

**Vermont Secretary of State  
Office of Professional Regulation  
BOARD OF PRIVATE INVESTIGATIVE & SECURITY SERVICES  
Unapproved Minutes  
November 18, 2011**

**Board Members Present: Jim Eckhardt, Robert Wernecke, Anita Bobee, Richard Murphy**

**Also Present: Aprille Morrison, Administrative Assistant; Peter Comart, Unit Administrator; Collin Benjamin, Board Counsel; and Christopher Winters, Director of OPR**

- 01. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by the Board Chair, Jim Eckhardt.**
- 02. Review and approval of the September 16, 2011 minutes. A motion was made by Ms. Bobee, seconded by Mr. Wernecke to accept the minutes as written. Unanimously approved.**

**03. Case Manager Report – Carla Preston**

There are seven (7) cases pending. Three are under investigation, three are scheduled for hearings and one is ready for an Investigative Team meeting.

**04. Hearings/Reports/Stipulations/Concluded Investigation**

**SM Investigations & Security 2010-574:** The Board was presented with a stipulation and consent order. Mr. Murphy made a motion to accept the order as written, seconded by Mr. Wernecke, Chairman Eckhardt abstained from voting. The motion passed unanimously.

**Michael Van Gulden 2011-536 and Chocolate Thunder Security 2011-537:** The respondents attorney, Sam Hoar, filed a motion for continuance. The motion was granted.

**05. Statute & Rule Review - Budget**

Director Winters informed the Board that due to budget deficits they would need to consider raising their application and renewal fees. Mr. Wernecke made a motion to accept Director Winters and business office manager, Paul Daley's, recommendation to raise application and renewal fees 18 to 20 percent. The motion was seconded by Mr. Murphy and passed unanimously. Director Winters will correspond with the Board on allocation of the fees. Chairman Eckhardt requested Director Winters have the business office report to the Board every quarter regarding the Private Investigative and Security Services budget.

**06. Applications/Programs/Requests to Review**

A. Security Resources Inc. – Private Investigative and Security Services Agency with Robert Bond as Qualifying Agent – Chairman Murphy made a motion to approve the applications for licensure, the motion was seconded by Mr. Wernecke. The motion passed unanimously.

B. Deb Cramton, Private Investigator – Private Investigative Agency with Debra Cramton as Qualifying Agent – Mr. Murphy made a motion to approve the applications for licensure, the motion was seconded by Ms. Bobee. The motion passed unanimously. Debra Cramton also requested a waiver of training. Mr. Murphy made a motion to grant the waiver of training, seconded by Mr. Wernecke. The motion passed unanimously.

C. Research Investigations Inc. – Private Investigative Agency with Claire Bergeron as Qualifying Agent – Mr. Wernecke made a motion to approve the applications for licensure, seconded by Ms. Bobee. The motion passed unanimously.

D. Ryan R. Robison & Company – Private Investigative Agency with Ryan Robison as Qualifying Agent – Mr. Wernecke made a motion to approve the applications for licensure, seconded by Ms. Bobee. The motion passed unanimously.

E. David Boocock – Registrant for FYI Investigative Group, LLC – request for waiver of training program - Ms. Bobee made a motion to grant Mr. Boocock's request for waiver of training, seconded by Mr. Wernecke. The motion passed unanimously.

F. HYI Tech Securities – Security Services Agency with Kermit Drown as Qualifying Agent – The Board postponed review of Mr. Drown's application as additional documentation is needed for review.

G. Learning Shop USA – request to approve John Fay as a training instructor for the 40 hour Basic Training program – The Board approved Mr. Fay as a training instructor pending the receipt and review of additional information to approve the training program. Mrs. Morrison will notify Mr. Fay of the additional information needed for review and approval.

H. George Holcomb – Registrant for Unified Investigations requesting a waiver of the 40 hour training – The Board did not approve Mr. Holcomb's request for waiver of the 40 hour basic training program. Mr. Holcomb will need to complete the Vermont specific portions of the training program and the Board recommended he take the course currently approved for this specific training.

**07. Follow Ups**

A. First Advantage Background Services – Private Investigative Agency with Richard Taffett as Qualifying Agent – Mr. Wernecke made a motion to approve the applications for licensure, seconded by Mr. Murphy. The motion passed unanimously.

**08. Correspondence - None**

**09. Other Business**

**10. Adjourn - Chairman Eckhardt made a motion to adjourn the meeting seconded by Mr. Murphy. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 1:26 pm.**

**NEXT MEETING DATE FOR 2012: January 20, 2012**