

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

**BOARD OF PRIVATE INVESTIGATIVE & SECURITY SERVICES
MINUTES
AUGUST 19, 2005**

01. The meeting was called to order at 9:05 a.m.

Members Present: Danny A. Coane, Chairperson; Leo Blais, Vice Chair; Robert Edwards, Secretary and Emma Pudvah, Ad Hoc Member.

Members Absent: Liz Gilligan, Public Member

OPR Staff Present: Carla Preston, Unit Administrator, Christopher Winters, OPR Director and Patty Skinner, Administrative Assistant

Others Present: Francis Kinney, Deter Security; Mark E. Stockton, Stockton Security and Bob Danis with Loomis Fargo & Company

02. The Chair called for approval of the minutes of the July 15, 2005 meeting. Mr. Edwards made a motion, seconded by Ms. Pudvah, to approve the minutes of the July 15th meeting as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

03. Hearings

04. Complaints/Follow-ups

a. Docket No: PD12-1203 – Follow-up case. The Board reviewed MVM Inc.'s report for August of 2005, a Condition imposed on its license. Mr. Edwards made a motion, seconded by Ms. Pudvah, to accept the report as compliance with the Order. Motion passed unanimously.

b. Letter from Ronald R. Wheatley withdrawing his registration with AT Systems, Inc, and to inform the Board that he has never worked for Guardsmark. Based on the information provided, Mr. Edwards made a motion, seconded by Ms. Pudvah, to accept Mr. Wheatley's withdrawal of his registration. Motion passed unanimously.

05. Applications to review

a. Patrick J. Murray – Unarmed Private Investigator with Blais Investigations. Mr. Blais is requesting a waiver of training due to prior experience. Based on the information provided, Mr. Edwards made a motion, seconded by Ms. Pudvah, to deny the waiver for Mr. Murray. Mr. Blais withdrew the application at this point.

- b. Donald H. Taylor – Unarmed Security Guard with Murphy’s Detective/ADA Security. Mr. Murphy is requesting a waiver of training due to prior experience. Mr. Edwards made a motion, seconded by Ms. Pudvah to deny the waiver for Mr. Taylor. Motion passed unanimously.
- c. Michael J. Parker – Unarmed Private Investigator/Security Guard with Security One. Mr. Palasik is requesting a waiver of training due to prior experience. Based on the information provided, Mr. Edwards made a motion, seconded by Ms. Pudvah, to deny the waiver for Michael J. Parker. Motion passed unanimously.
- d. David J. Lesure – Unarmed Security Guard with Securitas, Inc. Ms. Deborah Mink is requesting a waiver of training due to prior experience. Based on the information provided, Mr. Edwards made a motion, seconded by Ms. Pudvah, to deny the waiver for David Lesure due to the lack of a security background. Motion passed unanimously.
- e. Guardsmark - The Board reviewed the 16 hour training program for part-time and full time employees prior to being assigned a post. Based on the information provided Mr. Edwards made a motion, seconded by Ms. Pudvah, to approve the training course. Motion passed unanimously.
- f. The Wackenhut Corporations –Basic Training Course. Based on the information provided, Mr. Edwards made a motion, seconded by Ms. Pudvah, to approve The Wackenhut Corporations Training Course with the addition of the new rules. Motion passed unanimously.
- g. Loomis, Fargo & Company – Basic Training Course. Based on the information provided, Ms. Pudvah made a motion, seconded by Mr. Edwards, to approve Loomis, Fargo & Company’s basic training course. Motion passed unanimously.
- h. HUB Enterprises, Inc. – Basic Training Course. Based on the information provided, Mr. Edwards made a motion, seconded by Ms. Pudvah to approve Hub Enterprises, Inc’s. basic training course upon receipt of where and how the records are being kept. Motion passed unanimously.
- i. Murphy’s Detective & Security Agency – Basic Training Course. Based on the information provided, Mr. Edwards made a motion, seconded by Ms. Pudvah, to approve Murphy’s Detective & Security Agencies basic training course. Motion passed unanimously.
- j. Stephen A. Elrick – Unarmed Security Guard and Private Investigator with Hunter North Associates, Inc. Based on the information provided, Mr. Edwards made a motion, seconded by Ms. Pudvah, to approve Mr. Elrick for licensure. Motion passed unanimously.

06 Correspondence

- a. The Board reviewed the letter from Leon Baker, Jr., President of the IASIR regarding the 2005 conference to be held on October 5 – 7 in Sacramento, California. Mr. Edwards stated that he would like to attend this meeting.
- b. The Board reviewed the letter from IPC International Corp. regarding Alarm Companies, and whether or not they would require a separate licensure. A letter will be written to notify them that Alarm Companies do not come under the purview of the Board, but may come under some Labor and Industry regulations.
- c. The Board reviewed the letter from U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement with an explanation of the record checks that are conducted by their office prior to registration. Mr. Edwards made a motion, seconded by Ms. Pudvah, to approve the record checks that are conducted prior to registration. Motion passed unanimously.
- d. The Board reviewed the letter from Andrew Thibault of the U.S. Marine Corps Fleet Anti-Terrorism Security Team, requesting whether or not his experience would qualify for a private investigators license in the State of Vermont. The Board decided that the office would send a letter along with a copy of the laws and rules of the profession.

7. Other Business

The following items were discussed by the Board, and it was the decision of the Board that they would be on a case by case basis.

- a. Explanation from Board Council on “Grandfathered In” vs. calendar date.
- b. How old can security/private investigative experience be to have the training waived.

08. Public Comments

09. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:05 a.m.

NEXT MEETING DATE FOR 2005: September 16, 2005

