

Office of Professional Regulation
BOARD OF PRIVATE INVESTIGATIVE & SECURITY SERVICES
UNAPPROVED MINUTES
Meeting of JUNE 20, 2003

1. The meeting was called to order at 9:05 a.m.

Members present: Daniel Coane, Chairman; Christine Schlegel Brown; Leo Blais and Robert Edwards.

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

Others present: David Hough, Aaron L. Kinsey, Steven Stewart, David Dwyer, Tom Russell, Mark Stockton and Robert Boice, Jr.

2. The Chair called for approval of the Minutes of May 16th meeting. Robert Edwards made a motion, seconded by Christine Schlegel Brown, to approve the Minutes of the May 16, 2003 meeting as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

3. Hearings/Stipulations

- a. **Thomas Russell** - The Board held a hearing regarding its preliminary denial of Thomas Russell's application (tabled from the May 16th meeting). Based on documents presented and testimony heard, Christine Schlegel Brown made a motion, seconded by Leo Blais, to reverse the Board's preliminary decision and approve Mr. Russell for licensure. A written decision will be issued. Motion passed unanimously.
- b. **Robert Boice, Jr.** - The Board held a hearing regarding its preliminary denial of Robert Boice's application. Based on documents presented and testimony heard, Robert Edwards made a motion, seconded by Leo Blais to reverse the Board's preliminary decision and approve Mr. Boice for licensure. A written decision will be issued. Motion passed unanimously.

5. Legislation/Rulemaking

- a. The Board agreed to discuss training requirements for security guards and private investigators on July 30th. The day will be devoted to this subject.

6. Complaints

- a. The Board reviewed Brinks' monthly report (dated May 15, 2003), a condition of its Stipulation and Consent Order in the matter of PD06-0200. The Board noted that it had not received a response to its April 24th letter requesting the reports by the date of the meeting. Chairman Coane plans to contact Mr. Crawford to discuss the Board's request.

7. The Board reviewed the following applications and took action as indicated.

- a. **Robert R. Guillette** - Unarmed Guard with Lemieux Security. The Board noted that Mr. Guillette withdrew his application because he is moving to Florida in August.

7. Applications - continued

- b. **Robert J. Sanders** - (Unarmed Investigator with US Investigations Services). Based on the information provided, Robert Edwards made a motion, seconded by Christine Schlegel Brown, to approve Mr. Sanders' application for licensure. Motion passed unanimously.
- c. **Ryan K. Lamberson** - (Unarmed Guard with Armored Motor Service of America). Based on the information provided, Robert Edwards made a motion, seconded by Christine Schlegel Brown, to approve Mr. Lamberson's application for licensure. Motion passed unanimously.
- d. **Susan Hansen** - (Private Investigative Company - Sole Proprietor). Based on the information provided, Robert Edwards made a motion, seconded by Leo Blais, to approve Susan Hansen's company for licensure. Motion passed unanimously.
- e. **Waid P. Hudson** - (Unarmed Guard with Deter Security). Based on the information provided, Robert Edwards made a motion, seconded by Christine Schlegel Brown, to approve Mr. Hudson for licensure. Motion passed unanimously.
- f. **Joseph H. Louko** - (Unarmed Guard with Lemieux Security). Since the license for Lemieux Security has lapsed, Robert Edwards made a motion to table and carry forward all information to a new application if desired. Christine Schlegel Brown seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.
- g. **Michael L. Fredette** - (Unarmed Guard with Hunter North Assoc.). Based on the information provided, Robert Edwards made a motion, seconded by Christine Schlegel Brown, to approve Mr. Fredette's application for licensure. Motion passed unanimously.
- h. **Keith A. Bradley Jr.** - (Armed Guard with MVM, Inc.). The Board noted that Mr. Bradley received his training prior to June 1st and that his instructor, Mr. Stell, had been accepted in the past. Based on the information provided, Christine Schlegel Brown made a motion, seconded by Leo Blais, to approve Mr. Bradley for licensure. Motion passed unanimously.
- i. **David K. Hough** - (Agency and Qualifying Agent for Eye on Vermont Investigations). Based on the information provided, Robert Edwards made a motion, seconded by Leo Blais, to approve Mr. Hough's company for licensure. Motion passed unanimously.
- j. **David M. Lenane** - (Firearms Instructor). Based on the information provided, Robert Edwards made a motion, seconded by Leo Blais, to approve Mr. Lenane for licensure as a firearms instructor. The training program that Mr. Lenane plans to teach was approved by the Board at its April 18th meeting. Motion passed unanimously.
- k. **Spencer P. Bristol, Gary F. Sherer, Michael D. Peterson and Richard G. Landry** (Firearms Instructors). Based on the information provided, Christine Schlegel Brown made a motion, seconded by Leo Blais, to approve the above named individuals for licensure as licensed Firearms Instructors. The Board also reviewed and approved the training programs that these instructors will teach. Motion passed unanimously.

7. Applications - continued

- l. **Steven A. Stewart** - (Unarmed Guard & Private Investigator with Hunter North Assoc.). Mr. Stewart waived his rights to go into executive session to discuss his application. Based on the information provided, Robert Edwards made a motion, seconded by Leo Blais, to approve Mr. Stewart's application for licensure. Motion passed unanimously.
- m. **Travis B. Flanders** - (Armed Security Guard with Berkshire Armored Car). Based on the information provided, Robert Edwards made a motion, seconded by Leo Blais, to approve Mr. Flanders for licensure. Motion passed unanimously. The Board will send Scott Fisher an application to become licensed as a firearms instructor.
- n. **Securitas Security Services USA, Inc.** (Combination Security/Private Investigative Company) Based on the information provided, Christine Schlegel Brown made a motion, seconded by Robert Edwards, to approve Securitas Security Services USA, Inc. for licensure. Motion passed unanimously.

8. Correspondence

9. Other Business

- a. The Board discussed the requirement of FBI background checks for firearms instructors. The Board concluded that if a qualifying agent, armed guard, or armed security officer, applied for licensure as a firearms instructor, that the fingerprints from his or her original record could be used to satisfy this requirement, provided that they are currently licensed, continually employed, and in good standing. The Board agreed to establish its position as a Policy.
- b & c. The Board discussed requirements for firearms instructors and documents that must be submitted. The Board indicated that the documents needed to become a licensed firearms instructor include the application, his or her instructor's training course (the course taught by their instructor), and the training course that he or she plans to teach in Vermont once licensed. The Board noted that if it is familiar with the instructor's training course (i.e., Smith & Wesson, NRA), it may not require each applicant to submit a copy. Instructor's training courses with which it is not familiar will be required.

The Board is aware that many courses offered by licensed instructors, will mirror the course taken by the instructor to become eligible for licensure as such. The Board pointed out that even if the course the instructor plans to teach is exactly like the NRA course, a copy of that course is required. The Board verified that only one copy of the licensed instructor's training program is required to be on file with the Board.

The Board indicated that licensed instructor's must take ownership of the training program they plan to teach in Vermont. All applications for firearms instructors go before the Board. The program that the applicant for an instructor's license takes (i.e., NRA) and the program that he or she plans to teach in Vermont must approved and be filed with the Board.

The Board noted that it will need to draft rules pertaining to this statute to clarify its requirements.

9. Other Business - continued

- d. Mr. Stockton said he has employees who are in the military and took the certification or re-certification last fall (September through November). He asked if they would be required to retake the firearms training.

The Board agreed that if the instructors were previously recognized or approved and the training was received prior to June 1st, they will not be required to retake the re-certification course. Previously recognized or accepted instructors will be sent an application to become licensed instructors.

10. Public Comment

The Board's guests participated in the discussion as items arose on the agenda.

11. The date of the next meeting is scheduled for July 18, 2003.
Meeting dates in 2003 are as follows: **AUGUST 22nd, SEPTEMBER 19th, OCTOBER 17th, NOVEMBER 21st, & DECEMBER 19th.**

12. The meeting was adjourned at 12:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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