Jason Robbins

Committee Chair Robbins and Executive Secretary Saizan discussed plans to standardize training for firearms across the industry by adopting an 8-hour POST curriculum that they require people to take before they enter the POST academy. Target date for curriculum release is January 2027.

Another major point of discussion was the necessity for formalizing training for tools beyond firearms such as handcuffs, OC spray and batons. Director Saizan reported that the agency has secured a free “train-the-trainer” class through the representatives of ASP, which will include training and certifications on expandable batons and OC spray.

Director Saizan discussed the creation of a new Training Division in the agency to provide better oversight of the industry’s educational requirements. Instructor observations began in both classrooms and firing ranges in January 2026. The division will also oversee future training specialties such as school resource officer, maritime security and executive protection.

c. Legislative Committee Update – Chairman Forrest Hise

Discussion focused on three key bills: HB921, HB71 and SB288 in the current Louisiana legislative session. HB921 is the bill to update our agency statutes. HB71 seeks to add armed security officers as an authorized person subject to a limitation of liability under certain circumstances when justified lethal force is used. SB922 is a clean-up bill from

State Police intended to align their statutes with the board's existing authority to collect background information.

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. Joe Wallace – Security Solutions of America
 - ii. Phillip Higgins – Hub Enterprises
- b. Company License Applications:
 - i. Crescent City Protection – Antoneka & Michael Stalbert
 - ii. SOWELA Security – Carl Wilkerson
 - iii. RK Strategic Management Solutions LLC – Wesley Mohon
 - iv. Hollywood South Elite Protection dba HSEP LLC – Kevin Penn Sr
 - v. DeLuca Associates Inc. – Kerry DeLuca
 - vi. A & Associates Inc – Shawn Inman
 - vii. First Coast Security Services Inc. - Tim Frank, Austin Christopher, Earle Ginn
- c. Instructor License Applications
 - i. David Stanley – Firearms External
 - ii. Gerard Doris – Classroom & Firearms External
 - iii. Gary Greene – Classroom In-House – IPSC
 - iv. Jason Higgins – Classroom IN-House – Hub Enterprises
 - v. Diedra Bovie – Classroom In-House – NOLA Protection
 - vi. Charles Brackett – Classroom & Firearms External

Ms. Fisher asked for a motion to approve the completed company license applications for DeLuca Associates, Inc. and the completed instructor license applications for David Stanley, Gary Greene and Jason Higgins.

Motion by:	Mr. Hise
Seconded by:	Ms. Burke
Ayes: 6	Nays: 0

The motion was carried.

Ms. Fisher asked for a motion to conditionally approve the qualifying agent applications for Joe Wallace and Phillip Higgins; the company license applications for Crescent City Protection, SOWELA Security, RK Strategic Management Solutions LLC, Hollywood South Elite Protection dba HSEP LLC, A & Associates Inc, and First Coast Security Services; and the instructor license applications for Gerard Doris, Diedra Bovie and Charles Jackson Brackett pending receipt and completion of all outstanding items. Once all items have been completed or received, the board gives the Executive Secretary the authority to issue the licenses.

Motion by:	Ms. King
Seconded by:	Mr. Higgins
Ayes: 4	Nays: 0

The motion was carried. Note: Kristin Brennan and Phillip Higgins abstained from this vote due to conflicts of interest.

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. Consider revocation of company license held by DAMON HOLMES, individually and/or doing business as GUARD TAC PROTECTION AGENCY LLC (PSE-24-CO-003)

A motion was made to go into executive session.

Motion by:	Mr. Hise
Seconded by:	Mr. Higgins
Ayes: 6	Nays: 0

The motion was carried.

Board in Executive Session at 11:43 AM.

Board out of Executive Session at 12:03 PM.

A motion was made to revoke the company license held by DAMON HOLMES, individually or dba GUARD TAC PROTECTION AGENCY LLC (PSE-34-CO-003).

Motion by:	Mr. Hise
Seconded by:	Ms. King
Ayes: 6	Nays: 0

The motion was carried.

X. Adjournment

A motion was made adjourn.

Motion by:	Mr. Hise
Seconded by:	Mr. Higgins
Ayes: 6	Nays: 0

The motion was passed.

Vice Chairman Burke adjourned the meeting at 12:05 PM.

MINUTES CERTIFICATION

Proposed minutes respectfully submitted,

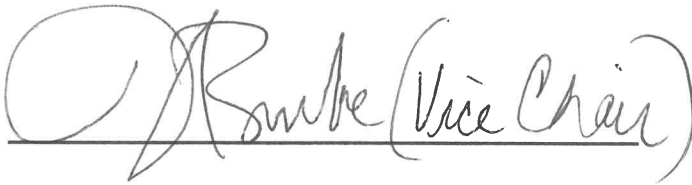
Julie Fisher

Secretary/Recording Secretary

5/15/26

Date

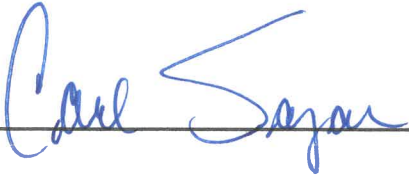
Minutes reviewed & approved by Board Member vote on March 18, 2026. Approval affirmed below by signatures of Board Chairman and Executive Secretary.

 (Vice Chair)

Ritchie Rivers, Board Chairman

5/20/26

Date



Carl F. Saizan, Jr., Executive Secretary

May 20, 2026

Date



LSBPSE Board Meeting

Wednesday, March 18, 2026 @ 10:30 a.m.

Executive Secretary's Briefing Notes

Staffing:

- We currently have 20 staff members: nine full-time, twelve WAEs, and one Westaff temporary employee.

Processes:

- We are revising our audit process to incorporate more automation, creating greater efficiency in how we disseminate information and collect and review documents.

Meetings:

- On February 3, 2026, we met with Kathryn Vigrass and her staff at the State Capitol to review all the statutes we submitted for the upcoming 2026 Legislative session (HB 921).
- On February 3, 2026, I had a meeting, via Teams, with Amy Vincent, director of OSP, and Felicia Sonnier, Dep. Director of OSP, where we discussed having a more collaborative process and offered our services to help with their security contracts that OSP puts out for bid in the future.
- On February 4, 2026, we received a termination and release agreement prepared by Thentia, which effectively terminates our contract with their corporation. They make everything mutual, stating that no further payments are required and that no funds will be reimbursed to the agency. In essence, they overpromised and failed to deliver the product we expected. According to Shauna Cole, VP of Delivery, they can only deliver about 85 percent of the LMS we were promised, with the remaining 15 percent not feasible. The

15 percent applies across the platform, not to any single component of the LMS, which is unacceptable for our agency and industry.

- On February 9, 2026, I traveled to Shreveport for a presentation on Tuesday, February 10th at 10 am to the Red River Downtown Development Authority regarding the Public Safety Integration pilot.
- On February 23, 2026, we met with Scott Lazarone and Michelle Dugas at Faulk & Winkler to work on the FY 25/26 budget amendments and the proposed FY 26/27 budget.
- On February 23, 2026, we had a meeting with Ben Durdall, Ted Steinmann, and Kristen Halpin, ImageTrend representatives, via Teams to discuss their making a proposal to us for a new LMS. We have a follow-up meeting with them on March 20, 2026.
- On February 24, 2026, I met with Deputy Mayor Mike Harrison in New Orleans regarding the Public Safety Integration pilot, and then met with Joe Frank, the new SMG Director of Security at the Mercedes-Benz Superdome.
- On February 25, 2026, we met in person at our agency with Meg Beier and Steve Jones, CTO, from Learning Sciences (BR Company), to discuss possibly providing us with a quote for a new LMS. Ms. Beier and I had a follow-up conversation several days later, during which she respectfully declined our request to quote an LMS for our agency, stating that their cost would be well beyond our budget.
- On February 26, 2026, I attended the LA Chapter of the FBINAA luncheon, gave a brief presentation on the LSBPSE, and offered our services to the LE community.
- On February 27, 2026, we had a meeting with Suzy Herring and Krystal Maroney, from the Oregon Department of Public Safety Standards and Training to discuss current firearms qualification standards as well as classroom and renewal processes. We also discussed oversight for instructors.
- On March 13, 2026, I received an email from Sgt. Grissom, LSP Detectives Region 3, stating that they have investigated the activity involving United 318 Security and have made all LE agencies in the Monroe and West Monroe areas aware that this company is prohibited from providing security services. Mr. Jackson, the company owner, was also cautioned that he would be arrested if he continued operating his unlicensed security company. This matter is closed pending the civil injunction hearing and decision.
- On March 13, 2026, we met with Eric Alexander with ASP, Inc., to discuss the coordination of a potential training opportunity for instructors wishing to attain an ASP and OC Spray-instructor accreditation. This conversation is ongoing.

Board Counsel: (Blake Arcuri, General Counsel) [OBJ]

- Civil Injunction: LSBPSE v. Gorilla Proof Protection. Mr. Hamilton signed the injunction on Thursday, March 12th, indicating that he will no longer operate his unlicensed security business. Blake will be filing the paperwork in civil court in New Orleans.
- Civil Injunction: 25-3500: LA State Board of Private Security Examiners v. United 318 Security LLC & Kevin Jackson is set for hearing on April 27, 2026, at 09:30 4th JDC in Monroe.

Legal Counsel: (Attorney Graham Bosworth, Collections Attorney)

Case Update – As of Tuesday, March 10th, Graham indicated they are still waiting for the court to set a date.

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

- The rewrite of the LSBPSE rules is ongoing. We decided to wait until May 20 to file the rules now that the legislative session has begun. This approach allows us to monitor the progress of HB 921 and ensure that the finalized rules align with the statutes once the bill is passed and the rules are formally promulgated.

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

- Nothing to report.

Board Investigative Committee: (Board Chair, Ritchie Rivers)

- Nothing to report.

Board Legislative Committee:

- Nothing to report.

Board Training Committee:

- Nothing to report.

Complaints / Investigations:

- On March 11, 2026, the agency received a complaint about an unlicensed private security company, BL Security. The business card for this company also lists services for Billy's House Cleaning and Janitorial Systems Appliance Repair. When I called the number on the card, the voicemail indicated that the owner offered both armed and unarmed security services, along with the other services mentioned. This suggested that he was actively soliciting security services.

The company owner, Billy Gordon, agreed to update his voicemail by removing the mention of "security" and to scratch out the word "security" on his business cards if he distributed them for his other services. Additionally, he is now collaborating with Julie to go through the licensing process.

Legislation:

- HB71 - Limitations of Liability, filed by Rep. Josh Carlson, Dist. 43 – Lafayette on 02/03/26 (Civil Law & Procedures Committee / Chair Rep. Nicky Muscarello)
- HB921 – LSBPSE legislation, filed by Rep. Nicky Muscarello, Dist. 86 – Tangipahoa on 02/27/26 (Commerce Committee / Chair Rep. Daryl Deshotel)
- SB288 – LSP legislation (amends RS 15:587 to align with 37:3276.2), filed by Sen. Mike Reese, Dist. 30 – Leesville on 02/27/26

Private Security Industry:

- Number of active, licensed companies to date: active- 231 and inactive- 240
- Number of registered instructors to date: classroom only-71 and classroom and firearms-39
- Number of registered security officers to date: 16,547

Licenses issued since meeting on 1/28/26: (Julie Fisher, Licensing Analyst 2)

Qualifying Agents:

- None

Companies: (3)

- Vanguard Protection Services LLC – 1/20/26
- Global Security and Investigative Services LLC – 2/18/26
- General Security & Response Services LLC – 2/20/26

Instructors: (3)

- James Cosey, Jr. - Classroom External – 2/18/26
- Chafin Green – Classroom In-House – 2/18/27
- Jonah Saavedra – Classroom In-House – 2/20/26

Compliance Unit: (Stephanie Richardson, Compliance Investigator 3)

- Nothing to report.

Post Check:

- Nothing to report.

Training:

- Instructor observations are ongoing.
- We have worked to establish a preliminary framework for a new Training Division to oversee the S.O.S.T. standards and future training-related projects.

Facility Upgrades / Needs:

- We are converting the supply room adjacent to the front desk to a multipurpose training room. It will be used for agency training, new company owner, instructor & qualifying agent testing, onboarding for new company owners and instructors, training new instructors on how to conduct virtual training, etc. The cost for construction, tables, chairs, and technology is roughly \$15,000.00

COOP Plan Overview:

- Completed / semi-annual review required.

ORM Claim Overview:

- Nothing to report.

OIG Update:

- Nothing to report.

Incident(s):

- Nothing to report.