

Minutes
Georgia State Board of Private Detective and Security
Agencies
Thursday, February 12, 2004

Minutes Approved by the Board on April 8, 2004

The Georgia Board of Private Detective and Security Agencies held its regular meeting on February 12, 2004 at 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia. Mr. John Villines, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 9:20 a.m.

A quorum was established with members present being: John Villines, Chairman, Tripp Mitchell, Vice-Chair, Gary Baker, Cognizant Member, Vernon Keenan, Board Member, Robert Warner, Board Member and Woodrow Blue, Board Member.

Others present were: Steve Lindsey, Executive Director, Robert Renjel, Assistant Attorney General, Connie Jones, Application Specialist, Jo Ann Lyde, Board Secretary.

Visitors: Tina Elkins, Glade Johnson, Michelle Barnes, and John C. London.

Approval of Minutes:

Mr. Baker moved to approve the minutes of the December 18, 2003 meeting. Mr. Mitchell seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Open Session:

Mr. Villines declared Open Session:

Old Business/New Business/Correspondence:

Mr. Mitchell moved to deny the request for refund from H. C. Holley. Mr. Warner seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mr. Mitchell moved to deny the request for refund from David P. Smith. Mr. Warner seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed correspondence from Joe Memolo.

Mr. Mitchell moved to table the Petition for Release of Current Suspension from Security Services of Georgia. Mr. Blue seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed correspondence from Kirsti Ekeholm.

The Board reviewed and discussed correspondence from Representative Earl Ehrhart, concerning the issuance of weapon permits for employees of security companies. Mr. Villines offered to respond in writing on behalf of the Board to Representative Ehrhart. The Board unanimously consented to this proposal.

Mr. Glade Johnson expressed concern that the Board's policy of waiting for the results from the FBI before issuing weapon permits was causing hardship on the security companies and their employees. He suggested that the Board allow companies to provide background results acquired during employment screening, along with the applications submitted to the Board.

Mr. John C. London expressed concern also at the delay in getting permits issued.

Mr. Villines stated that, while the Board certainly understands the concerns expressed, the Board is requiring complete fingerprint background results from the GBI and FBI prior to issuing registrations in an effort to fulfill its charge to regulate the profession of private investigation and security for the protection of the public.

Mr. Blue moved to accept the quarterly report on Rashid McCall. Mr. Mitchell seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Also discussed at today's meeting was the need for providing better communication from the Board to license holders.

Mr. Baker moved to adopt a policy that all company owners will pay a fee for their registration permits. Mr. Mitchell seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Executive Session:

Mr. Baker made a motion to enter into Executive Session to deliberate on applications and complaint matters, and to receive information on applications and investigative reports. Mr. Mitchell seconded the motion. Motion carried by Mr. Villines, Mr. Blue, Mr. Warner, and Mr. Keenan.

R. J. met with the Board to discuss an application issue.

B. S. met with the Board to discuss an application issue.

Frank McElroy did not attend today's meeting.

Applications:

Mrs. Connie Jones, Application Specialist, presented applications to the Board.

Attorney General Report:

Mr. Robert Renjel, Assistant Attorney General, presented activity and status report.

Complaints:

Mr. Gary Baker, Cognizant Member, presented complaints to the Board.

Investigations:

Mr. Billy Dunford, Area Supervisor in Enforcement, presented investigative reports to the Board.

Open Session:

Mr. Villines declared Open Session.

The Board discussed the issue of armed security employees who transfer from one company to another. The new company must submit application, including fingerprint cards, for the employee to be registered under the new company's license. The Board discussed the fact that companies typically hire employees of another company when taking over a contract to provide security for an establishment or agency.

Mr. Mitchell moved to allow administrative approval of registration applications for armed security guard employees who have a current registration, who submit a complete application for registration with a new company, and who have no disqualifying information on the application. Administrative approval may be made based on the current registration, prior to receiving results from GBI and FBI. Mr. Baker seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Applications:

Private Detective Companies:

Mr. Warner moved to approve Private Detective Company Applications as presented.

Mr. Mitchell seconded the motion. Motion carried

<u>Name</u>	<u>License #</u>
The Mateer Group	PDC002110
Wilson Investigations	PDC002111
Midnight Investigations	PDC002112
Gonser & Associates, Inc.	PDC002113
Argent Investigations	PDC002114
Background Research Agency, Inc.	PDC002115
Peachtree Investigations, LLC	PDC002116
PN Investigative Services	PDC002117
Ed Brown & Associates, LLC	PDC002118
Magellan Investigations	PDC002119
Kelley Investigations, Inc.	PDC002120

Global Investigations
Risk/Security Management & Consulting

PDC002121
PDC002122

Private Security Companies:

Mr. Warner moved to approve Private Security Company Applications as presented. Mr. Mitchell seconded the motion. Motion carried.

<u>Name</u>	<u>License #</u>
Premier Protective Service	PSC001723
NCLN 20	PSC001724

ClassRoom Training Instructors:

Mr. Warner moved to approve Classroom Training Instructor Applications as presented. Mr. Mitchell seconded the motion. Motion carried.

<u>Name</u>	<u>License #</u>
David Warren Merrill	CLTR000741
Randall Donnell-Lee Jefferson	CLTR000742
Douglas Authur McIntyre	CLTR000743
Gerri R. Harkins	CLTR000744

Classroom/Firearm Training:

Mr. Warner moved to approve Classroom/Firearm Training Instructor Applications as presented. Mr. Mitchell seconded the motion. Motion carried.

<u>Name</u>	<u>License #</u>
Rodney J. Melton	CFTR000943

Firearms Training Instructor:

Mr. Warner moved to approve Firearms Training Instructor Applications as presented. Mr. Mitchell seconded the motion. Motion carried.

<u>Name</u>	<u>License #</u>
Gregory Alan Scott	FAI-000069

Mr. Baker moved to deny R. J. application. Mr. Mitchell seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mr. Mitchell moved that BCS would need to complete a new application. Mr. Warner seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Attorney General's Report:

Mr. Keenan moved to accept the Attorney General's Activity and Status report as presented. Mr. Mitchell seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Investigations:

3101020042

Mr. Mitchell moved to refer this case to the Attorney General's Office for a cease and desist order. Mr. Baker seconded the motion. Motion carried.

3101010050

Mr. Mitchell moved to refer this case to the Attorney General's Office for a cease and desist order. Mr. Warner seconded the motion. Motion carried.

PDSA030010

Mr. Mitchell moved to request that Investigations pull GCIC report. Mr. Warner seconded the motion. Motion carried.

PDSA030032

Mr. Mitchell moved to close this case. Mr. Blue seconded the motion. Motion carried.

PDSA030023

Mr. Keenan moved to refer this case to the Fulton County DA's office and the City of Atlanta's Internal Affairs Office. Mr. Mitchell seconded the motion. Motion carried.

PDSA040030

Mr. Baker moved to close this case. Mr. Warner seconded the motion. Motion carried.

PDSA040033

Mr. Baker moved to close this case. Mr. Warner seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Complaints:

PDSA040002

Mr. Baker moved to table this case until information is received from the Attorney General's Office. Mr. Warner seconded the motion. Motion carried

PDSA040007

Mr. Warner moved to request information as to why this company is exempt from licensure requirements. Mr. Mitchell seconded the motion. Motion carried.

PDSA040040

Mr. Baker moved to refer this case to investigations. Mr. Mitchell seconded the motion. Motion carried.

PDSA040047

Mr. Baker moved to refer this case to investigations. Mr. Warner seconded the motion. Motion carried.

PDSA040039

Mr. Mitchell moved to close this case. Mr. Warner seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Inspections:

PDSA030080

Mr. Baker moved to close this case. Mr. Warner seconded the motion. Motion carried.

PDSA030089

Mr. Baker moved to close this case. Mr. Warner seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Adjournment:

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

John C. Villines
Chairman

Mollie L. Fleeman
Division Director
Professional Licensing Boards

STATE OF GEORGIA

COUNTY OF BIBB

AFFIDAVIT SUPPORTING CLOSING OF PUBLIC MEETING

The Georgia Open Meetings Act, O.C.G.A 50-14-1 et seq., requires that all meetings of an entity covered by the statute must be open to the public unless there is some specific statutory exception which permits the closing of the meeting. If such a meeting is to be closed, the law requires that the presiding person execute a sworn affidavit stating that the subject matter of the meeting or the closed portion thereof was devoted to matters within the statutory exceptions and identifying those specified exemptions relied upon. O.C.G. A. 50-14-4(b). A copy of this affidavit must be filed with the minutes of the meetings in question.

Comes now John C. Villines, the presiding officer identified below and, before an official duly authorized to administer oaths, makes this affidavit in satisfaction of the statutory requirements outlined above.

1. I am the presiding officer of the Georgia Board of Private Detective & Security Agencies.
2. I am over the age of 18 and in other aspects competent to make this sworn statement. I acknowledge that I am giving this statement under oath and subject to penalty of perjury and that I have read the contents of this affidavit prior to signing it.
3. On February 12, 2004 this entity, which is subject to the Open Meetings Act, met. A majority of the quorum of members present voted to close the meeting or a portion thereof for the following indicated reason(s). I hereby certify that during the closed portion of the meeting, only those subjects indicated below were discussed. I also certify that I have reviewed the exceptions provided under the Open Meetings Act that may permit the closing of a meeting and that, to the best of my knowledge, the reasons I have described in detail below meet the requirements for closing this public meeting.
4. The legal authority for closure of this meeting was: O.C.G.A. 43-1-2(k).
5. The subjects discussed and the underlying facts supporting the closing of this meeting are as follows:
Applications and other personal information submitted by the applicants; information, favorable or unfavorable, submitted by a reference source concerning an applicant; and deliberations of the Board with respect to an application, an examination, a complaint, an investigation, or a disciplinary proceeding.

FURTHER THE AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.

John C. Villines
PRESIDING OFFICER

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 12th
Day of February, 2004.

JoAnn Lyde
Notary Public