

**Vermont Secretary of State
Office of Professional Regulation
BOARD OF PRIVATE INVESTIGATIVE & SECURITY SERVICES
Unapproved Minutes
January 18, 2013**

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

Staff Present: Christopher Winters, Director of OPR; Colin Benjamin, Board Counsel; Terry Gray, Board Administrator; & Kara Shangraw, Licensing Board Specialist.

Also Present: Melissa Sharkis, Prosecuting Attorney; Gabriel Gilman, Prosecuting Attorney; Kim Hackett; Russell Lindemann; and Jeffrey Wallin.

1. The meeting was called to order at 9:02 a.m. by the Board Chair, James Eckhardt.
2. The Board reviewed the Minutes of the November 16, 2012 meeting. Mr. Wernecke made a motion, seconded by Ms. Bobee, to accept the minutes as written, motion passed unanimously.

Director Winters attended the meeting and discussed with the Board paperless licensing. Mr. Eckhardt made a motion, seconded by Mr. Murphy, to have the paperless licensing. Motion passed unanimously.

3. Case Manager Report/Concluded Investigations -

Ms. Gray gave the Case Manager's report. There are currently 19 pending cases. 5 are pending charges; 7 pending I-team meetings; 2 pending Hearings; 2 under investigation; 2 requiring additional information; and 1 that is in intake.

4. Hearings/Reports/Stipulations -

The Board held a Preliminary Denial Hearing in the matter of 2012-689 (Kim M. Hackett). The Respondent was present. Melissa Sharkis, Prosecuting Attorney was present for the State. Attorney Benjamin presided for the Board. Based on the information submitted, the Board went into deliberate session at 9:59 a.m. and out at 10:35 a.m. A written decision will be mailed to Ms. Hackett. Anita Bobee, Investigative Team member, abstained from the Hearing and vote.

The Board held a Preliminary Denial Hearing in the matter of 2012-726 (Brian J. Massey Jr.). The Respondent was present. Melissa Sharkis, Prosecuting Attorney was present for the State. Attorney Benjamin presided for the Board. Based on the information submitted, the Board went into deliberate session at 11:28 a.m. and out at 11:39 a.m. A written decision will be mailed to Mr. Massey Jr. Mr. Eckhardt, Investigative Team member, abstained from the Hearing and vote.

5. **Legislative Review**
6. **Applications/Programs/Requests to review**
7. **Follow Ups**

8. Correspondence

9. Other Business -

Jeffrey Wallin, Director of VCIC attended the meeting to discuss the possibility to have a federal background checks for licensees. He explained that there are currently fifty fingerprint machines in the state. Every county has at least one IDent center. The Board thanked Mr. Wallin for attending the meeting. The Board will be discussing this more in the future.

10. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kara Shangraw
Licensing Board Specialist