

**MINUTES
PRIVATE INVESTIGATOR AND
SECURITY GUARD LICENSING BOARD
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2025**

CALL TO ORDER AND ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

9:00 a.m.

Cole Smith called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and declared a quorum in accordance with Ind. Code § 25-4.

Board Members Present:

Cole Smith
Laura Brown
Brenda McGinley
Brad Hoffeditz

Board Members Absent:

None

Staff present:

Amy Hall, Board Director
Chris Shea-Russell, Assistant Board Director
Connie Adams, OLM
Adam Harvey, Board Counsel

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Motion made to adopt the agenda as presented.

Motion made and seconded by Brad Hoffeditz/Laura Brown

Motion passes 4/0/0

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

ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES FROM MAY 7, 2025 MEETING

Motion made to adopt the minutes of the May 7, 2025, meeting.

Motion made and seconded by Brad Hoffeditz/Laura Brown

Motion passes 4/0/0

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

REPORT FROM THE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

The Board report was reviewed. Board members reviewed and had no questions.

ADMINISTRATIVE HEARING

NO ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS

PERSONAL APPEARANCES

On the prowl investigations – Susan Davis Huffman - New Firm

Susan Davis Huffman did not appear before the Board regarding her application. She is applying with 1099 experience

Motion made and seconded to by Laura Brown/Brad Hoffeditz deny the application based on 1099 experience.

Motion passes 4/0/0

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

WSI – Bradley S. Whatley – New Firm

Bradley S. Whatley did appear before the board. He is applying with a previous PD license. He provided a letter of verification of experience though he didn't have him fill out the experience form – he had a sole proprietorship prior, so is considered a W2 with experience. He does meet the experience requirement, after letter of verification was received.

Motion made and seconded to approve by Brad Hoffeditz/Laura Brown.

Motion passes 4/0/0

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

Donita Covington – Donita Covington – New Firm

Donita Covington did appear before the board. She is applying with experience from U.S. Postal Service and as a recovery coach from Aspire of Indiana. She does not meet the requirements for a new Firm with her experience. She does have a master's degree in social work. She does not have 4000 hours of experience; she does not have a degree

in the associated field. She does not meet requirements for licensure. A pathway to licensure for her, to work as a W2 employee for a PI Firm.

Motion made and seconded to deny her application by Brad Hoffeditz/Laura Brown Hoffeditz.

Motion passes 4/0/0

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

Phoenix Executive Protection – Tarell Underwood – New Agency

Tarrell Underwood did appear before the board. He is applying with DD-214 experience as system maintenance and infantry, an associate's in business, in information technology and a vocational certificate of CSM Law enforcement. He does have W2 work experience, that he did not submit. He provided security for Orlando Magic stadium for over 19 years. He needs to submit his 4000 hours of W2 experience as a manager. His DD-214 does not meet the requirements.

Motion made and seconded to approve his application pending receipt, review and approval of his verification of W2, 4000 hours of management experience by Brad Hoffeditz/Laura Brown.

Motion passes 4/0/0

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

Rae & Assoc LLC – Christina Trotter – New Agency

Christina Trotter did appear before the board. She is applying with experience as loss prevention from Frankies BBQ. She is the sole security personnel. The experience submitted is not the experience that would meet the requirements. She did work for Liberty Mutual – special investigation unit, which does qualify her under the rule requirements 874 IAC 1-3-1, section 1.

Motion made and seconded to approve her application by Brad Hoffeditz/Laura Brown.

Motion passes 4/0/0

Laura Brown	yay
Cole Smith	yay
Brenda McGinley	yay

Brad Hoffeditz yay

Valient Security LLC – Stacey L Adams-Proctor – New Agency

Stacy L Adams-Proctor did appear before the board. She is applying with 1099 experience. She does not meet the experience requirements with the documentation she submitted. She has worked as a 1099 employee only as a security guard. She will need to obtain experience as a W2 employee.

Motion made and seconded to deny her application by Brad Hoffeditz/Brenda McGinley.

Motion passes 4/0/0

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

We Secure U LLC – James M. Wage, Jr – New Agency

James M. Wage Jr did appear before the board. He is applying with experience from Cashmere's Bar & Grill as security. He has worked as a bouncer in the establishments he has worked for. He works for Trinity Towers, a low-income housing unit. He is the sole security officer, so it does not qualify him for the management experience. He will have to work as a W2 employee in a managerial role to garner his 2000 hours' experience.

Motion made and seconded to deny his application by Brad Hoffeditz/Laura Brown.

Motion passes 4/0/0

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

Indy C and C Security – Jon B. Street, Jr. – New Agency

Jon B Street Jr did appear before the board. He is applying with 1099 experience. He was previously denied at the last meeting but said he did not see the notice to attend till after the meeting. He has garnered experience, need employer verification of work experience from IPS and Sheridan. He did work as a reserve officer for Sheridan, which isn't a paid detail.

****if they decide to approve, they will need to vacate the motion from the 5.7.25 meeting****

Motion to vacate the denial from the May 7th, 2025 meeting from Brad Hoffeditz/Laura Brown

Motion passes 4/0/0

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

Motion made and seconded to table pending review and approval of verification of experience of qualifying employment. his application by Laura Brown/Brad Hoffeditz.

Motion passes 4/0/0

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

VWU Security – Valery Ulysse – New Agency

Valery Ulysse did not appear before the board. She is applying with 1099 experience.

Motion made and seconded to deny her application due to her 1099 experience by Brad Hoffeditz/Laura Brown.

Motion passes 4/0/0

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

APPLICATION REVIEW

None

DISCUSSION

ADJOURNMENT – 9:49



Cole Smith, President

FOR COLE SMITH

12/3/2025
Date

