



# **Board of Private Investigative & Security Services**

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### **Unapproved Minutes**

**December 17<sup>th</sup> 2019**

Board Members present: James Eckhardt, Chair, Franklin Davis, and Richard Murphy.

Staff Present: Lauren Hibbert, Director; Gabriel Gilman, General Counsel; Kelsi Alger, Licensing Administrator I; Danielle Rubalcaba, Licensing Administrator II.

Others present: Daniel Coane, Representative of the Funeral Advisor profession.

#### **1. Call to Order**

- a. The Board Chair, James Eckhardt, called the meeting to order at 11:30 a.m.

#### **2. Topics for discussion**

- a. Lauren Hibbert discussed raising fees and the possibility of switching to an Advisor model.
  - i. Proposed a fee increase for renewals. Each renewal approx. would bring in \$30,000 every two years. This would get the board out of a deficit in approximately 8 years.
- b. Mr. Davis made a motion to switch to the Advisor model for this profession. This was seconded by Mr. Murphy. Motion carried, opposed by Mr. Davis.
- c. A motion was made by Mr. Davis to strongly recommend that when moving to the advisor model, the profession keeps two public members as advisors. This motion was seconded by Mr. Murphy. Motion carried unanimously.

#### **3. Stipulation and Consent Order**

#### **4. Rules Update**

#### **5. Applications/Programs/Requests to review**

- a. The Board reviewed the Agency application for United Security Inc. Based on the information submitted, Mr. Davis made a motion, Seconded by Mr. Murphy, to approve the agency application for United Security Inc. Motion carried unanimously.

#### **3. Public Comment**

#### **4. Adjourn**

- a. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:40 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kelsi Alger  
Licensing Administrator I