

**Vermont Secretary of State
Office of Professional Regulation
BOARD OF PRIVATE INVESTIGATIVE & SECURITY SERVICES
Unapproved Minutes
November 16, 2012**

Board Members Present: James Eckhardt, Chair; Anita Bobee, Vice-Chair; Robert Wernecke, Secretary; Franklin Davis; and Richard Murphy.

Staff Present: Larry Novins, Board Counsel; Terry Gray, Unit Administrator; & Kara Shangraw, Licensing Board Specialist.

Also Present: Christopher Winters, Director of OPR; Gabriel Gilman, Prosecuting Attorney; Ed Arian, Prosecuting Attorney; Matthew Lacefield; Michael Vangulden; Sam Hoar; & Chris Friday via telephone.

1. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by the Board Chair, James Eckhardt.
2. The Board reviewed the Minutes of the September 27, 2012 meeting. Mr. Murphy made a motion, seconded by Mr. Wernecke, to accept the minutes as written, motion passed unanimously.

Director Winters attended the meeting and discussed with the Board its budget.

3. Case Manager Report/Concluded Investigations

Ms. Gray gave the Case Manager's Report. There are currently 20 cases pending.

2012-24 & 2012-26 The Board reviewed the Report of Concluded Investigation Mr. Davis, made a motion, seconded by Mr. Murphy, to accept the Investigative Team's recommendation and conclude the case without formal prosecution. Motion passed 4-0. Mr. Eckhardt, Investigative team member abstained from the vote.

4. Hearings/Reports/Stipulations -

The Board reviewed the Stipulation and Consent order in the matter of 2012-689 (Kim M. Hackett). Gabriel Gilman, Prosecuting Attorney was present for the State. Attorney Novins presided for the Board. Based on the information submitted, Mr. Eckhardt made a motion, seconded by Mr. Wernecke, to accept the Stipulation and Consent Order. The Board went into deliberative session at 12:38 p.m. and out at 12:45 p.m. The Board rejected the Stipulation and Consent Order. Anita Bobee, Investigative Team member, abstained from the Hearing and vote.

The Board held a Preliminary Denial Hearing in the matter of 2012-644 (Matthew M. Lacefield). The Respondent was present. Gabriel Gilman, Prosecuting Attorney was present for the State. Attorney Novins presided for the Board. Based on the information submitted, the Board went into deliberate session at 9:50 a.m. and out at 10:05 a.m. The Board denied Mr. Lacefield's application. Mr. Lacefield will be sent a written decision. Anita Bobee, Investigative Team member, abstained from the Hearing and vote.

4. Hearings/Reports/Stipulations – Continued:

The Board held a Preliminary Denial Hearing in the matters of 2011-536 & 2011-537 (Michael L. Vangulden & Chocolate Thunder Security). The Respondent was present with his Attorney Sam Hoar. Ed Adrian, Prosecuting Attorney was present for the State. Attorney Novins presided for the Board. Based on the information submitted, the Board went into deliberate session at 10:22 a.m. and out at 10:30 a.m. The Board took a brief recess at 11:13 a.m. to review his application and back in at 11:52 a.m. The Board went back into deliberative session at 12:19 p.m. and out at 12:24 p.m. The Board reversed the preliminary denial of Mr. Vangulden's application. Mr. Vangulden will also be sent a written decision. James Eckhardt, Investigative Team member, abstained from the Hearing and vote.

5. Legislative Review

6. Applications/Programs/Requests to review -

The Board reviewed Christopher Stafford's request for waiver of the 40 hour training course. Mr. Wernecke made a motion, seconded by Ms. Bobee, to grant Mr. Stafford's request. Motion passed 4-0. Mr. Murphy abstained from the vote.

7. Follow Ups

8. Correspondence

9. Other Business

10. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kara Shangraw
Licensing Board Specialist