

Minutes
Georgia Board of Private Detective and Security Agencies
Thursday, October 14, 2004

Minutes Approved by the Board on December 9, 2004

The Georgia Board of Private Detective and Security Agencies held its regular meeting on October 14, 2004, at 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia. Mr. John Villines, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

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

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

Visitors:

Michelle Barnes	Fulton County Conflict Defenders
Robert Burham	Loomis, Fargo Company
Michael J. Bowers	Balch & Pingham LLP
Robert Brooks	Loomis, Fargo & Company
Richard Gauntt	Loomis, Fargo & Company
John Page	BCN Security
David Simmons	MetroGuard,
Michael Steuer	Initial Security
Michael Golden	Arnall, Golden, Gregory
Kenneth Warren	Alliance Services, LLC
Rafael Francis	Fulton County Conflict Defenders
Friday O. Uzamere	Liberty Security Services

Approval of Minutes:

Mr. Mitchell moved to approve the minutes of the August 19, 2004 meeting. Mr. Baker seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Open Session:

Mr. Villines declared Open Session

Old Business/New Business/Correspondence:

Mr. Mitchell discussed with the Board the application process. Mr. Mitchell moved any application pending information being received would be given a 90-day stay and then denied if not complete. Mr. Renjel advised this would be a rule change and would require approval. The motion was tabled. This will be reviewed during the public work session scheduled at a later date.

Mr. Mitchell moved that the Board accept the following draft language as a proposed legislative amendment. The purpose of this amendment is to grant authority to the Board to require continuing education. The proposed amendment to OCGA Section 43-38-7(c) (7) reads as follows:

“The board shall be authorized to require continuing education as a condition of renewal for all persons required to be registered with the board under this chapter. The board shall be authorized to waive the continuing education requirement in cases of hardship, disability or illness or under such other circumstances as the board deems appropriate.”

Mr. Blue seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Mitchell informed the Board of a need to revamp the training criteria and hours to raise the standard. He referred the members to information printed from the ASIS website to address this issue. Mr. Mitchell stated that the information obtained from ASIS will be a good model for developing the Board's training guidelines. The goal is to raise the standard to what the industry requires. In a separate issue, Mr. Mitchell informed the Board of conversations he has had with the Exam Unit on preparations to update the exams given for the Board. The Board commended Mr. Mitchell for his work on these issues.

Mr. Mitchell recognized the new Board Secretary, Janice Ross, and congratulated Joanne Lyde on her promotion to Application Specialist.

Mr. Villines moved to recognize JoAnn Lyde for her achievement and for her daily help with the Board. Mr. Mitchell seconded. Motion carried.

Mr. Keenan reported on a meeting he and Mr. Lindsey attended with the Federal Protection Agency concerning private security guard employees working on contracts at federal facilities. Background checks for armed security personnel continue to be slow. Mr. Keenan informed the Board that the Federal Protection Agency runs an extensive fingerprint-based background check on all employees scheduled for armed duty at federal facilities before they begin work on the sites. Complete adjudication is certified by the Federal Protection Agency before the employees are allowed to work at the sites. The Board discussed whether the Board can issue security guard employee registrations for those hired to work on a federal site prior to receiving the mandatory fingerprint results from the GBI and FBI. The Board is favorable to issuing the registrations prior to the receipt of the fingerprint results, if the Federal Protection Agency can submit the complete adjudication forms for each applicant to the Board office. The Board will proceed with a rule amendment to permit the issuance of registrations under the provision of the Federal Protection Agency adjudication.

Mr. Keenan also updated the Board on efforts by the GBI to enhance its fingerprint processing system to both receive and transmit fingerprints electronically. He stated that results can then be received from the FBI much timelier. Mr. Keenan stated that he will set up a meeting with Mr. Lindsey, the Professional Licensing Boards Division Director, and the GCIC staff to determine how this information will be transmitted back to the Board office.

Mr. Mitchell reported the Board had received a memo from The Office of Child Support Enforcement stating Mr. Cleon Arrington, Jr. is now compliant with child support payments. The Board had previously received a request to suspend Mr. Arrington's license for failure to pay child support; however, the form was not properly completed. The Board had sent the form back to The Office of Child Support Enforcement for completion. Mr. Mitchell moved to dismiss the suspension request on Mr. Arrington's license. Mr. Keenan seconded. Motion carried.

Mr. Mitchell reported Sean P. Fannon has satisfied his obligation with GHEAC. Mr. Mitchell moved we reinstate Mr. Fannon's license. Mr. Keenan seconded. Motion carried.

Mr. Mitchell reported Gregory Bernard Weaver is noncompliant with a child support order. Mr. Weaver does not hold a current license. Mr. Mitchell moved that Mr. Weaver's name be flagged should he ever reapply for license. Mr. Blue seconded. Motion carried.

Mr. Mitchell moved that we accept the firearm's incident report from Loomis Fargo & Co. on their employee, Jay Hall, as a matter of record per Board requirements. Mr. Keenan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Executive Session:

Mr. Mitchell 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. Baker seconded the motion. Motion carried by Mr. Villines, Mr. Blue, and Mr. Keenan.

Attorney General's Report:

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

Appointments:

The following individuals met with the Board today to discuss application issues:

Friday O. Uzamere

Alliance Services, LLC (Kenneth J. Warren)

Rafael D. Francis

Merrell Partridge

Stephens Security (Phillip Stephens)

Marcus Hazell did not keep his appointment.

Applications:

Mr. Steve Lindsey, Executive Director, presented applications to the Board.

Investigations:

Mr. Ken Woods, Investigator, presented investigative reports to the Board.

Complaints:

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

Open Session:

Mr. Villines, declared Open Session.

Applications:

Private Detective Companies:

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

PDC002159	Southeast Investigations
PDC002160	Chameleon Investigations, Inc
PDC002161	Discovery Investigations, Inc
PDC002162	Marie Frances Watson
PDC002163	Get Smart Investigations
PDC002164	Research Consultants Group, Inc.
PDC002165	Alpha Security Group, Inc
PDC002166	Covert Operations, Inc.
PDC002167	Fortson Investigations
PDC002168	Bobby Jay Roberts
PDC002169	Currahee Investigations Group
PDC002170	East Georgia Investigations LLC

Private Security Companies

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

PSC001738	USE, Inc
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PSC001739
PSC001740
PSC001741
PSC001742
PSC001743

Wagner Service Solutions, Inc
Fitzgerald Security, Inc
Dun-Well Security Services, Inc
BEST, Inc.
Divine Executive Security

Private Detective and Security Companies:

Mr. Mitchell moved to approve Private Detective and Security Agencies applications as presented. Mr. Baker seconded the motion. Motion carried.

PDSC001547
PDSC001548

O.P. Associates, Inc. d/b/a XPD & Associates
West-Tek International Security

Classroom Training Instructors:

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

CLTR000753
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CLTR000760

Hudson, Patricia Jane
Guzzie, Michael L
Martak, Charles Adam, Jr.
Hollis, Geneva Sue
Bradford, Eddie
McLain, Gregory Alan
Bias, Misty Dawn
Ruffin, Mark Andrew

Classroom/Firearm Training Instructor:

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

CFTR000949
CFTR000950

West, Gary Paul
Moore, Rocky Alan

Mr. Mitchell moved to stand by the Board's previous denial of license for L. S. S. Mr. Baker seconded. Motion carried.

Mr. Mitchell moved to notify R.C. and R.F. that they must complete new applications and retest in order to become licensed.

Mr. Mitchell moved to deny company licenses to J. H. I. and to I. S. P. S. Mr. Baker seconded. Motion carried.

Mr. Mitchell moved to deny training instructor licenses to J. J. M. and to K. P. Mr. Baker seconded. Motion carried.

Attorney General's Report:

Mr. Villines moved to accept the Attorney General's Report. Mr. Blue seconded. Motion carried.

Investigations:

PDSA011020015

Mr. Mitchell moved to send this case to the Attorney General for an emergency revocation of the license. Mr. Keenan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

PDSA040029

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

PDSA040053

Mr. Keenan moved to close this case with a recheck on the Website in the next 30 days. Mr. Mitchell seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Complaints:

PDSA050022

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

PDSA050023

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

PDSA050024

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

PDSA0500018

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

Other Business:

The Board members selected December 8th, 2004 for the workshop planning day. Board members are to check their calendars and notify Mr. Lindsey by Friday, October 15th if this date conflicts with their schedules.

Adjournment:

There being no further business. Mr. Mitchell moved to adjourn today's meeting. Mr. Keenan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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 October 14, 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 14th
Day of October, 2004.

JoAnn Lyde
Notary Public