

**Vermont Secretary of State  
Office of Professional Regulation  
BOARD OF PRIVATE INVESTIGATIVE & SECURITY SERVICES  
Unapproved Minutes  
May 17, 2013**

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

Staff Present: Colin Benjamin, Board Counsel; Carla Preston, Case Manager; Peter Comart, Board Administrator; & Kara Shangraw, Licensing Board Specialist.

Others Present: Melissa Sharkis, Prosecuting Attorney; & Lauren Hibbert, Prosecuting Attorney.

1. The meeting was called to order at 9:02 a.m. by the Board Chair, James Eckhardt.
2. The Board reviewed the Minutes of the March 15, 2013 meeting. Mr. Davis made a motion, seconded by Ms. Bobee, to accept the minutes as written. Motion passed 3-0. Mr. Murphy abstained from the vote.

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

Ms. Preston gave her Case Manager's report. There are currently 13 pending cases.

**4. Hearings/Reports/Stipulations:**

The Board held a Preliminary Denial Hearing in the matter of 2013-132 (Thomas B. Plantier). The Respondent was not present. Melissa Sharkis, Prosecuting Attorney was present for the State. Attorney Benjamin presided for the Board. Based on the information submitted, Mr. Davis made a motion, seconded by Mr. Murphy, to affirm the preliminary denial of Mr. Plantier's application. The Board went into deliberate session at 9:45 a.m. and out at 9:51 a.m. Motion passed 3-0. A written decision will be mailed to Mr. Plantier. Ms. Bobee, Investigative Team member, abstained from the Hearing and vote

**5. Legislative Review:**

Attorney Benjamin worked with the Board on their Rules revision.

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

The Board reviewed the May 9, 2013 letter from FYI Investigative Group requesting Board approval for John Danico to be added as a Private Investigator Basic Training Instructor. Ms. Bobee made a motion, seconded by Mr. Davis, to approve Mr. Danico. Motion passed 3-0. Mr. Murphy abstained.

The Board reviewed the application for VIP Investigations & Security Services, Inc. and David E Clow, Qualifying Agent. Mr. Davis made a motion, seconded by Mr. Murphy, to preliminary deny Mr. Clow and VIP Investigations & Security Services, Inc. Motion passed 4-0. Mr. Clow will be notified.

**6. Applications/Programs/Requests to review – Continued:**

The Board reviewed the April 15, 2013 letter from Robert Smith requesting approval of his firearms course. Mr. Murphy made a motion, seconded by Mr. Davis to approve Mr. Smith's course. Motion passed 4-0.

**7. Follow Ups:**

**8. Correspondence:**

**9. Other Business:**

Peter Comart attended the meeting and discussed the draft of the Vermont Professional Colleague Assistance Program (VPCAP). The Board is not in favor of this program.

**10. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:18 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

Kara Shangraw  
Licensing Board Specialist