

Georgia Board of Private Detective and Security Agencies
Board Meeting Minutes – March 23, 2023
Professional Licensing Boards – Secretary of State
237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, GA 31217

Members Present:

- Pam Griggs, Chair *
- Tim Williams *
- Tim Smith *
- Joel Peacock *

Members Absent:

- Mike Register
- Antonio Long
- James “Tripp” Mitchell

Others Present:

- Brad Coman, Executive Director
- Melanie Foster, Licensing Supervisor *
- Kristin Mitchell, Board Support Specialist *
- Leisa Beach, Licensing Analyst *
- Griffin Ingraham, Assistant Attorney General *

* *via teleconference*

NOTE: Visitors are excused during Executive Session unless scheduled for a personal appearance.

Pam Griggs, Chair, noted that a quorum was present, called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m., and declared the session to be “open” pursuant to the Open and Public Meeting Act, O.C.G.A. §§50-14-1 et seq.

OPEN SESSION:

Agenda

After review of the agenda, Tim Smith moved, Joel Peacock seconded, and the Board voted to approve the March 23, 2023, agenda.

Minutes

After review of the minutes, Tim Smith moved, Joel Peacock seconded, and the Board voted to approve the February 23, 2023, Open Meeting minutes and Executive Session minutes.

Ratification List:

Licenses issued 2/21/2023 through 3/20/2023 (Total – 147):

License #	Licensee	License #	Licensee
CFTR001444	Heath Compton Holcomb	PDE052304	Tonya Denise McKnight
CFTR001445	Kelly Lee Eason	PDE052305	Allison Elizabeth Wright
CLTR001219	Natisha Jean Behlin	PDE052306	Dallas Wayne Satterfield
INSE044240	Trey Yazid Black	PDE052307	Bryan Jailall
INSE044241	David Michael Lee	PDE052308	Austin Antonio Albino
INSE044242	William Christopher Johnson	PDE052309	Marcel Antwon Williams
INSE044243	Charles Clayton Mccorkle	PDE052310	Rodney J Oliver
INSE044244	Frederick Darrell Banks	PDE052311	Meghan Elizabeth Miller
INSE044245	Heath Mitchell Williams	PDE052312	Steven Clarence Eaton
INSE044246	Crystal Lorita Hardin	PDSC001800	Clark International, Inc
INSE044247	Kameron LaRoy Abrams	PDSC001801	Peacemaker Defense Group
INSE044248	Jose Antonio Diaz-Centeno	PDSG044863	Winston Craig Davis
INSE044249	Mordus Andrew	PDSG044864	Dean Elijah Craig
INSE044250	Chase Chewning	PDSG044865	Alexander William Ivy
INSE044251	Michael J Whited	PSC002674	Colorado Security Agency, Inc
PDE052300	Diane Judith Hines	PSC002675	Advanced Security Services, LLC
PDE052301	Christopher Hamilton Byers	PSC002676	Nwobodo Protective Services, LLC
PDE052302	Samantha Yvonne Wallace	PSC002677	Triple M Security LLC
PDE052303	Clyde Edward Byers, Jr.	PSC002678	SecuritySmart Solutions GA, LLC

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PSC002679	C.S. Private Security Company	SGE072094	Jacob Mathis
PSC002680	PFC Safeguards	SGE072095	Danis McMullen
PSC002681	RFI Security,LLC	SGE072096	Christopher Simoes
SGE072042	Jefferson Alan Beamer	SGE072097	Lawrence Robert Dickey, Jr
SGE072043	Drewery Hayes	SGE072098	Samuel Bernard Herrington, Sr
SGE072044	Antonio Sherod Bell	SGE072099	Javarrien L'Edward Donald
SGE072045	Solomon Lazar	SGE072100	Jacob Daquan Lockhart
SGE072046	Heath Colt Bouma	SGE072101	Gerald Walker
SGE072047	Jasmine Coleman	SGE072102	Jalil Keyshawn Walters
SGE072048	Muhammad Anderson	SGE072103	Tanieya Danay Thurston
SGE072049	Demetrius Eneil Reid	SGE072104	LaCarra Simone Jenkins
SGE072050	Stephen Calvin Lane	SGE072105	Maurice Tirrell Manigault
SGE072051	Kino Elliott	SGE072106	Lawantay Lashay Williams
SGE072052	Carthell D Granison	SGE072107	Charles Stearns
SGE072053	Rasheen Terae Washington	SGE072108	Thomas Clifton Denton
SGE072054	Lamar Donnell Lafleur	SGE072109	Antonio Maurice Williams
SGE072055	Dallis Willie Ladner	SGE072110	Oyekunle Oyeleye
SGE072056	Lethia R Thomas-Bates	SGE072111	Joseph Leonard Peters
SGE072057	Kwentonza Yteka Morris	SGE072112	Tyron Teshawn Allen
SGE072058	Caden Scott Rosemond	SGE072113	Jamiel Le'Sean Jones
SGE072059	Joshua Adam Jarrett	SGE072114	Claude Johnson, Jr
SGE072060	Charlene Toni MaGee	SGE072115	Shane Shamare Clarke
SGE072061	Rowen S Phillips	SGE072116	Gregory Devonte Morris
SGE072062	Conrad Wendell Cuffy	SGE072117	Quinton Duran Armstrong
SGE072063	Joshuah Walters	SGE072118	Marcus M Doyle
SGE072064	Jason Michael Gilden	SGE072119	Lillian Aunita Britt
SGE072065	Tommy Dale McDonald	SGE072120	Anthony James Whitelaw, Jr
SGE072066	Marcez Quinte' Clayton	SGE072121	Raymond Lee McCaskill
SGE072067	Denie Vil	SGE072122	Michael Dajon Benamon
SGE072068	Michelle Lynn Hartsoe	SGE072123	Wasiu Olawale Kadiri
SGE072069	Andrew Byron Gordon	SGE072124	David Emmanuel Gambrell
SGE072070	Terriana A Phillips	SGE072125	Artemus Darrell Kidd
SGE072071	Sherman Demont Tarpley	SGE072126	Princeton Darnell Thomas
SGE072072	Kiera Chante Greene	SGE072127	Tyrone Von Trapper, Jr
SGE072073	Eddie Richard Sumpter, III	SGE072128	Sheldon V Lewis
SGE072074	Quanesha Wynetta Brazil	SGE072129	Willie Clifford Cordy, III
SGE072075	Ayodele Shanel Dorsey	SGE072130	Nihyji Sharrieff Davis
SGE072076	Christian Allen Kogo	SGE072131	Marco Antonio Talamantez
SGE072077	Reinaldo Osorio, IV	SGE072132	Guilherme Istuque Salgado
SGE072078	David Blasco	SGE072133	William Carlos Wade, III
SGE072079	Jeremy Smith	SGE072134	Ariel Dream Williams
SGE072080	Joshua Campbell	SGE072135	Ramon Mark Rogers
SGE072081	Darrell M Johnson	SGE072136	George Junior Davis, Jr.
SGE072082	Ray Arthur Harrell	SGE072137	Enold Kersaint
SGE072083	Ruthie T McGhee	SGE072138	Enold Kersaint
SGE072084	Caleb Murray	SGE072139	Kashief Nicholson Wauchope
SGE072085	Ramonie Te'Zuan Farlow	SGE072140	Michael George Lambros
SGE072086	Gerald Dwayne Morris	SGE072141	Shaquan Mayfield
SGE072087	Zachaeus Montez Russell	SGE072141	Shaquan Mayfield
SGE072088	Breeanna Christine King	SGE072142	Larry Morgan
SGE072089	James Langenfeld	SGE072143	Darius Alan Brown
SGE072090	Irvin Ricardo Larry, II	SGE072144	Rochoon A Tillman
SGE072091	Brian Anthony Rhodes	SGE072145	Amanda Elaine Piatt
SGE072092	Jovani Alberto Hernandez	SGE072146	Elijah Eugene Black
SGE072093	Joshua Terence Mills	SGE072147	Patricia Lenne Williams

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Tim Smith moved, Joel Peacock seconded, and the Board voted to ratify the licenses issued between meetings in accordance with Board Rules and Policies.

Rule Adoption Hearing:

Pam Griggs, Chair, called the rule adoption hearing to order at 9:07 a.m. and noted that the hearing was being recorded. Executive Director, Brad Coman noted that no written comments regarding the proposed rules had been received and there were no visitors present who wished to offer comments.

BOARD RULE CHAPTER 509-2 LICENSURE AND REGISTRATION

The Board believes it is necessary to amend Rule 509-2-.02 to remove any conflict with current statute, remove antiquated language, and make the rules more straightforward and easier to read and interpret. The proposed amendments rule amendments are largely housekeeping in nature and aim to clarify the requirement for applicants for licensure to operate a dual licensed company, and to remove outdated information on the process to take the required exam. The Board has considered multiple variations of these rule amendments and has determined this to be the most succinct wording while adhering to requirements in the statute and ensuring competent practitioners.

Tim Smith moved that the formulation and adoption of these rules does not impose excessive regulatory cost on any licensee and any cost to comply with the proposed rules cannot be reduced by a less expensive alternative that fully accomplishes the objectives of the applicable laws as required by O.C.G.A. § 50-13-4. Joel Peacock seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Tim Smith moved to adopt Rule 509-2-.02. Joel Peacock seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Rule 509-2-.02 Qualifications

- (1) Any applicant for licensure to operate a private detective company must have at least two (2) years experience as a licensed private detective with a licensed detective agency or at least two (2) years experience in law enforcement with a federal, state, county, or municipal ~~police department~~ agency, or has a four (4) year degree in criminal justice or related field from an accredited university.
- (2) Any applicant for licensure to operate a security company must have at least two (2) years full-time experience as a supervisor or administrator in in-house security operations or with a licensed security agency or at least two (2) years experience in law enforcement with federal, state, county, or municipal ~~police department~~ agency, or a four (4) year degree in criminal justice or related field from an accredited university.
- (3) Two (2) years of full-time experience, as used in Rule 509-2-.02(1) & (2), shall mean that an individual was employed at least two (2) years and worked a minimum of 30 hours per week. Experience in law enforcement must meet the definition in O.C.G.A. 35-8-2(8), or the definition of any other state or federal agency with similar criteria.
- (4) ~~Any applicant for licensure to operate a dual licensed private detective/security company must meet the licensing requirements of both private detective and private security companies. The Board shall be responsible for adopting an examination for the licensure of applicants on behalf of private detective and private security companies. The examinations shall be designed to assess candidates' abilities to perform at an acceptable level of practice, which will not be harmful to the public health, safety or welfare.~~
 - (a) ~~The contents of the examination for private detective company licensure shall reflect the scope of practice of the private detective profession, as defined in O.C.G.A. Section 43-38-3(3), or as approved by the Board.~~

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- ~~(b) The contents of the examination for private security company licensure shall reflect the scope of practice of the private security profession, as defined in O.C.G.A. Section 43-38-3(4), of this chapter, or as approved by the Board.~~
 - ~~(c) The Joint Secretary shall determine the time, location and schedule of examinations, and shall conduct such examinations according to procedures which protect examination security, and provide a fair and equitable examination administration for all candidates.~~
 - ~~(d) The Board will provide reasonable modification to a qualified applicant with a disability in accordance with the Americans With Disabilities Act. The request for a modification by an individual with a disability must be made in writing and received in the Board's office by the application deadline, along with appropriate documentation, as indicated in the Request for Disability Modification Guidelines.~~
 - ~~(e) Each candidate for licensure shall submit a completed application form and required fee no later than 45 days prior to the scheduled examination. An incomplete application will not be presented to the board for review and may be returned to the applicant for completion. Upon notification by the board office that an application is incomplete, the applicant must complete the application within 60 days of the notice. Failure to do so will invalidate the application and will require a new application and fee, along with all required documents.~~
 - ~~(f) All applications for examination must be reviewed and approved by the board prior to an examination. Applications must be submitted to the Board's office, at least, 45 days prior to the scheduled examination.~~
 - ~~(g) The passing level for the examination shall be determined by the Board, or a group of experts in the field as approved by the Board to review the questions on each examination.~~
 - ~~(h) An applicant who has failed the licensure examination may retake the examination by completing a reexamination application or submitting a written notice of request to retake the examination and the required reexamination fee to the Board's office no later than 45 days prior to the scheduled examination. The examination cannot be taken more than three times, by an applicant, without submitting a new application and appropriate fee to the Board.~~
 - ~~(i) An applicant scheduled for an examination who fails to appear for three (3) consecutive examinations will not be permitted thereafter to stand the examination until he has submitted a new application and fee.~~
 - ~~(j) The Board shall set the fee for the examinations.~~
- (5) The Board shall be responsible for adopting an examination for the licensure of applicants on behalf of private detective and private security companies. The examinations shall be designed to assess candidates' abilities to perform at an acceptable level of practice, which will not be harmful to the public health, safety or welfare.
- (a) The contents of the examination for private detective company licensure shall reflect the scope of practice of the private detective profession, as defined in O.C.G.A. Section 43-38-3(3), or as approved by the Board.
 - (b) The contents of the examination for private security company licensure shall reflect the scope of practice of the private security profession, as defined in O.C.G.A. Section 43-38-3(4), of this chapter, or as approved by the Board.
 - (c) The Board will provide reasonable modification to a qualified applicant with a disability in accordance with the Americans With Disabilities Act. The request for a modification by an individual with a disability must be made in writing and received in the Board's office by the application deadline, along with appropriate documentation, as indicated in the Request for Disability Modification Guidelines.

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- (d) An incomplete application will not be presented to the board for review and may be returned to the applicant for completion.
- (e) All applications for examination must be reviewed and approved by the board prior to an examination.
- (f) The passing level for the examination shall be determined by the Board.
- (g) An applicant who has failed the licensure examination may retake the examination, but the examination cannot be taken more than three times, by an applicant, without submitting a new application and appropriate fee to the Board.
- (h) An applicant scheduled for an examination who fails to appear for three (3) consecutive examinations will not be permitted thereafter to sit for the examination until they have submitted a new application and fee.
- (i) The Board shall set the fee for the examinations.

Authority: O.C.G.A. §§ 43-1-7, 43-38-4(d)(1), 43-38-4(d)(3), 43-38-6(a), 43-38-6(b)(7), 43-38-6(b)(8), 43-38-3(2), 43-38-4(7).

The rules adoption hearing was adjourned at 9:13 a.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Tim Smith moved, Joel Peacock seconded, and the Board voted to enter into Executive Session at 9:13 a.m. in accordance with O.C.G.A. §§ 43-1-19(h) and 43-38, for the purpose of conducting applicant interviews, reviewing applications and complaint cases, and to hear the Attorney General’s report.

At the conclusion of Executive Session, Pam Griggs, Chair, declared the meeting to be “open” pursuant to the Open and Public Meeting Act, O.C.G.A. §§ 50-14-1 et seq., at 11:14 a.m. No votes were taken during Executive Session.

OPEN SESSION:

Tim Smith moved, Joel Peacock seconded, and the Board voted to accept recommendations made during Executive Session as follows:

Appointments:

3066831 / 3066835 – Approved with Public Consent Order to include \$20,000 fine and 48 months’ probation for unlicensed practice. Company to cease and desist from operating until license is issued. Refer to Attorney General’s Office.

Applications:

Company

NOTE: Companies are approved pending receipt of requisite surety bond or insurance, license fee, and passing exam results.

Company App #	Employee App #	Applicant Name	Decision
3063250	3063257	Gold Star Security Group Inc	Approved.
3067604	3067608	Majestic Patrol Services	Approved.
3068117	3068118	HSS Security LLC	Approved.
3068120	3072979	Blue Line Security LLC	Approved.
3069084	3069089	Allied Universal Security Services	Approved.
3069091	3069094	Strategic Investigations Service LLC	Approved.

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Company App #	Employee App #	Applicant Name	Decision
3072615	3072616	Strategic Solutions Protection LLC	Approved.
3074322	3074324	United Security Service LLC	Approved.
3076026	3076031	ExecSec Security	Approved.
3077733	3077736	NAVIS Inc	Approved.
3078699	3078706	Dirigo Operations Group	Approved.
3079179	3079182	Jarvis PI LLC	Approved.
3079256	3079259	3 Brown Girls Security and Investigations LLC	Approved.
3067612	3080928	G.P.S.	Table – Schedule applicant interview for April 27, 2023 Board meeting.
3076581	3076584	Walton Investigations	Approved.

Employees

Applicant #	Applicant Name	Decision
3057552	Anthony Jordan Berry	Approved.
3075104	E.L.L.	Deny – Felony conviction. Applicant needs to provide proof of a pardon or restoration of civil rights which specifically states the restoration of the right to carry firearms.
3075724	S.H.	Table for 30 days for applicant to provide additional information.
3076431	A.E.T.	Approve with Letter of Concern for failure to disclose P.O.S.T. sanctions.
3079990	K.T.S.	Approve with Letter of Reservation regarding pending charges.

Trainers/Instructors

Applicant #	Applicant Name	Decision
3065141	Gerard William Banzaca	Approved.
3071802	B.D.C.	Table to April 27, 2023 Board Meeting.
3076407	Douglas Walton Steed	Approved.
3076408	D.B.R.	Table to April 27, 2023 Board Meeting.
3080046	A.M.G.	Table to April 27, 2023 Board Meeting.
3080905	M.K.B.	Table to April 27, 2023 Board Meeting.

Complaints:

PDSA230050 – Table – Refer to Investigations to obtain a statement from respondent and offer a Cease and Desist Order to respondent, company, and any other individuals that are found practicing unlicensed.

PDSA230018 – Close – No violation.

PDSA230052 – Table – Refer to Investigations to obtain a statement from respondent and offer a Cease and Desist Order to respondent, company, and any other individuals that are found practicing unlicensed.

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PDSA220057 – Close – No violation / Lack of information.

PDSA230035 – Close – No violation / Lack of information.

PDSA230001 – Close – Matter resolved.

PDSA230051 – Table – Refer to Investigations to obtain additional information from complainant, and statement from respondent.

PDSA230048 – Close – No violation.

PDSA220070 – Close – Matter resolved.

PDSA230029 – Table – Refer to Attorney General’s Office for a hearing for a Cease and Desist Order.

PDSA230053 – Table – Refer to Investigations to obtain additional information from complainant, and statement from respondent.

PDSA230057 – Table – Refer to Investigations to obtain additional information from complainant and respondent.

Attorney General’s Report:

The Board accepted the Attorney General’s Report as presented, which included information on any cases referred for action, requests for advice, and requests for authority for proposed rules. The Board made the recommendation to release the Attorney General’s Memorandum of Authority for Amendments to Rule 509-2-.02.

OPEN SESSION:

Other Business:

Docketed Orders:

Tim Smith moved, Joel Peacock seconded, and the Board voted to accept the following docketed order as presented:

Type	Licensee/Applicant	License/Application #	Docket #	City
Voluntary Surrender	SEC OPS RED LLC	PSC002586	2023-0204	Duluth

Physical Restraint Question:

The Board reviewed and discussed correspondence from a licensee requesting the Board's input on what powers and authorities security officers have when working. Tim Smith moved that while the Board cannot provide business or legal advice or interpret the laws or rules for the licensee, it would be the company’s responsibility to develop policies to address what services their guards are able to provide, so long as they comply with Georgia law and the Board’s rules. Joel Peacock seconded, and the motion passed unanimously. The Board encourages the licensee to read the Board’s laws and rules, specifically O.C.G.A. § 43-38-3, which provides definitions, including for “private security business”.

Proposed Legislation:

The Board reviewed and discussed any bills or proposed statutory changes which would impact the Private Detective and Security Agency industry or the Board, including HB 155, SB 157, and SB 195.

Executive Director’s Report

The Board reviewed the Executive Director’s report which provided statistical data regarding licensing, complaints, and examinations.

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The next meeting of the Georgia Board of Private Detectives and Security Agencies will be held Thursday, April 27, 2023 at 9:00 a.m.

There being no further business, Pam Griggs, Chair, declared the meeting adjourned at 11:36 a.m.

Minutes recorded by: Kristin Mitchell, Board Support Specialist

Minutes reviewed and edited by: Brad Coman, Executive Director

Minutes approved on: April 27, 2023.



Pam Griggs, Chair



Brad Coman, Executive Director