

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

**BOARD OF PRIVATE INVESTIGATIVE & SECURITY SERVICES
MINUTES
NOVEMBER 18, 2005**

- 01.** The meeting was called to order at 9:06 a.m.

Members Present: Danny Coane, Chair; Robert Edwards, Vice Chair; and Liz Gilligan, Secretary.

Members Absent: Leo Blais

OPR Staff Present: Carla Preston, Unit Administrator; Kevin Leahy, Staff Counsel and Patty Skinner, Administrative Assistant

Others Present: Francis Kinney, Deter Security and Jeremy Spaulding, Green Mountain Concert Services

- 02.** The Chair called for approval of the minutes of the October 21, 2005 minutes. Mr. Edwards made a motion, seconded by Ms. Gilligan to approve the minutes with the following changes: 06. (a) should read “ The Board reviewed the email from Roger Bover regarding firearms training for use of a Stinger, and how to obtain licensure. The Board noted that it was considered a non-lethal weapon, and therefore, would not come under the purview of the Board. 07. (a) Robert Edward should read Robert Edwards. Motion passed unanimously.

03. Hearings

04. Complaints/Follow-ups

- a. State of Vermont vs MVM (Docket No: PD12-1203) Report for November 2005 was tabled until the December meeting for lack of a quorum after the investigating member recused.
- b. Chris Pollard’s conditioned license with Guardsmark, Inc. The Agency is requesting that the conditions be removed. This matter was tabled until the December meeting for lack of a quorum after the investigating member recused.

05. Applications to review

- a. Michael Ostroski – Unarmed Investigator with MJM Investigations, with waiver of training request. Based on the information provided, Mr. Edwards made a motion, seconded by Ms. Gilligan to waive the training requirements and to approve Mr. Ostroski for registration. Motion passed unanimously.
- b. Paul Torre –Unarmed Security Guard and Private Investigator with Hunter North Associates. Based on the information provided, Mr. Edwards made a motion, seconded by Ms. Gilligan to waive the training and approve Mr. Torre for registration. Motion passed unanimously.

- c. MJM Investigations, Inc's 40 hour basic training outline. Based on the information provided, Mr. Edwards made a motion, seconded by Ms. Gilligan to approve the instructors for the program, and to approve the program pending receipt of Vermont Statutes and Rules and Regulations being included in their training topics. Motion passed unanimously.
- d. Deter Security – requesting an extension of Raymond Petty's registration due to cost related issues. Based on the information provided, Mr. Edwards made a motion to deny the extension of time for training. There being no second the motion died. Ms. Gilligan made a motion to grant the extension. There being no second the motion died.
- e. Jason A. Antos – Armed Security Guard with Hunter North Associates. A waiver of training is being requested due to previous security experience. Based on the information provided, Mr. Edwards made a motion, seconded by Ms. Gilligan, to deny the waiver and request a personal appearance before the Board. Motion passed unanimously.
- f. David Nease – Unarmed Private Investigator with J. Cronan Associates. Request for waiver of training. Based on the information provided, Mr. Edwards made a motion, seconded by Ms. Gilligan to table Mr. Nease's registration. J. Cronan Associates will be notified that the full waiver was denied. Mr. Cronan will have to submit what areas of the mandatory training he would like us to consider for waiver, and the remainder of the training would have to be completed within the 60 day period by an instructor approved by the Board. Motion passed unanimously.
- g. Request for Constance P. Kaminski and Robert C. Webster for approved instructors for Guardsmarks 40-Hour Security Guard Training Course. Based on the information provided, Mr. Edwards made a motion, seconded by Ms. Gilligan to approve Constance P. Kaminski and Robert C. Webster as instructors for Guardsmark, LLC. Motion passed unanimously.
- h. Robert W. Berryann – Application for a Firearms Instructor. Based on the information provided, Mr. Edwards made a motion, seconded by Ms. Gilligan to table Mr. Berryann's application as a firearms instructor until we have received information regarding the course of fire for each weapon in his program. Motion passed unanimously.
- i. Meghan McGovern – Private Investigator for New England Fire Cause & Origin. . Based on the information provided, Mr. Edwards made a motion, seconded by Ms. Gilligan to table Ms. McGovern's registration. New England Fire, Cause and Origin will be notified that the full waiver was denied. Mr. Eddy will have to submit what areas of the mandatory training he would like us to consider for waiver, and the remainder of the training would have to be completed within the 60 day period by an instructor approved by the Board. Motion passed unanimously.

06. Correspondence

07. Budget Review

08. Other Business

- a. Amount of time, if any, that we will allow training certificates to come into the office after the 60 day limit. It was the consensus of the Board that everything would have to be in by the end of the 60 days, and that there would be no grace period.
- b. A discussion took place regarding the possibility of a strike with Wackenhut Corp. at the Nuclear Power Plant. Mr. Leahy, Staff Council, discussed proposed legislation that would enable the Board to handle a situation should this occur. A representative from Wackenhut will be attending our December meeting with reference to federal mandates, etc.

09. Public Comments

- 10. There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 11:45 a.m.**

NEXT MEETING DATE FOR 2005: December 16, 2005