

**Vermont Secretary of State
Office of Professional Regulation
BOARD OF PRIVATE INVESTIGATIVE & SECURITY SERVICES
Unapproved Minutes
May 16, 2014**

Board Members Present: James Eckhardt, Chair; Anita Bobee, Vice-Chair; Robert Wernecke, Secretary; Richard Murphy; 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: Robert Edwards and Noel Donnellan.

1. The meeting was called to order at 9:08 a.m. by the Board Chair, James Eckhardt.
2. The Board reviewed the Minutes of the April 10th meeting. Ms. Bobee made a motion, seconded by Mr. Murphy, to accept the minutes of the April 10, 2014 meeting as corrected. Motion passed unanimously.

3. Case Manager Report/Concluded Investigations -

Ms. Preston gave her Case Manager's report. There are currently 21 pending cases.

4. Hearings/Reports/Stipulations -

The Board reviewed the *Stipulation and Consent Order* in the matters of 2011-435 & 2012-103 (Garda CL New England, Inc). The Respondent was not present. Attorney Hibbert, Prosecuting Attorney was present for the State. Attorney Benjamin presided for the Board. Based on the information submitted, Ms. Bobee made a motion, seconded by Mr. Murphy, to accept the *Stipulation and Consent Order* as presented. Motion passed 4-0. Mr. Eckhardt, Investigative Team Member abstained from the hearing and vote.

5. Applications/Programs/Requests to review -

The Board reviewed the Private Investigator Qualifying Agent application from Anthony Hatton. Based on the information submitted Mr. Wernecke made a motion, seconded by Mr. Murphy, to approve the application for Mr. Hatton. Motion passed unanimously.

The Board reviewed the Private Investigator & Security Guard Agency application & Qualifying Agent application from Safe and Sound Security Services LLC & Robert Edwards. Based on the information submitted Ms. Bobee made a motion, seconded by Mr. Murphy, to approve the application for Mr. Edwards and Safe and Sound Security Services, LLC. Motion passed unanimously.

The Board reviewed the Private Investigator Qualifying Agent application from Richard Caton III. Based on the information submitted Mr. Davis made a motion, seconded by Mr. Wernecke, to approve the application for Mr. Caton III. Motion passed unanimously.

The Board reviewed the updated lesson plan for the 40 hour training program from Chocolate Thunder Security. Based on the information submitted, The Board found it incomplete. Mr. Van Gulden will be notified.

6. **Follow Ups**
7. **Correspondence**
8. **Other Business**

Ms. Gray spoke to the Board about mandatory FBI checks on All Employees & Qualifying Agents. Ms. Bobee made a motion, seconded by Mr. Murphy, to make it mandatory for all licensees (Registrants and Qualifying Agents) to have a Federal Bureau of Investigations (FBI) check for licensure as of July 1, 2014. Motion passed unanimously.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Kara Shangraw

Licensing Board Specialist