

**Vermont Secretary of State  
Office of Professional Regulation  
BOARD OF PRIVATE INVESTIGATIVE & SECURITY SERVICES**

**Unapproved Minutes  
May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

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

Staff Present: Gabriel Gilman, Board Counsel; Carla Preston, Case Manager; Jennifer Colin, Prosecuting Attorney; Beth St.James, Chief Prosecutor; Tara Grenier, Licensing Administrator; Ashley Cota, Licensing Board Specialist

Others Present: John Newcomb

Board Members Absent: Richard Murphy

1. The meeting was called to order at 9:33 a.m. by the Board Chair, James Eckhardt.
2. The Board reviewed the Minutes of the March 17<sup>th</sup> meeting. Mr. Davis made a motion, seconded by Ms. Bobee to approve the minutes of the March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2017 meeting as submitted. Motion passed unanimously.

**3. Case Manager Report/Concluded Investigations -**

Ms. Preston gave her Case Managers Report, there are currently 22 pending cases.

**4. Hearings/Reports/Stipulations**

Proposed Stipulation Order Docket No: 2015-483, 2015-484 & 2015-490 Ms. Bobee made a motion to accept the order for Andrea Tomassi, Torres Protection Group and Rafael Torres second by Mr. David. Motion carried.

Proposed Stipulation Order Docket No: 2017-231; 2017-232 Mr. Wernecke made a motion to accept the order for Raymond Gillis; Delta Associated Investigative, Inc. second by Ms. Bobee. After further discussion Mr. Wernecke withdrew his motion. Mr. Davis made a motion to go into deliberative session seconded by Ms. Bobee. Mr. Davis made a motion to reject the proposed order, seconded by Ms. Bobee. Motion carried.

**5. Reports/Guests/Legislative Updates**

Gabriel Gilman discussed with the board rule changes.

**6. Applications/Programs/Requests to review -**

The Board reviewed the updated 40 hour training program for Brinks. Based on the information submitted. Mr. Davis made a motion, Seconded by Ms. Bobee, to approve the 40 hour training course. Motion passed unanimously.

## **6. Applications/Programs/Requests to review Continued-**

The Board reviewed the Qualifying Agent application for James Claremont. Based on the information submitted, Mr. Wernecke made a motion, seconded by Mr. Davis, to approve the license. Motion passed unanimously.

The Board reviewed the Qualifying Agent application for Noel Donnellan. Based on the information submitted, Ms. Bobee made a motion, seconded by Mr. Wernecke, to approve the license. Ms. Bobee amended her motion to approve the license as a security guard, seconded by Mr. Wernecke. Motion passed unanimously.

The Board reviewed the Private Investigative and Security Agency application for Series 11, LLC. Based on the information submitted, Mr. Wernecke made a motion, seconded by Ms. Bobee, to approve the agency license for Series 11, LLC. After further discussion Mr. Wernecke withdrew his motion. Ms. Bobee made a motion, Seconded by Mr. Wernecke to approve the application pending the Qualifying Agent amend the articles of application. Motion passed 3-1.

The Board reviewed the Qualifying Agent application for Michael Arace. Based on the information submitted, Mr. Eckhardt made a motion, seconded by Mr. Wernecke, to approve Mr. Arace's license. Motion passed unanimously.

The Board reviewed the Qualifying Agent application for David Wheeler. Based on the information submitted, Mr. Wernecke made a motion, seconded by Ms. Bobee, to approve Mr. Wheeler's license. Motion passed unanimously.

The Board reviewed the Qualifying Agent application for Brian Wicke. Based on the information submitted, Mr. Davis made a motion, seconded by Ms. Bobee, to approve Mr. Wicke's license. Motion passed unanimously.

The Board reviewed the Private Investigative Agency application for Fire & Explosion Investigations, Inc. Based on the information submitted, Mr. Eckhardt made a motion, seconded by Mr. Wernecke, to approve the agency license for Fire & Explosion Investigations, Inc. Motion passed unanimously.

The Board reviewed the 40 Hour training waiver request for Rose Farley. Based on the information submitted, MS. Bobee made a motion, seconded by Mr. Wernecke, to deny the 40 hour training waiver request. Motion passed unanimously.

The Board reviewed the Private Investigative Agency application for Queen City P.I., LLC. Based on the information submitted, Mr. Wernecke made a motion, seconded by Mr. Davis, to approve the agency license for Queen City P.I., LLC. Motion passed unanimously.

The Board reviewed the request to have Mike Van Gulden as a training instructor for Safe and Sound Security. Based on the information submitted, Mr. Davis made a motion, seconded by Mr. Eckhardt, to approve Mr. Brigham's License. After further discussion the motion passed unanimously.

## **7. Follow Ups**

**8. Correspondence**

**9. Other Business**

Mr. Davis made a motion, seconded by Mr. Eckhardt, to go into executive session to discuss PI and Security Exam questions. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Davis made a motion, seconded by Ms. Bobee, to come out of executive session. Motion passed unanimously.

**10. Adjourn**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ashley Cota,  
Licensing Board Specialist