

**Vermont Secretary of State
Office of Professional Regulation**

**BOARD OF PRIVATE INVESTIGATIVE & SECURITY SERVICES
Unapproved Minutes
August 19, 2011**

Board Members Present: Jim Eckhardt, Robert Wernecke, Anita Bobee, Richard Murphy
Absent: Emma Pudvah

Also Present: Collin Benjamin, Board Counsel and Lauren Hibbert, Prosecutor.

01. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by the Board Chair, Jim Eckhardt.

02. Review and approval of the July 15, 2011 minutes. A motion was made by Bob Wernecke, seconded by Anita Bobee to accept the minutes as written. Unanimously approved.

03. Case Manager Report – Carla Preston

There are five (5) cases pending.

04. Hearings/Reports/Stipulations/Concluded Investigation

Michael Vangulden, 2010-446 and 2010-448

Bob Wernecke made the motion, seconded by Anita Bobee, to accept the stipulation as written. Motion accepted.

05. Statute & Rule Review

The Board agreed by consensus to postpone the review of Rules until October.

06. Applications/Programs/Requests to Review

a. Dominic Ferrara – Qualifying Agent for Covenant Security Services. Bob Wernecke made a motion, seconded by Anita Bobee, to approve Dominic Ferrara as qualifying agent for Covenant Security Services. Unanimously approved.

b. First Advantage Background Services – Private Investigative corporation with Richard Taffet applying as qualifying agent.

Jim Eckhardt made a motion, seconded by Anita Bobee, to postpone consideration of the above application until more information can be obtained. Unanimously approved.

- c. Paul Blackham – Registrant – requesting waiver of training. Jim Eckhardt moved and Anita Bobee seconded a motion to issue a pre-denial letter in response to Mr. Blackham's request for a waiver of training. Unanimously approved.
- d. Chocolate Thunder Security – Security Services Agency with Michael VanGulden as qualifying agent. Richard Murphy made a motion, seconded by Bob Wernecke, to preliminarily deny the applicant and agency applications. Unanimously approved.

07. Follow Ups

- a. Joseph Mastandrea – Registrant – waiver of training. Jim moved that all training be waived, except ethics and conduct, PI & Security statutes and rules, and also legal powers and limitations 8 hrs, 1 day class. Bob seconded. Unanimously approved

08. Correspondence - None

09. Other Business

Collin brought up the Private Security Officer Authorization ACT of 2004.

10. Adjourn

Bob Wernecke made a motion, seconded by Anita Bobee, to adjourn. Motion accepted.

NEXT MEETING DATE FOR 2011: September 16, 201