

**MINUTES
PRIVATE INVESTIGATOR AND
SECURITY GUARD LICENSING BOARD
WEDNESDAY, MAY 15, 2024**

CALL TO ORDER AND ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

9:00 a.m.

Board Members Present:

Cole Smith
Brad Hoffeditz
Laura Brown

Board Members Absent

Brenda McGinley

Staff present:

Amy Hall, Board Director
Chris Shea-Russell, Assistant Board Director
Leif Johnson, Board Counsel
Margie Addington, Court Reporter

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Motion made to adopt the agenda as presented.

Motion made and seconded – Brad Hoffeditz/Laura Brown

Motion passes 3/0/0

Laura Brown	yay		
Cole Smith	yay		
Brenda McGinley	yay	Brad Hoffeditz	yay

ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES FROM THE FEBRUARY 7, 2024, MEETING

Motion made to adopt the minutes of the February 7, 2024, meeting.

Motion made and seconded – Brad Hoffeditz/Laura Brown.

Motion passes 3/0/0

Laura Brown	yay		
Cole Smith	yay		
Brad Hoffeditz	yay		

REPORT FROM THE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

A report was provided to the board by Kelsey McKnight. There are currently 10 open investigations. There are allegations of unlicensed practice in the open investigations.

There is currently 1 open active open complaint.

ADMINISTRATIVE HEARING

Smith Integrity Investigations LLC – Cause No: 2024PISG0002 – Petition of Denied License.

Brent Smith appeared. He does have a current license as a Security Guard Agency. The reason for the denial of the application for the Private Investigator Firm license is due to work experience as a W-2 employee. He petitioned the board for the denial of his application, reviewing his experience under the exceptions in the code; as an insurance underwriter since he currently is a bail bondsman with an insurance license as well.

Motion made and seconded to deny the appeal by Brad Hoffeditz/Cole Smith.

Motion passes 3/0/0

Laura Brown	yay
Cole Smith	yay
Brad Hoffeditz	yay

Applied Solutions and Training – Sean Davis Cause Number - 2023PISG0005 – Petition for License Denial

Did not appear before the board.

Motion made and seconded to issue a Motion of Proposed Dismissal by Brad Hoffeditz/Laura Brown.

Motion passes 4/0/0

Laura Brown	yay
Cole Smith	yay
Brenda McGinley	yay
Brad Hoffeditz	yay

Avert Security – Cause Number - 2021PISG0006 – Administrative Complaint

Avert Security did not appear personally or by counsel.

Motion made and seconded to issue a Notice of Proposed Default by Brad Hoffeditz/Laura Brown.

Motion passes 3/0/0

Laura Brown	yay
Cole Smith	yay

Brad Hoffeditz yay

PERSONAL APPEARANCE

R.A. Private Investigation & Security INC – Jordan Scherer – New Firm & Agency

Jordan Scherer did not appear before the board to discuss his application.

Motion to deny the application by Brad Hoffeditz/Laura Brown.

Motion passes 3/0/0

Laura Brown yay
Cole Smith yay
Brad Hoffeditz yay

Jordan Schere did appear right at adjournment of the meeting due to traffic issues. Motion to vacate the denial of the application since Jordan Scherer since he appeared at 10:00. by Brad Hoffeditz/Laura Brown.

Motion passes 3/0/0

Laura Brown yay
Cole Smith yay
Brad Hoffeditz yay

There is no distinction of separation of his 1099 work versus W-2 hours. He has the same amount of work experience for 1099 and W-2. The experience of the W-2 is his most recent experience the he has obtained.

Motion to approve the application after submittal of the updated/corrected forms. by Brad Hoffeditz/Laura Brown.

Motion passes 3/0/0

Laura Brown yay
Cole Smith yay
Brad Hoffeditz yay

A-V Cleaning-Security LLC – Vernard Hunter – New Agency

Vernard Hunter appeared before the board to discuss her application. She has worked as a 1099 contractor. If she had worked as a W2 employee in management, for the 4000 hours, in the security industry. She may reapply after she has maintained the needed qualifying experience.

Motion to deny the application due to not meeting licensing requirements by Brad Hoffeditz/Laura Brown.

Motion passes 3/0/0

Laura Brown	yay
Cole Smith	yay
Brad Hoffeditz	yay

The Prisa Group – Paula Williamson - New Firm

Paula Williamson appeared via zoom before the board to discuss her application. She has not been employed by a PI Firm to garner the required experience, per code.

Motion to deny the application due to lack of experience by Brad Hoffeditz/Laura Brown.

Motion passes 3/0/0

Laura Brown	yay
Cole Smith	yay
Brad Hoffeditz	yay

Diversion Investigation LLC – Pierce Bryant – New Firm

Pierce Bryant appeared before the board to discuss his application. He owns his own Company in Cincinnati, Ohio. He is a retired police officer from Ohio. Has vast experience and did supply a second verification with W-2.

Motion to approve the application by Brad Hoffeditz/Laura Brown.

Motion passes 3/0/0

Laura Brown	yay
Cole Smith	yay
Brad Hoffeditz	yay

Ms. Private Eye – Julie Dunn – New Firm

Julie Dunn appeared via zoom before the board to discuss her application. She is a licensed PI in California and has moved to Indiana. She did work as an investigator for the State of California. She has verified experience from California. She presented 1099 information and will need to submit W-2 to verify the experience she stated from Texas.

Motion to approve the application pending receipt and review of her Texas experience by Brad Hoffeditz/Laura Brown.

Motion passes 3/0/0

Laura Brown	yay
Cole Smith	yay
Brad Hoffeditz	yay

Triple T Security Services LLC – Anthony Jackson – New Agency

Anthony Jackson appeared before the board to discuss his application. He served in the military as security and military police as well as multiple security jobs and loss prevention. He also served with the Navy within security in Kuwait. He attended the Military Police Academy and was appointed as security captain there.

Motion to approve the application by Brad Hoffeditz/Laura Brown.

Motion passes 3/0/0

Laura Brown	yay
Cole Smith	yay
Brad Hoffeditz	yay

APPLICATION REVIEW

None

DISCUSSION

LSA #23-821 – Rule Readoption

Motion to readopt the rules by Brad Hoffeditz/Laura Brown.

Motion passes 3/0/0

Laura Brown	yay
Cole Smith	yay
Brad Hoffeditz	yay

ADJOURNMENT – 10:11



Cole Smith, Chair

09-24-24
Date

