

**Vermont Secretary of State
Office of Professional Regulation
BOARD OF PRIVATE INVESTIGATIVE & SECURITY SERVICES
Unapproved Minutes
July 18, 2014**

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

Staff Present: Colin Benjamin, Board Counsel; Lauren Hibbert, Prosecuting Attorney; Carla Preston, Case Manager; Terry Gray, Board Administrator; and Kara Shangraw, Licensing Board Specialist.

Others Present: Jeremy Spaulding & Christopher Munro.

1. The meeting was called to order at 9:12 a.m. by the Board Chair, James Eckhardt.
2. The Board reviewed the Minutes of the May 16th meeting. Mr. Murphy made a motion, seconded by Ms. Bobee, to accept the minutes of the May 16, 2014 meeting as submitted. Motion passed unanimously.

3. Case Manager Report/Concluded Investigations -

Ms. Preston gave her Case Manager's report. There are currently 19 pending cases.

4. Hearings/Reports/Stipulations -

The Board held a Default Hearing in the matter of 2014-244 (Christopher C. Munro). The Respondent was present. Lauren Hibbert, Prosecuting Attorney was present for the State. Attorney Benjamin presided for the Board. Based on the information submitted, Mr. Eckhardt made a motion, seconded by Ms. Bobee to find Mr. Munro in default. Attorney Hibbert requested the Board deny his application. Mr. Eckhardt made a motion seconded by Ms. Bobee, to deny his application. Motion passed 3-0. The respondent will be notified. Mr. Murphy, Investigative Team member abstained from the hearing and vote.

The Board held a Default Hearing in the matter of 2014-121 (Paul A. Morris). The Respondent was not present. Lauren Hibbert, Prosecuting Attorney was present for the State. Attorney Benjamin presided for the Board. Based on the information submitted, Mr. Eckhardt made a motion, seconded by Mr. Murphy to find Mr. Morris in default. Attorney Hibbert requested the Board deny his application. Mr. Eckhardt made a motion seconded by Mr. Murphy, to deny his application. Motion passed 3-0. The respondent will be notified. Ms. Bobee, Investigative Team member abstained from the hearing and vote.

5. Applications/Programs/Requests to review -

The Board reviewed the Private Investigator Agency & Qualifying Agent applications from Frasco, Inc. & Jason Simmers. Based on the information submitted Mr. Murphy made a motion, seconded by Ms. Bobee, to approve the applications for Frasco Inc. & Mr. Simmers. Motion passed unanimously.

The Board reviewed the Security Guard Agency application & Qualifying Agent application from Command Security Corporation & John C. Reed. Based on the information submitted Ms. Bobee made a motion, seconded by Mr. Murphy, to approve the applications for Command Security Corporation and Mr. Reed. Motion passed unanimously.

5. Applications/Programs/Requests to review – Continued

The Board reviewed the request for an additional instructor (Edward Burt) to be added to G4S Secure Solutions USA. Based on the information submitted Ms. Bobee made a motion, seconded by Mr. Murphy, to approve the request. Motion passed unanimously.

The Board reviewed the additional information pertaining to the 40 hour training program from Chocolate Thunder Security. Based on the information submitted Ms. Bobee made a motion, seconded by Mr. Murphy, to approve his 40 hour program. Motion passed unanimously.

The Board reviewed the Private Investigator and Security Guard Qualifying Agent application from Brian Cleveland. Based on the information submitted Mr. Murphy made a motion, seconded by Mr. Eckhardt, to approve his application as an unarmed qualifying agent pending his FBI check for his armed status. Motion passed 3-0. Ms. Bobee abstained from the vote.

6. Follow Ups

7. Correspondence

8. Other Business -

Ms. Gray spoke with the Board for clarification on the new FBI check requirement. After much discussion, Mr. Murphy made a motion, seconded by Ms. Bobee, to have the FBI check submitted and completed within 60 days of the date of application. In addition the company must either submit a letter notifying the office the date, time and location of where the fingerprints are scheduled to be taken or a receipt of the fingerprints being taken from the Identification Center with the initial application. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Eckhart made a motion, seconded by Mr. Murphy that all FBI checks will be valid for a twelve month period from initial approval for licensure. Motion passed unanimously. The office will update the application form to reflect the changes.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kara Shangraw

Licensing Board Specialist