

**MINUTES
PRIVATE INVESTIGATOR AND
SECURITY GUARD LICENSING BOARD
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2023**

CALL TO ORDER AND ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

9:02 a.m.

Board Members Present:

Don C. Johnson
Penny Hughes
Cole Smith
Brenda McGinley
Brad Hoffeditz

Board Members Absent

Staff present:

Amy Hall, Board Director
Chris Shea-Russell, Assistant Board Director
Leif Johnson, Board Counsel
Heather Orbaugh, Court Reporter

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Motion made to adopt the agenda as presented.
Motion made and seconded – Penny Hughes/Cole Smith
Motion passes 5/0/0

Don C. Johnson	yay
Penny Hughes	yay
Cole Smith	yay
Brenda McGinley	yay
Brad Hoffeditz	yay

ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES FROM THE MAY 18, 2023 MEETING

Motion made to adopt the minutes of the Thursday, May 18, 2023, meeting.
Motion made and seconded – Penny Hughes/Cole Smith
Motion passes 5/0/0

Don C. Johnson	yay
Penny Hughes	yay
Cole Smith	yay
Brenda McGinley	yay
Brad Hoffeditz	yay

NEW BOARD MEMBER INTRODUCTION

Brenda McGinley introduced herself to the board.

Brad Hoffeditz is the State Police representative assigned to the board.

REPORT FROM THE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

A report was provided to the board by Ian Matthews. There are currently 12 open investigations. There are allegations of unlicensed practice in the open investigations.

PUBLIC HEARING

There will need to be some additions to the CoC due to new changes within Statute since the board created the initial rule. New rule changes will be reviewed.

ADOPTION OF LSA 23-52

No public comments

Motion made and seconded to approve the adoption of LSA 23-52 –
Cole Smith/Brad Hoffeditz

Motion passes 5/0/0

Don C. Johnson	yay
Penny Hughes	yay
Cole Smith	yay
Brenda McGinley	yay
Brad Hoffeditz	yay

I. ADMINISTRATIVE HEARING

Vaden's Security Service, LLC PI & SG – Cause No: 2023PISG0001 –
Motion to Dismiss

Motion made and seconded – Don Johnson/Penny Hughes

Motion passes 5/0/0

Don C. Johnson	yay
Penny Hughes	yay
Cole Smith	yay
Brenda McGinley	yay
Brad Hoffeditz	yay

PERSONAL APPEARANCE

Bowers Investigative Agency LLC – Tyler Bowers – New Firm

Tyler Bowers appeared before the board to discuss his application about current pending charges that hasn't been adjudicated.

Motion to approve the application as it stands by Don Johnson and seconded by Penny Hughes.

Motion passes 5/0/0

Don C. Johnson	yay
Penny Hughes	yay
Cole Smith	yay
Brenda McGinley	yay
Brad Hoffeditz	yay

APPLICATION REVIEW

Trustin LLC – Isabella Trip - New Firm Trustin LLC – Isabella Trip - New Agency Qualifier

The board reviewed the applications and discussed them. Experience garnered by 1099 and not W2.

Motion made to deny the applications by Penny Hughes/Cole Smith.

Motion passes 5/0/0

Don C. Johnson	yay
Penny Hughes	yay
Cole Smith	yay
Brenda McGinley	yay
Brad Hoffeditz	yay

BOARD MEMBER ELECTIONS

Don Johnson made a motion to nominate Cole Smith as new board chair and seconded by Penny Hughes.

Motion passes 5/0/0

Don C. Johnson	yay
Penny Hughes	yay
Cole Smith	yay
Brenda McGinley	yay
Brad Hoffeditz	yay

Don Johnson made a motion to nominate Brenda McGinley as new board vice chair and seconded by Penny Hughes.

Motion passes 5/0/0

Don C. Johnson	yay
Penny Hughes	yay
Cole Smith	yay
Brenda McGinley	yay
Brad Hoffeditz	yay

Don Johnson and Penny Hughes last meeting after serving on behalf of the State of Indiana. Many thanks for all of their hours and support for the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of Indiana.

ADJOURNMENT – 9:43

**SECURITY GUARD LICENSING BOARD
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2023**

II. CALL TO ORDER AND ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM 9:00 a.m.

Board Members Present:
Don C. Johnson
Penny Hughes
Cole Smith

Board Members Absent

Staff present:

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

III. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Motion made to adopt the agenda as presented.
Motion made and seconded – Penny Hughes/Cole Smith
Motion passes 3/0/0

Don C. Johnson	yay
Penny Hughes	yay
Cole Smith	yay

IV. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES FROM THE FEBRUARY 16, 2023 MEETING

Motion made to adopt the minutes of the Thursday, February 16, 2023, meeting.
Motion made and seconded – Penny Hughes/Cole Smith
Motion passes 3/0/0

Don C. Johnson	yay
Penny Hughes	yay
Cole Smith	yay

V. REPORT FROM THE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

A report was provided to the board by Amy Osborne. There are currently 9 open investigations which are based out of Marion County. There are allegations of unlicensed practice in the open investigations.

VI. ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS

- A. Vaden's Security Service, LLC PI & SG – Cause No: 2023PISG0001 –**
Petition to appeal license denial and petitioner did not appear.

Motion made to issue a notice of proposed dismissal.

Motion made and seconded – Don Johnson/Cole Smith

Motion passes 3/0/0

Don C. Johnson	yay
Penny Hughes	yay
Cole Smith	yay

Motion to set aside previous motion of default made by Don Johnson and seconded by Penny Hughes

Motion passes 3/0/0

Don C. Johnson	yay
Penny Hughes	yay
Cole Smith	yay

Mr. Vaden did appear regarding the petition of appeal of the license previously denied. He had applied and was denied on both applications due to 1099 contractor. He was not paid as a W2 employee. The experience he has garnered for these applications. He does have W2 experience from PI and SG and has been employed.

Motion made by and seconded by to continue this matter so evidence can be submitted.

Motion passes 3/0/0

Don C. Johnson	yay
Penny Hughes	yay
Cole Smith	yay

VI. APPLICATION REVIEW

A. Bowers Investigative Agency LLC – Tyler Bowers – New Firm

The board reviewed the application and discussed it and requested a personal appearance for new charges about domestic battery listed in my case.

Motion made to approve the application.

Motion made and seconded - Penny Hughes/Cole Smith

Motion passes 3/0/0

Don C. Johnson	yay
Penny Hughes	yay
Cole Smith	yay

B. Wilson's Lock Tight Security LLC – Arnita Wilson – New Agency

Arnita Wilson met with the board to review her application.

Submitted 1099 experience and not W-2 employee experience. Motion made to deny the application due to the fact she is 1099 and does not supervise other people. Must also gain experience with a licensed PI or SG company. Needs 4000 worth of W2 experience or 2 years as a supervisor and not as a sub-contractor.

Motion made and seconded - Penny Hughes/Cole Smith

Motion passes 3/0/0


Don C. Johnson yay

Penny Hughes yay

Cole Smith yay

VII. ADJOURNMENT – 10:09

**Next Scheduled Meeting:
September 7, 2023**



Cole Smith, Chair

11-16-2023
Date

