

Minutes

Georgia Board of Private Detective and Security Agencies
Wednesday, January 25, 2006

Minutes Approved at the February 23, 2006 Meeting

The Georgia Board of Private Detective and Security Agencies held a conference call meeting on January 25, 2006 at 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia. Mr. John Villines, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m.

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

Others present were: Steve Lindsey, Executive Director and Ajay Gohil, Assistant Attorney General.

Executive Session:

Mr. Mitchell made a motion to enter into Executive Session to deliberate on complaint matters and application issues. Mr. Warner seconded the motion. Motion carried by Mr. Villines, Mr. Blue, Mr. Baker, and Mr. Keenan.

The board discussed the request by Randy Travis to review applications for employee registration for a particular company. Chairman Villines revealed specific information concerning the unofficial complaint to the board members.

Open Session:

Mr. Villines declared Open Session.

Mr. Keenan moved to approve a request by Randy Travis of WAGA-TV to review employee registration applicant records of a particular private security company. The review will consist only of photographs and physical descriptions of the employee registration applicants. Review will not involve review of or release of personal data of the applicants. Mr. Keenan further moved that a member of the board should be present during the review.

Mr. Mitchell seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Warner volunteered to represent the board during the review of the applications.

Mr. Mitchell moved to ask Mr. Warner, who will be present during the review of the applications, to discuss the specific allegations to determine the merits of initiating a complaint for the purposes of conducting an investigation by Professional Licensing Board Division enforcement agents. Mr. Keenan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Chairman Villines informed the board that proposed legislative amendments previously approved for presentation to the General Assembly by the board will be presented to the legislative sponsor this week.

Mr. Mitchell moved to reaffirm the board's commitment and full support for the amendments. Mr. Warner seconded. Motion carried.

Mr. Mitchell moved to request updated synopses for each board member from the Enforcement Section on complaint cases PDSA060023 and PDSA060024. Mr. Mitchell further moved to request the synopses prior to the February 23, 2006 board meeting. Mr. Baker seconded. Motion carried.

Ajay Gohil, Assistant Attorney General, presented updates on consent orders requested by the board on two complaint cases.

PDSA050001: Private Consent Order has been signed by the respondent, and Private Consent Order and fine have been received.

Mr. Mitchell moved to accept the Private Consent Order and fine and close the case. Mr. Warner seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Eric Dwight Echols: Consent Order has been signed by Mr. Echols, but he submitted a request that the board waive the fine contained in the Consent Order. After discussion, Mr. Mitchell moved to waive the fine and accept the Consent Order and close the case. Mr. Warner seconded. Motion carried.

Adjournment:

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 11:17 a.m.