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**MINUTES  
PRIVATE INVESTIGATOR AND  
SECURITY GUARD LICENSING BOARD  
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2023  
9:00 A.M**

**I. 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  
Jennifer Ortman, Board Counsel  
Margie Addington, Court Reporter

**II. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

Motion made to adopt the amended 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

**III. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES FROM THE THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2022, MEETING**

Motion made to adopt the minutes of the Thursday, September 15, 2022, meeting.  
Motion made and seconded – Cole Smith/Penny Hughes  
Motion passes 3/0/0

Don C. Johnson	yay
Penny Hughes	yay

Cole Smith                      yay

**IV. REPORT FROM THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE**

A report was provided to the board by Kelsey McKnight. The reports have been modified to show more information. There are 2 open investigations currently, which are based out of Marion County. There are 5 allegations of unlicensed practice in the open investigations.

**V. ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS**

- A. Allpoint Security Investigations Group Consultants and Training Center  
Cause No: 2021PISG0007 / 2021PISG0008  
Petition to withdraw from Probation**

\*Combined the two petitions into one hearing\*

He did appear before the board for his petition. He did complete his quarterly report. He submitted Exhibits A and B pertaining to court expungement.

Motion made and seconded to approve the Petition to Withdraw from Probation -  
Penny Hughes/Cole Smith  
Motion passes 3/0/0  
Don C. Johnson                      yay  
Penny Hughes                      yay  
Cole Smith                          yay

- B. PALADIN SECURITY, LLC – Cause No: 2022PISG0002**

Motion for Dismissal of Petition of Appeal of denied licenses (PI & SG)

Motion made and seconded –Don Johnson/Cole Smith  
Motion passes 3/0/0  
Don C. Johnson                      yay  
Penny Hughes                      yay  
Cole Smith                          yay

- C. Drama Reinforcement Expert Services DRA Services LLC  
Cause No: 2023PISG0001 – Order to Show Cause**

Appeared before the Board. Sha'na Terry requested that the Order to Show Cause be dismissed. The Drama Reinforcement Expert Services is no longer in business. He was operating without a license, and he was aware of that. He applied for the SG license in 2021 and was not aware that the license may take a while.

Motion made and seconded to approve the dismissal of the case.  
Cole Smith/Don Johnson

Motion passes 3/0/0

Don C. Johnson	yay
Penny Hughes	yay
Cole Smith	yay

**D. Avert Security – Cause No: 2021PISG0006**

This is the 6th extension of the Summary Suspension for another 90 days. Kelsey McKnight petitioned for dismissal of the Summary Suspension. The business is no longer in active, respondent is still incarcerated and the insurance on the business has lapsed.

Motion made and seconded to approve the dismissal of Summary Suspension extension – Penny Hughes/Cole Smith

Motion passes 3/0/0

Don C. Johnson	yay
Penny Hughes	yay
Cole Smith	yay

**VI. PERSONAL APPEARANCES**

**A. A R Consultants LLC DBA Advanced Recovery Consultants – Scott Armstrong – New Firm**

Scott Armstrong did not appear before the board. He applied for a PI. He submitted 1099 forms instead of W2. He did not submit the companies who employed him to verify his experience. He does unclaimed property work in other states. His LLC only lists himself. He is verifying everything for himself since he is the Sole Proprietor. He submitted his Texas license to verify.

The board decided to approve the application pending insurance.

Motion made and seconded –Penny Hughes/Cole Smith

Motion passes 3/0/0

Don C. Johnson	yay
Penny Hughes	yay
Cole Smith	yay

**B. Bair Deception Examinations and Investigations, LLC – Penny Bair  
- New Firm**

Penny Bair did appear before the board. She works for Bud McQuire. She started off as a para legal and slid into investigations for a practicing attorney.

Motion made to approve the application.

Motion made and seconded – Penny Hughes/Don Johnson

Motion passes 3/0/0

Don C. Johnson	yay
Penny Hughes	yay
Cole Smith	yay

**C. Iecusoft, LLC – Christopher McKenna– New Agency –**

Christopher appeared before the board regarding his application. He is the front half of electronic filing for DHS. He has worked security for various entities. He is a disabled veteran who wishes to do unarmed security work for the VA. The verification of hours from his previous guard position needs to be submitted.

Motion made to table 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

**APPLICATIONS FOR REVIEW**

**SECURITY GUARD**

**A. Vaden’s Security Services – New Agency and New Firm**

Submitted 1099 experience. Motion made to deny the applications.

Motion made and seconded – Cole Smith/Penny Hughes

Motion passes 3/0/0

Don C. Johnson	yay
Penny Hughes	yay

Cole Smith                      yay

**DISCUSSION**

**A.    2023 Board Member Election**

Keep the board as it currently stands –  
Don Johnson as chair  
Penny Hughes as vice  
Cole Smith as liaison

Motion made and seconded – Don Johnson/Penny Hughes

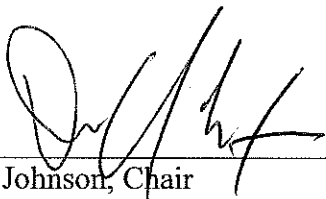
Motion passes 3/0/0

Don C. Johnson            yay  
Penny Hughes              yay  
Cole Smith                   yay

**B.    2023 Board Dates**

**C.    2023 Renewal**

Meeting Adjourned at 10:06 a.m.

  
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Don Johnson, Chair

05.18.2023  
Date

