

Office of Professional Regulation

**BOARD OF PRIVATE INVESTIGATIVE & SECURITY SERVICES**

**UNAPPROVED MINUTES**

**Meeting of AUGUST 22, 2003**

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

Members present: Daniel A. Coane, Chairperson; Robert Edwards, Leo Blais and Emma Pudvah, Ad Hoc member. Absent: Christine Schlegel Brown.

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

Others Present: Scott Young re The Talon Group, LLC; and Steve Birkett, Registrant.

2. The Chair called for approval of the Minutes of the July 18<sup>th</sup> meeting. On page one, number 2 was corrected to show that Mr. Edwards made a motion. Number 6 was amended to show the correct spelling as Pino Tenuta. On page two, 7 (a) was amended to show that the matter of the lapsed license would be looked into and that the registrant's application was tabled. Item 7 (b) was amended to show that the matter was tabled due to the company's lapsed license. Item 7 (e) was amended to show that Mr. Godin had originally applied for Armed licensure, but did not meet the qualifications for armed and was therefore approved as Unarmed. Item 7 (I) was amended to show the correct spelling as Leonard J. Stell. Page three, 8 (b) was amended to show that Mr. Edwards is interested in attending the meeting and would like additional information. Mr. Edwards made a motion, seconded by Mr. Blais, to approve the Minutes of the July 18, 2003 meeting as amended. Corrected Minutes will be provided to members. The question was called and the motion passed unanimously.

3. **Hearings/Stipulations** - None to report.

4. **Reports** - None to report.

5. **Legislation/Rulemaking**

The Board reviewed the document indicating the results of its special meeting held on July 30<sup>th</sup> regarding training requirements. A few changes were made. This document will serve as the basis for the rules regarding training requirements. Attorney Winters agreed to prepare the first draft of the rules and incorporate this information.

6. **Complaints**

The Board reviewed Brinks monthly reports, dated July 18<sup>th</sup> and August 14, 2003, which is a condition of its Stipulation and Consent Order in the matter of PD06-0200. Mr. Edwards made a motion, seconded by Mr. Blais, to accept the reports as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

6. **Complaints** - continued

ULP-PD-02-1202 - The Board reviewed the Report of Concluded Investigation. Mr. Edwards made a motion, seconded by Ms Pudvah, to accept the Investigative Team's recommendation, and conclude this case without charges. Motion passed. Mr. Coane, Board investigator, did not participate in the vote.

PD-03-0703 - The Board reviewed the Report of Concluded Investigation. Mr. Blais made a motion, seconded by Ms Pudvah, to accept the Investigative Team's recommendation, and conclude this case without charges. Motion passed. Mr. Edwards, Board investigator, did not participate in the vote.

ULP-PD-02-0703 - The Board reviewed the Report of Concluded Investigation. Mr. Blais made a motion, seconded by Ms Pudvah, to accept the Investigative Team's recommendation, and conclude this case without charges. Motion passed. Mr. Edwards, Board investigator, did not participate in the vote.

## 7. **Applications for review**

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

- a. **Reed Allen Richard** - The Board reviewed Mr. Richard's application for licensure as an Unarmed Guard with Armored Motor Services of America. Based on the information provided, Mr. Edwards made a motion, seconded by Mr. Blais, to approve Mr. Richard for licensure. Motion passed unanimously.
- b. **Shawn M. Morits** - The Board reviewed Mr. Morits' application for licensure as an Unarmed Guard with Deter Security. Based on the information provided, Mr. Edwards made a motion, seconded by Mr. Blais, to approve Mr. Morits for licensure. Motion passed unanimously.
- c. **Benjamin R. Morrison** - The Board reviewed Mr. Morrison's application for licensure as an Unarmed Guard with The Wackenhut Corp. Mr. Edwards made a motion, seconded by Mr. Blais, to preliminarily deny Mr. Morrison's application based on failure to provide the information requested by the Board (Title 26, Chapter 59 § 3181(b)15) and §3181(b)18)). Motion passed unanimously.
- d. **William Joseph Sullivan** - The Board reviewed Mr. Sullivan's application for licensure as an Unarmed Private Investigator with Professional Investigations. Based on the information provided, Mr. Edwards made a motion, seconded by Mr. Blais, to approve Mr. Sullivan for licensure. Motion passed unanimously.
- e. **Stephen C. Birkett** - The Board reviewed Mr. Birkett's application for licensure as an Unarmed Guard with Guardsmark LLC. Mr. Birkett was present and discussed his application with the Board. Based on the information provided, Mr. Edwards made a motion, seconded by Mr. Blais, to approve Mr. Birkett for licensure. Motion passed unanimously.

7. **Applications for review** - continued

- f. The Talon Group with Scott Young as Qualifying Agent. The Board reviewed Mr. Young's application which was tabled from the July meeting. Mr. Young was present and discussed his application with the Board noting that all information requested had been provided. Based on the information provided, Mr. Edwards made a motion, seconded by Mr. Blais, to approve The Talon Group with Mr. Young as Qualifying Agent for licensure. Motion passed unanimously.

8. **Correspondence**

- a. The Board reviewed the letter from the National Armored Car Association, Inc. requesting that the Board work with them on the development of an appropriate training program for the armored car industry. Carla Preston will write to them stating that the Board is in the process of developing requirements and amending its rules. The Board agreed to share its current information with the National Armored Car Association and will welcome comment.

9. Other Business - None to report.

10. Public Comment

The Board's guests participated in discussions pertaining to their applications.

11. The next meeting is scheduled for September 19, 2003.

12. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Administrative Assistant

Carla Preston  
Unit Administrator