

Office of Professional Regulation
BOARD OF PRIVATE INVESTIGATIVE & SECURITY SERVICES
MINUTES
MEETING OF DECEMBER 14, 2007

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

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

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

Others present: Gary Sweeney and Peter Callahan, Valor Security; Jason Gould, Censor Security; Jeremy Spaulding, Green Mountain Concert Services and Francis Kinney, Deter Security.

2. The Chair called for approval of the Minutes of the November 16th meeting. Mr. Eckhardt made a motion, seconded by Ms. Nelson, to approve the Minutes of the November 16th 2007 meeting as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

3. **Hearings/Stipulations**

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

- a. Report of Concluded Investigation – PD07-0907 and PD08-0907. Mr. Blais made a motion, seconded by Ms. Nelson, to reject the recommendation and have it reinvestigated or rewritten due to a conflict between the summary and the recommendation. Mr. Edwards and Mr. Eckhardt recused from voting.

5. **Legislation/Rulemaking**

6. **Applications Reviewed/Discussed**

- a. Premium Armored Services, Inc. with Jose O. Diaz as the qualifying agent. Based on the information provided, Mr. Eckhardt made a motion, seconded by Ms. Nelson to approve Premium Armored Services, Inc. Motion passed unanimously.
- b. Flore Investigation & Security Services with Joshua A. Flore as the qualifying agent. Based on the information provided, Mr. Edwards made a motion, seconded by Mr. Eckhardt, to invite Mr. Flore to the next meeting to discuss his experience with security services. Motion passed unanimously.
- c. Mark E. Unwin – Unarmed Security Guard with Vance International. Based on the information provided, Mr. Eckhardt made a motion, seconded by Ms. Gilligan, to request a personal appearance of Mr. Unwin at our next meeting. Motion passed unanimously.
- d. Jeffrey L. Strait - Unarmed Security Guard with The Wackenhut Corp. , tabled from the November meeting. Based on the information provided, the Board agreed to table this application until the December meeting. A phone call was made to the office shortly after nine a.m. stating that he was coming in with Jennifer Chicoine, who had gone back home due to inclement weather conditions.
- e. Jennifer Chicoine – Unarmed Security Guard with The Wackenhut Corp., tabled from the November meeting. Based on the information provided, the Board agreed to table this application until the December meeting. A phone call was made to the office shortly after nine a.m. stating that she would be unable to make the meeting due to inclement weather conditions.

- f. Alice M. Curtis – Unarmed Security Guard with Vance International, tabled from the November meeting. Based on the information provided, Mr. Eckhardt made a motion, seconded by Ms. Gilligan to approve Ms. Curtis for registration. Motion passed unanimously.
- g. Jason Gould – Censor Security, teaches partial class, and would like to be approved to teach the entire class. Based on the information provided, Mr. Blais made a motion, seconded by Ms. Nelson, to approve Mr. Gould as an instructor for the entire class. Mr. Eckhardt recused from voting.
- h. The Board discussed a request from Deter Security for licensing. The Board went into executive session at 10:24 a.m. and out at 10:35 a.m. It was the decision of the Board that the applicants rights pursuant to 1 V.S.A., Chapter 5 § 317 (c) 8 & 9 would not warrant this to fall under an emergency situation.
- i. Sgt. Pete Callahan – as an instructor for Valor Security’s 40 hour training program. Based on the information provided, Mr. Eckhardt made a motion, seconded by Mr. Edwards, to approve Mr. Callahan as an instructor of Valor Security’s 40 hour training program.

7. Follow Ups

8. Correspondence

- a. The Board went over the various aspects of the email from Deter Security and went over the details with Francis Kinney, who was present for the company.
- b. The Board noted the fax from New Fields Exhibitions regarding a National Student Safety and Security Conference.

9. Budget Review

10. Other Business

- a. Krista Billings from Public Safety was present and spoke about the new procedures that are being implemented regarding fingerprint cards. All agencies that are currently using the Dept. of Public Safety to do their FBI background checks started using a new procedure as of January 1, 2008. Ms. Billings stated that we could start at a later date, due to the fact that we would have to notify all of our agencies about the change. The Board will discuss this matter at length at the next meeting.

11. Public Comments

12. Number of Open Cases

- a. There are currently eleven open cases

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 February 15, 2008.