

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

**Unapproved Minutes  
March 18, 2016**

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

Staff Present: Gabriel Gilman, Board Counsel; Carla Preston, Case Manager; and Kara Shangraw, Licensing Board Specialist.

Others Present: John Newcomb and Robert Frankson.

1. The meeting was called to order at 9:17 a.m. by the Board Chair, James Eckhardt.
2. The Board reviewed the Minutes of the January 15<sup>th</sup> meeting. Mr. Davis made a motion, seconded by Mr. Murphy, to approve the minutes of the January 15, 2016 meeting as submitted. Motion passed unanimously.

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

Ms. Preston gave her Case Managers Report, there are currently 11 pending cases.

**4. Hearings/Reports/Stipulations**

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

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

The Board reviewed the Qualifying Agent application for Forrest Dodd. Based on the information submitted, Mr. Wernecke made a motion, seconded by Mr. Murphy to approve Mr. Dodd's request, pending a favorable FBI background check. Motion passed unanimously.

The Board reviewed the request for John Newcomb to become a training instructor with Securitas Security Services. Based on the information submitted, Mr. Murphy made a motion, seconded by Ms. Bobee to approve Mr. Newcomb's request. Motion passed unanimously.

The Board reviewed the request for waiver of the 40 hour training from Timothy Tuttle. Based on the information submitted, Mr. Wernecke made a motion, seconded by Ms. Bobee to approve Mr. Tuttle's request. Motion passed unanimously.

The Board reviewed the request for waiver of the 40 hour training from Sean Kelly. Based on the information submitted, Mr. Davis made a motion, seconded by Ms. Bobee to approve Mr. Kelly's request. Motion passed unanimously.

**7. Follow Ups**

**8. Correspondence -**

The Board discussed the March 16, 2016 e-mail from John Rzasa regarding upcoming changes in security at Vermont Yankee.

**9. Other Business -**

The Board discussed changing, modifying, or no longer requiring the FBI background checks for the unarmed registrant applicants. Ms. Bobee moved that, for unarmed registrant applicants only, the Board no longer require FBI background checks as a matter of course, provided that the OPR staff may request such a check on a discretionary basis. Motion passed unanimously.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Kara Shangraw  
Licensing Board Specialist