

Office of Professional Regulation
BOARD OF PRIVATE INVESTIGATIVE & SECURITY SERVICES
APPROVED MINUTES
MEETING OF OCTOBER 15, 2004

1. The meeting was called to order at 9:02 a.m.

Members present: Daniel A. Coane, Chairperson; Leo P. Blais, Vice-Chair; Robert E. Edwards, Secretary; and Emma Pudvah, Ad Hoc member.

OPR Staff present: Christopher D. Winters, Board Counsel; Carla Preston, Unit Administrator and Patty Skinner, Administrative Assistant.

Others present: James R. Sinon; James Eckhardt; Frank Kinney; Ian Koch; James Walker; Jeremy Spaulding; and Michael Bellefeuille.

2. The Chair called for approval of the Minutes of the September 17, 2004 meeting. Mr. Edwards made a motion, seconded by Ms. Pudvah, to approve the Minutes of September 17, 2004 meeting as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

3. Hearings/Stipulations

- a. At 10:00 a.m. a hearing was held to discuss the Board's preliminary decision to deny Michael Bellefeuille's application for unarmed guard at Green Mountain Concert Services. Mr. Bellefeuille was present. Jeremy Spaulding, with Green Mountain Concert Services was present to support his application. Based on the information presented and testimony heard, Mr. Blais made a motion, seconded by Mr. Edwards, to reverse the Board's preliminary decision, and approve Mr. Bellefeuille for registration. The question was called and the motion passed unanimously.

4. Reports

5. Legislation/Rulemaking

- a. Training Issues – Mr. Eckhardt (Censor Security Inc.) and Frank Kinney (Deter Security, Inc.) said they are very concerned regarding the training as set forth in our proposed rules. Mr. Eckhardt has stated that if changes are not made, the new rules will put the security companies out of business. Mr. Eckhardt has proposed setting up a meeting with VASIR to discuss these issues and report back to Mr. Winters, Board Counsel.

6. Complaints

7. Applications to review

- a. James Pittaro submitted an application for an unarmed Security Guard with Deter Security, Inc. Frank Kinney with Deter Security, Inc. was

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present to discuss this application. Based on the information presented and the length of time since the 1962 incident, Mr. Edwards made a motion, seconded by Mr. Blais, to approve Mr. Pittaro for registration. Motion passed unanimously.

- b. Kevin Cunningham submitted an application for an unarmed Security Guard with Green Mountain Concert Services, Inc. Based on the information presented, Mr. Edwards made a motion, seconded by Ms. Pudvah, to approve Mr. Cunningham for registration. Motion passed unanimously.
- c. John W. Jacob submitted an application for an armed Security Guard with M.V.M., Inc. Based on the information presented, Mr. Edwards made a motion, seconded by Ms. Pudvah, to issue Mr. Jacob a Temporary registration, and table this application to the next meeting pending receipt of additional documentation. Mr. Jacob's fingerprint cards will be forwarded to VCIC for a federal background check. If documentation is not available, Mr. Jacob will be asked to attend the meeting to discuss his application. Motion passed unanimously.
- d. Greg C. Campbell – Unarmed Security Guard with Deter Security, Inc. Based on the information presented, Mr. Edwards made a motion, seconded by Ms. Pudvah, to approve Mr. Campbell for registration. Motion passed unanimously.
- e. Ian L. Koch – Unarmed Security Guard with Green Mountain Concert Services, Inc. which was tabled from the September meeting. Mr. Koch was present and agreed to waive executive session to discuss his application. Based on the information presented and testimony heard, Mr. Blais made a motion, seconded by Mr. Edwards, to renew the Temporary and request Mr. Koch to provide a copy of his Probation Report and a letter from his counselor. Motion passed unanimously.
- f. Examination Management Services, Inc. – Change of Qualifying Agent to Mr. Robert D. Heaney. Based on the information presented, Mr. Edwards made a motion, seconded by Ms. Pudvah, to approve Mr. Heaney as Qualifying Agent for Examination Management Services, Inc. Motion passed unanimously.
- g.. J.R. Sinon Agency, combination agency application with James Roger Sinon as Qualifying Agent. Mr. Sinon was present to discuss his application. Chairman Coane recused himself because of his prior work on a case involving the applicant. Mr. Sinon is requesting to be an armed agency. The Board noted its requirements to become armed in that he would need to be trained under a licensed instructor. Mr. Sinon said he

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has been an NRA instructor and plans to renew that certification. Mr. Edwards made a motion, seconded by Ms. Pudvah, to approve the agency license for J.R. Sinon Agency as unarmed with Mr. Sinon as Qualifying Agent. Mr. Sinon must obtain certification under a licensed Vermont firearms instructor to become an armed agency. Motion passed.

- h. Jonathan M. Cullen – Unarmed Security Guard with Hunter North Associates. Based on the information presented, Mr. Edwards made a motion, seconded by Ms. Pudvah, to approve Mr. Cullen for registration. Motion passed unanimously.
- i. Meagan D. Miller – Unarmed Security Guard with Green Mountain Concert Services. Based on the information presented, Mr. Blais made a motion, seconded by Ms. Pudvah, to approve Ms. Miller for registration. Motion passed unanimously.
- j. James A. Walker – Unarmed Security Guard with Deter Security, Inc. Mr. Walker was present and agreed to waive executive session to discuss his application. Based on the information presented, Mr. Edwards made a motion, seconded by Ms. Pudvah, to approve Mr. Walker for registration. Motion passed unanimously.
- k. Alicia L. Kane – Unarmed Security Guard with Vescom, Inc. Based on the information presented, Mr. Edwards made a motion, seconded by Mr. Blais, to approve Ms. Kane for registration. Motion passed unanimously.
- l. Donn E. Melen – Unarmed Security Guard with Green Mountain Concert Services, Inc. Mr. Melen stated in a letter that he did not receive the letter preliminarily denying his licensue prior to the thirty-day period. He submitted the required information and requested Board consideration. Based on the information presented, Mr. Edwards made a motion, seconded by Mr. Blais, to approve Mr. Melen for registration. Motion passed unanimously.
- m. Christopher J. Howe – Armed Security Guard for the Wackenhut Corp. Based on the information presented, Mr. Blais made a motion, seconded by Mr. Edwards, to approve Mr. Howe for registration as an armed guard. Motion passed unanimously.
- n. David W. Johnson – Unarmed Security Guard for Green Mountain Concert Services, Inc. Based on the information provided, Mr. Blais made a motion, seconded by Mr. Edwards, to preliminarily deny Mr. Johnson's application for failure to provide the information requested by the Board and for providing incomplete, false or misleading information on an application (26 V.S.A. §3181 (b) 15 and §3181 (b) 18). Motion passed unanimously.

8. Update Regarding Old Business

- a. Mr. Blais discussed the issue of applicants with old records, wildlife violations and motor vehicle charges. There was a consensus that the administrative staff would be able to determine which ones would have to go before the Board. If an application was questionable, a Board Member would be contacted to receive clarification.

9. Correspondence

- a. "Restatement of Bylaws of the INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF SECURITY & INVESTIGATIVE REGULATORS" tabled from the September 17th meeting, was noted by the Board.
- b. The email from Steve Hess, IASIR president, regarding background checks was given to Mr. Edwards to take to the IASIR National Conference.
- c. The Board reviewed the letter from Peter Barton from the Barton Agency notifying the Board of an incident in which he was cited into court. The Board concluded that it would not affect his license, but it would have to be reported at the time of renewal. Mr. Barton will be notified of this decision.

10. Public Comments

11. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:16 p.m.

12. The next meeting is scheduled for December 17, 2004.

Respectfully submitted,

Patty Skinner
Administrative Assistant