

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

**BOARD OF PRIVATE INVESTIGATIVE & SECURITY SERVICES
MINUTES
MAY 19TH, 2006**

01. The meeting was called to order at 9:03 a.m.

Members Present: Danny A. Coane, Chairman; Robert E. Edwards, Vice Chair; Leo P. Blais, Secretary and Emma Pudvah, Ad Hoc member

Members Absent: Liz Gilligan, Public member

OPR Staff Present: Carla Preston, Unit Administrator; Patty Skinner, Administrative Assistant; Kevin Leahy, Board Counsel and Judith Cutler, Prosecuting Attorney

Others Present: Patricia Sheerin; Jeremy Spaulding; Mark Stockton; Warren Blum Jr. and Richard Smulczewski

02. The Chair called for approval of the Minutes of the April 21, 2006 meeting. Ms. Pudvah made a motion, seconded by Mr. Edwards, to approve the minutes as read. Motion passed unanimously.

03. Hearings/Reports

- a. The Board considered the Stipulation and Consent Order in regard to E. Guy Paradee, docket number PD07- 1105. The Respondent was not present. Attorney Judith Cutler was present on behalf of the State, and Attorney Kevin Leahy, presided for the Board. Mr. Edwards made a motion, seconded by Ms. Pudvah, to accept the Stipulation and Consent Order as presented. Mr. Blaise, Investigating Team Member recused from voting.
- b. At 11:15 a.m. the Board held a hearing regarding its decision to preliminarily deny Patricia R. Sheerin, doing business as Advantage Parking Services. Ms. Sheerin was present at 11:15 a.m. The Board went into deliberative session at 11:24 a.m. and out at 11:45 a.m. A written order will be issued to Ms. Sheerin.

04. Complaints/Follow-ups

- a. The Board reviewed the report submitted by MVM (Docket No: PD12-1203) Report for May 2006. A discrepancy was found and is being corrected by the company.
- b. The Board discussed Closing Report – APP-PD08-1205 and APP-PD09-1205. Mr. Edwards made a motion, seconded by Ms. Pudvah to approve the reports as read. Motion passed unanimously.

05. Legislative Review

06. Applications to review

- a. Downeast Investigative Services, Inc. – Syllabus for Vermont’s mandatory 40 hour training program was reviewed by the Board. Mr. Edwards made a motion, seconded by Ms. Pudvah to approve the training program and the instructors. Motion passed unanimously.
- b. Kenneth James Lauman’s application for a Private Investigative Agency was reviewed by the Board. Mr. Blais made a motion, seconded by Mr. Edwards, to approve Mr. Lauman for a private investigative agency. Motion passed unanimously.
- c. Mary Ellen Fleiter – Unarmed Private Investigator with US Investigation Services, Inc. Mr. Blais made a motion, seconded by Ms. Pudvah, to approve Ms. Fleiter for temporary registration. Motion passed unanimously.
- d. Warren F. Blum Jr. – Unarmed Security Guard with J. Cronan Associates. Based on the information provided, Mr. Edwards made a motion, seconded by Ms Pudvah, to approve Mr. Blum for temporary registration, but denied the waiver of the 40 hour training course. Motion passed unanimously.
- e. Ryan Thomas Prescott – Application for Firearms Instructor. Based on the information provided, Mr. Edwards made a motion, seconded by Ms. Pudvah, to approve Mr. Prescott as a firearms instructor. Motion passed unanimously.
- f. Sgt. Roy Peno II and Matthew Cushing as instructors for Vescom Corp. Based on the information provided, Mr. Edwards made a motion, seconded by Mr. Blais, that Mr. Peno II and Matthew Cushing did not demonstrate the ability to teach by attending several of the training sessions. It was recommended that they supply further documentation or make a personal appearance before the Board. Motion passed unanimously.

07. Follow Ups Applications

- a. C.A.H. Services Airport Parking – Awaiting further information from the applicant.

08. Correspondence

- a. Letter from William A. Burgess, Vice President of VAISS requesting a more professional license. A letter will be written to VAISS regarding this issue.
- b. E-mail from Karin Hansen regarding whether a computer forensics examiner required to obtain a private investigator’s license in Vermont.

- c. Letter from Kessler International with several questions for the Board to answer. The Boards answer to all questions was “NO” not if the work was being done in the capacity of a Certified Public Accountant.

09. Budget Review

10. Other Business

- a. Jeremy Spaulding from Green Mountain Concert Services approached the Board requesting to know if a registrant was hired for full time and later the agency wanted to change that person to part time (prior to their training being completed) would be acceptable to the Board. The matter will be discussed in detail at a later date.

11. Public Comments

12. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

NEXT MEETING DATE FOR 2006: June 16, 2006