

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

**BOARD OF PRIVATE INVESTIGATIVE & SECURITY SERVICES
MINUTES
FEBRUARY 17, 2006**

- 01.** The meeting was called to order at 9:01 a.m.

Members present: Daniel A. Coane, Chairman; Robert E. Edwards, Vice-Chair; Leo P. Blais, Secretary and Emma Pudvah, Ad Hoc member. Diane Lafaille was an Ad-Hoc member for agenda item 5 (k).

Members absent: Liz Gilligan, Public member

OPR Staff present: Carla Preston, Unit Administrator and Patty Skinner, Administrative Assistant

Others present: Patricia R. Sheerin for Advantage Parking, Jim Eckhardt with Censor Security and Jeremy Spaulding with Green Mountain Concert Services.

- 02.** The Chair called for the approval of the Minutes of the January 20, 2006 meeting. Mr. Edwards made a motion, seconded by Ms. Pudvah, to approve the Minutes of the January 20, 2006 as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

03. Hearings

04. Complaints/Follow-ups

The Board reviewed the report submitted by MVM Inc. Docket No: PD12-1203, and found them to be in compliance with their December 17, 2004 Stipulation and Consent Order.

05. Applications to review

- a. **Kyle Gratton** – Unarmed Security Guard with Guardsmark, LLC. Based on the information provided, Mr. Edwards made a motion, seconded by Ms. Pudvah to preliminary deny Mr. Gratton based on 26 V.S.A. § 3181 (b) *“Failing to provide information requested by the Board”* and 26 V.S.A. § 3181 (b) (18) *“Providing incomplete, false or misleading information on an application.”* Motion passed unanimously.
- b. **Tyler J. Hayes** – Unarmed Security Guard with Green Mountain Concert Services. Jeremy Spaulding, from Green Mountain Concert Services, was present to represent Mr. Hayes, and requested that his application be tabled until the March meeting. Mr. Edwards made a motion, seconded by Ms. Pudvah to table this matter until the March meeting. Motion passed unanimously.
- c. **Milo G. Spencer Jr.** – Unarmed Security Guard with Murphy’s Detective/ADA Security. Based on the information provided, Mr. Edwards made a motion, seconded by Ms. Pudvah, to approve Mr. Spencer for registration. Motion passed unanimously.

- d. **Homer A. Sargent** – Unarmed Security Guard with Murphy’s Detective/ADA Security. Based on the information provided, Mr. Edwards made a motion, seconded by Ms. Pudvah, to approve Mr. Sargent for registration. Motion passed unanimously.
- e. **Advantage Parking Services** – Unarmed security agency with Patricia Sheerin as the Qualifying Agent. Ms. Sheerin was present. Mr. Edwards made a motion to go into executive session at 9:14 a.m., seconded by Mr. Blais. Mr. Edwards made a motion seconded by Ms. Pudvah to come out of executive session at 9:24 a.m. Mr. Edwards made a motion to preliminarily deny Ms. Sheerin’s application based on her failure to demonstrate 2000 hours of security experience within three (3) years preceding her application. Mr. Blais seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
- f. **Protective Services Group, Inc.** – Unarmed security agency with Cynthia Rolfingsmeier as the Qualifying agent, tabled from the January meeting. Based on the information provided, Mr. Edwards made a motion, seconded by Ms. Pudvah, to approve Protective Services Group, Inc. for licensure. Motion passed unanimously.
- g. **Daniel Kirby** – New Qualifying agent for AT Systems New England, Inc. Based on the information provided, Mr. Blais made a motion, seconded by Ms. Pudvah to approve Mr. Kirby for licensure. Motion passed. Mr. Edwards recused from voting based on his business relationship with the applicant.
- h. **Peter Wright Investigations** – Private Investigative agency with Peter Wright as the Qualifying agent. Based on the information provided, Mr. Blais made a motion, seconded by Mr. Edwards, to approve Peter Wright’s application pending receipt of a trade name registration. Motion passed unanimously.
- i. **Geoffrey T. Brewster** – Private Investigator with Downeast Investigations. Based on the information provided, Mr. Blais made a motion, seconded by Ms. Pudvah, to preliminarily deny Mr. Brewster’s application for registration due to the fact that Downeast Investigations did not identify Mr. Brewster’s training and why they were requesting a waiver. Motion passed unanimously.
- j. **Donald L. Whitacre and Douglas A. Riggi** – Replacement instructors for Wackenhut Corp. Based on the information provided, Mr. Edwards made a motion, seconded by Ms. Pudvah to approve Mr. Whitacre and Mr. Riggi as instructors for Wackenhut Corp. Motion passed unanimously.
- k. **David Nease** – Unarmed Private Investigator with J. Cronan Associates. Waiver requested for specific areas of training. Based on the information provided, Ms. Pudvah made a motion, seconded by Ms. Lafaille (Ad Hoc member for this application), to waive some of the training. Mr. Nease must show proof of completing *Role of Private Investigator, Ethics and Conduct and Legal Powers and Limitations*. Mr. Edwards and Mr. Blais recused on this application based on their relationship with the applicant and his employer.

- l. **New England Fire Cause & Origin, Inc.** – Syllabus for 40 hour training program. Based on the information provided, Mr. Edwards made a motion, seconded by Ms. Pudvah, to approve NEFCO's 40 hour training program. Motion passed unanimously.
- m. **Christopher Lajoie** – Unarmed Private Investigator with Capital Investigating and Adjusting. Based on the information provided, Mr. Edwards made a motion, seconded by Ms. Pudvah, to deny the requested waiver of training because the training program and the instructor(s) have not been approved by the Board. Motion passed unanimously.

06. Follow Ups Applications

- a. Meagan McGovern – Unarmed Private Investigator with New England Fire Cause and Origin. This application has been tabled until the March meeting.
- b. C.A.H. Services Airport Parking – Awaiting further information from the applicant.

07. Correspondence

08 Budget Review

09. Other Business (Items (a) through (c) below were tabled from the January meeting)

- a. Discuss the Board's overall intent of acceptable types of media used to provide training (i.e., all classroom, all computerized, combination, etc.) It was the Board's opinion that whatever had been approved in the training program is what the agencies should be using. However the Board noted that its intent is to have interactive training programs.
- b. The Board discussed extending the time period for training for full-time applicants upon a show of good cause. This would be on a case by case basis only.
- c. Discuss requests for waiver of training and information required to consider granting it. The burden is on the applicant, not on the Board to identify strengths or weaknesses. However, with the information before it, the Board may make a more informed decision as to the number of hours it would grant.
- d. The Board went into executive session at 11:10 a.m. to discuss changes with the Security Guard and Private Investigative Exams. The Board came out of executive session at 11:39 a.m.. Mr. Edwards made a motion, seconded by Mr. Blais to approve the exams with changes made. Motion passed unanimously.

10. Public Comments

11. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:55 a.m.

NEXT MEETING DATE FOR 2006: March 17, 2006