

Office of Professional Regulation
BOARD OF PRIVATE INVESTIGATIVE & SECURITY SERVICES
MINUTES
MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 21, 2007

1. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m.

Members present: Robert E. Edwards, Chairman; James R. Eckhardt, Vice Chair; Leo P. Blais, Secretary; Elizabeth Gilligan; and Stacey Nelson.

OPR Staff present: Kevin F. Leahy, Board Counsel; Carla Preston, Unit Administrator and Patty Skinner, Administrative Assistant.

Others present: Sheila Cota, registrant and Bob Danis and Richard Loomis from Loomis Armored, US., Inc.

2. The Chair called for approval of the Minutes of the August 17th meeting. Mr. Eckhardt made a motion, seconded by Ms. Gilligan, to approve the Minutes of the August 17th 2007 meeting as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

3. **Hearings/Stipulations**

4. **Complaints/Follow-up cases**

- a. ULP-PD05-1206 Report of Concluded Investigation. Mr. Eckhardt made a motion, seconded by Mr. Blais, to accept the recommendation of the investigative team to conclude this case without charges. Mr. Edwards was on the investigating team and did not participate in the vote. Motion passed.
- b. PD10-0507 Report of Concluded Investigation. Mr. Eckhardt made a motion, seconded by Mr. Blais, to accept the recommendation of the investigative team to conclude this case without charges. Motion passed unanimously.

5. **Legislation/Rulemaking**

6. **Applications Reviewed/Discussed**

- a. Sheila Cota – Unarmed Security Guard with The Wackenhut Corp. Based on the information provided, Mr. Eckhardt made a motion, seconded by Ms. Gilligan, to approve Ms. Cota for registration. Motion passed unanimously.
- b. Maurice Cherry – Unarmed Security Guard with The Wackenhut Corp. Based on the information provided, Ms. Gilligan made a motion, seconded by Ms. Nelson, to table Mr. Cherry's application for registration and request a personal appearance. Motion passed unanimously.
- c. Fieldview Investigations & Research with Peter Laskowski as the qualifying agent. Based on the information provided, Mr. Eckhardt made a motion, seconded by Ms. Nelson, to approve the above agency and qualifying agent for licensure. Motion passed unanimously.
- d. Brian Watkins submitted a request to be an instructor for Loomis Armored U.S. Inc.'s forty hour training course. Mr. Danis and Mr. Loomis were present to answer any

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questions regarding the request. Based on the information provided, Mr. Eckhardt made a motion, seconded by Ms. Nelson, to approve Mr. Watkins as an instructor, retroactive to include recently trained individuals. Motion passed unanimously.

Michael Matey submitted a request to be an instructor for Loomis Armored U.S. Inc.'s forty hour training course. . Mr. Danis and Mr. Loomis were present to answer any questions regarding the request. Based on the information provided, Mr. Blais made a motion, seconded by Ms. Gilligan, to approve Mr. Matey as an instructor, retroactive to include recently trained individuals. Motion passed unanimously.

e. Harmon R. Olmstead – Unarmed Security Guard with The Wackenhut Corp. Mr. Blais made a motion, seconded by Mr. Eckhardt, to approve Mr. Olmstead for registration. Motion passed unanimously.

f. Danny L. Francis – Unarmed Security Guard with Green Mountain Concert Services. Based on the information provided, Mr. Eckhardt made a motion, seconded by Ms. Nelson, to table Mr. Francis' application for registration and request a personal appearance. Mr. Blais recused from voting. Motion passed unanimously.

g. Veracity Research Company submitted an application for a Private Investigative Company with Lance J. Foster as the qualifying agent. Mr. Eckhardt made a motion, seconded by Mr. Blais, to approve the above agency and qualifying agent for licensure. Motion passed unanimously.

h. Charles W. Savoie – Unarmed Security Guard with Deter Security. Based on the information provided, Mr. Eckhardt made a motion, seconded by Ms. Gilligan, to approve Mr. Savoie for registration. Motion passed unanimously.

7. Follow Ups

8. Correspondence

a. The Board reviewed and will respond to the email from Carman Moore regarding an SIU Survey.

b. The Board reviewed the information on the Internet for Investigators Seminar.

9. Budget Review

10. Other Business

a. As of today there are 10 (ten) pending cases

b. A brief discussion was held on the subject of traffic control and flagging, and a statutory or rules revision to clarify its meaning.

c. The Board discussed the possibility of requiring every registrant to have an FBI record check, and the cost associated with it. There is a \$20.00 initial license fee which may be applied to cover the cost. Ms. Preston will draft a new application form for Board approval.

10. Other Business (cont.)

- d. The Board briefly discussed a transfer fee for people going from one agency to another. The office will have a meeting on the logistics of this situation. Ms. Preston will report at the next meeting the ability to transfer a registration from one agency to another and the cost associated with it.
- e. The Board discussed the importance of training and employee records being kept in Vermont. This was brought about due to the discussions on conduction random inspections. Due to the fact that a majority of the agencies have their corporate office outside of Vermont, it would not be possible to inspect them, therefore the Board is considering requiring that certain records be maintained in the State of Vermont.

11. Public Comments

- 12. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:45 a.m.
- 13. The date of the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board is set for October 19, 2007.