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MR. GURVICH: Welcome, everyone, to the quarterly meeting of the Louisiana State Board of Private Security Examiners. I will ask our counsel Frank Blackburn to lead us in The Pledge followed by a brief moment of silence.

(Pledge of Allegiance and brief moment of silence.)

MR. GURVICH: Thank you. May we have a roll call, please.

(Roll call.)

MR. GURVICH: All right. There being a quorum present, let's proceed. What's your pleasure? Do I hear a motion to waive the reading of the minutes?

MR. ROMERO: So moved.

MR. KENNEDY: Second.

MR. GURVICH: Motion by Romero. Second by Mr. Kennedy. All in favor of the motion as stated say aye.

ALL BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

MR. GURVICH: Any opposed? The motion passes unanimously. Next matter. Do we have hearings today, Counsel?

**WARDRICK HOWARD**

MS. AUCOIN: Sir, we had one hearing, Mr. Wardrick Howard, who is. I spoke to him beforehand,

1 and the appeal is, he appealed the denial of a license  
2 and he actually was issued a license subsequent to the  
3 original denial. So he has now obtained his license as  
4 an unarmed guard, and that satisfies his appeal.

5 Is that correct?

6 MR. HOWARD: Yes.

7 MR. GURVICH: So the effect of all this, I take  
8 it, then, is the appeal has been withdrawn?

9 MS. AUCOIN: Yes. Moot, withdrawn.

10 MR. GURVICH: Okay. Is this one of those  
11 federal firearm things?

12 MS. AUCOIN: No. He was appealing the denial of  
13 the permit -- I mean, I'm sorry, the license. And he in  
14 fact was issued a license. There was some confusion over  
15 the paperwork, so.

16 MR. GURVICH: Okay. Since everything is handled  
17 in that regard, I will assume that it is. Then we will  
18 proceed to the next matter.

19 Thank you for being here today.

20 MR. HOWARD: Thank you.

21 MR. GURVICH: The next matter being?

22 **LEGAL UPDATE/LEGISLATION**

23 MS. RYLAND: Legislative Update.

24 MR. GURVICH: Okay.

25 MR. BLACKBURN: We have none. Nobody has

1 presented us any legislation to go. We are --

2 MR. GURVICH: They're in special session.

3 MR. BLACKBURN: They're in special session for,  
4 what, nine more days --

5 MR. GURVICH: Fiscal only.

6 MR. BLACKBURN: Right. But the regular is  
7 starting --

8 MS. VINSON: April?

9 MS. AUCOIN: March.

10 MS. VINSON:

11 MR. BLACKBURN: Yes. And if you come up with  
12 something quickly, you know, we will get it in. But  
13 right now we don't have anything.

14 MR. GURVICH: Any proposed legislation for  
15 counsel to present to the legislature?

16 MS. VINSON: None from me.

17 MR. KENNEDY: None from me.

18 MR. GURVICH: Okay. Anything further on the  
19 legislative side?

20 MR. BLACKBURN: No, sir. It's not going to  
21 surprise me -- they have looked at every fund. They are  
22 looking for money. It's not going to surprise me they  
23 will try and take that fund we've got, but as far as I  
24 know it hasn't risen its head yet.

25 MR. GURVICH: Well, it is what it is. I'm sure

1 they are going to be looking everywhere. Now, at some  
2 point, you need some retained, returned earnings, or  
3 whatever it is you call our surplus --

4 MS. VINSON: Operating capital.

5 MR. GURVICH: -- to operate. Yes. Or you'll  
6 just going to, one day, you will have to be going to them  
7 for money and they won't give it to you. And at that  
8 point, the board can't make payroll. So take it for what  
9 it's worth, but, I mean.

10 MR. BLACKBURN: We would never call it surplus.  
11 We just -- it's operating money if they want to take some  
12 of it.

13 MR. GURVICH: Right.

14 MS. RYLAND: Well, the money that's set aside is  
15 actually for retirement, so do you think they can touch  
16 that?

17 MR. GURVICH: No. But you also need a certain  
18 amount of cash to -- you know, you might have a downturn  
19 in receipts, or anything can happen.

20 MS. RYLAND: We have plenty there to run the  
21 business. That's no problem. But I'm just worried about  
22 the money that we have set aside for our retirees.

23 MR. GURVICH: No. I don't think that is  
24 subject --

25 MR. BLACKBURN: What is it that -- the retirees?

1 Say that again.

2 MS. RYLAND: It's the money that we set aside  
3 every year that is for the people that's retired, for the  
4 thing that we are supposed to pay. I mean, I know we  
5 don't pay the retirement, but we have insurance, stuff  
6 like that, that comes out of that, that the legislative  
7 auditor makes us set aside. So do you think they can?

8 MR. BLACKBURN: No.

9 MS. RYLAND: If they can't do that, then there  
10 is no money for them to touch, because, basically, it's  
11 nonprofit and there's not a whole lot of extra. I mean,  
12 if something were to happen, we would have to put in a  
13 new air conditioning or fix something.

14 MR. BLACKBURN: That's my point.

15 MS. RYLAND: Right. As long as they can't touch  
16 that money.

17 MR. BLACKBURN: They can do whatever they want.

18 MS. RYLAND: Right.

19 MR. GURVICH: Right.

20 MS. RYLAND: But, I mean, it's designated, so.

21 MR. GURVICH: It's designated. It would be hard  
22 to take that. But that being said, they could send  
23 auditors over and try and rake some of our -- what is the  
24 proper term, when you are not a business per se, of  
25 having a surplus of cash until? I don't know what you



1 | would call that. But I know what it's called in  
2 | business. I don't know what it's called for a state  
3 | agency. But, yes. Some argument could be made that some  
4 | of that could be taken for the general fund, but I don't  
5 | think -- not out of retirement, no.

6 | MR. BLACKBURN: How much money is in that  
7 | account?

8 | MS. RYLAND: Around \$400,000.

9 | MR. GURVICH: Well, okay. Let's move on.  
10 | Office Status Reports.

11 | MR. BLACKBURN: Well, one more thing.

12 | MS. RYLAND: I'm sorry. It's 600,000.

13 | MS. AUCOIN: There is some legislation pending  
14 | during the regular session that will come up regarding  
15 | concealed carry permits. There is a number of bills out  
16 | there. There could be a constitutional right to carry,  
17 | there could just be some amendments to the current  
18 | concealed carry permit laws that may have an effect on  
19 | the board which determines whether or not we can arm  
20 | certain individuals or not in conjunction with the ATF's  
21 | position as to what our most restrictive gun law is. So  
22 | as that develops, we will certainly keep y'all updated.  
23 | But it is something that can certainly affect the way we  
24 | conduct business.

25 | MR. GURVICH: Questions/comments for counsel?

1 Does the board have a position on the carrying of  
2 concealed weapons by a uniformed security officers on  
3 post on duty? Do we have an official position on that?

4 MR. BLACKBURN: As long as they are armed --  
5 have a license to be armed.

6 MR. GURVICH: Right. Well, they would have to  
7 obtain an armed license from us, for sure, that, I  
8 understand, but not a concealed carry permit as well. Do  
9 we say that the weapon has to be visible, has to be  
10 displayed?

11 MR. BLACKBURN: I don't know of any place that  
12 says that.

13 MR. GURVICH: I don't either. That's not a  
14 section of the statutes that I have to read a whole lot.  
15 I'm just interested and I throw that out there.

16 MR. KENNEDY: I think, in the past, it's been  
17 we've had to submit a letter to the board to the  
18 executive secretary stating that this individual has a  
19 security officer armed license, that he has a concealed  
20 carry permit issued by the State of Louisiana. And then  
21 we have to define where this individual will be working.

22 MR. GURVICH: See, Mr. Kennedy is in charge of  
23 the board's collective memory.

24 MS. RYLAND: If it's determined that they have  
25 an armed license and they have to carry a concealed

1 permit for some reason or they have to carry their weapon  
2 concealed, they have to have a concealed carry permit.

3 MR. GURVICH: Right.

4 MS. RYLAND: They can't just -- but, normally,  
5 if they were to -- if somebody in the industry were to  
6 ask us, we would tell them no, just to have an armed  
7 license, you have to -- but the gun has to be visible.

8 MR. GURVICH: Right.

9 MS. RYLAND: You know, we always tell them if  
10 you're -- there are companies that do have guns that are  
11 not visible that are required to have concealed carry.

12 MR. GURVICH: Right. But in other words, as I  
13 understand it, then, if for some reason a armed -- well,  
14 an armed, otherwise, armed uniformed security officer or  
15 his company felt the need to carry a concealed weapon, he  
16 would apply to the secretary with a letter stating the  
17 reason therefore.

18 MR. BLACKBURN: Right.

19 MR. GURVICH: And then it would be granted or  
20 not as the situation warranted. So that's the current  
21 state of affairs.

22 MR. ROMERO: Is it just notification, or is it  
23 approval? I don't know how we can restrict.

24 MR. BLACKBURN: Notification.

25 MR. KENNEDY: Notification is what I was told.

1 MR. GURVICH: Okay.

2 MR. KENNEDY: Because I inquired about it once  
3 in the past.

4 MR. GURVICH: But you are right. It may be a  
5 constitutional law issue pretty soon. I don't know. I  
6 think that right now we would expect a letter stating the  
7 reason --

8 MR. BLACKBURN: And at one time, I know there  
9 was a bunch of them that were wearing suit coats or  
10 sportcoats.

11 MR. GURVICH: We do have that. We do have --

12 MS. RYLAND: You have to be approved to wear  
13 plain clothes.

14 MR. GURVICH: Well, it's not -- they could be  
15 in --

16 MR. BLACKBURN: Some of them are marked.

17 MR. GURVICH: -- a uniform wearing a jacket.

18 MS. RYLAND: But you have to have the uniform  
19 approved.

20 MR. GURVICH: Where the uniform has to be  
21 approved and everything, and it can be concealed beneath  
22 their blazer even though it was like plain clothes.

23 MS. RYLAND: But they have to carry a concealed  
24 weapon.

25 MR. GURVICH: It could be plain clothes, or it

1 | could be a uniform. And so if it's marked accordingly,  
2 | that's perfectly okay. But in either event, you need to  
3 | get the letter per -- I think we did address this many  
4 | years ago. So that's the situation.

5 | **OLD BUSINESS, OFFICE STATUS REPORTS**

6 | MR. GURVICH: Status reports, Office Status  
7 | Reports do we have those distributed? Is that what's up  
8 | here? Our board members may want to take a quick look.

9 | In terms of the board status reports and moneys, is  
10 | there anything trending and unusual with the guards or  
11 | anything out of whack with what we would see in the  
12 | normal projections budget-wise and office-wise, or is it  
13 | pretty much all in line?

14 | MS. RYLAND: Everything is fine.

15 | MR. GURVICH: Any questions, board members, for  
16 | our office status reports, financial reports? If none,  
17 | then we will move on to New Business.

18 | **NEW BUSINESS, MISCELLANEOUS, DISCUSSION OF INTERVIEWS**

19 | MR. GURVICH: Do we have anything in New  
20 | Business, besides the recommendations of our committee?  
21 | Have we arrived at a point which we should be going into  
22 | executive session?

23 | MS. RYLAND: I'm sorry?

24 | MR. GURVICH: Have we arrived at the point where  
25 | we need to go into executive session? I'm throwing the

1 floor open.

2 MS. VINSON: I make a recommendation that we go  
3 into executive session to discuss the committee meeting  
4 yesterday.

5 MR. GURVICH: Okay. Well, we will regard that  
6 as a motion and that I will second it and it requires a  
7 two-thirds majority.

8 MS. RYLAND: Wait. That wasn't called a  
9 committee meeting.

10 MS. VINSON: Oh, it was not. We discussed our  
11 interviews.

12 MR. GURVICH: I thought it was a committee  
13 meeting.

14 MS. VINSON: No, it wasn't.

15 MR. GURVICH: Well, it's something we will  
16 certainly want to look at.

17 MS. VINSON: I make a motion that we go into  
18 executive session to discuss the interviews that were  
19 conducted yesterday.

20 MR. GURVICH: For the position of?

21 MS. VINSON: For the position of executive  
22 secretary.

23 **QUESTIONS/COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

24 MR. GURVICH: So seconded. Now, before we do  
25 that, may I make one suggestion. There are folks here

1 | who have presented themselves to the board for whatever  
2 | reason. If going a little bit out of turn, if you have  
3 | any questions for the public or which to address the  
4 | board in any wise, you might wish to do so now, because  
5 | we're getting ready to go into executive session, so  
6 | we're going to have to ask that everyone who is not a  
7 | board member or staff or counsel leave the room. But we  
8 | are very appreciative of your being here, and if there is  
9 | some whys or wherefores that you would like to address  
10 | the board, I would take this out of order so that you  
11 | don't have to wait upon us when we come back into general  
12 | session. Any questions or?

13 | MS. PIERRE: I do.

14 | MR. GURVICH: Yes, ma'am. Why don't you come  
15 | forward. I think we all know who you are, but for the  
16 | sake of the record, find an open mic, introduce yourself  
17 | and --

18 | MS. PIERRE: Okay. My name is Marian Pierre,  
19 | Crescent Guard and Security Company in New Orleans,  
20 | Louisiana. So I have a couple questions for the board  
21 | members, one being is that I understand we are in the  
22 | process of selecting a new secretary for the board.

23 | MR. GURVICH: Correct.

24 | MS. PIERRE: And I also understand that there  
25 | are several positions still vacant on the board. I would

1 just ask in the wisdom of this board that they delay the  
2 appointment of a new secretary and have an interim until  
3 the board is fully staffed or the board is full, all the  
4 appointments have been made to this board. I would just  
5 ask that.

6 And, secondly, the other thing that I have is that I  
7 have had a -- we have a employee that has had something  
8 before this board for several months. They have not been  
9 notified about a hearing date. They are still waiting on  
10 some correspondence from you guys as it relates to their  
11 status with their license. I think they were here with  
12 their attorney several weeks -- several months ago, and  
13 they were told that they would get a notice from this  
14 board or from the secretary as to when the hearing would  
15 be set. So, again, they have not heard anything.

16 My third thing to the board is that we are having  
17 serious problems in New Orleans as it relates to, time  
18 and time again, guards applying for jobs working for  
19 other companies, that they have worked several months,  
20 some a year without any training, temporary cards being  
21 issued over and over, no hard cards ever being given.

22 They are not aware that they are in violation, but  
23 when they apply for jobs, we are aware that they are in  
24 violation, that they have been working without a license.  
25 And when we call the state board that has no license has



1 | been applied for, for that person. And so I would ask  
2 | that we do a better job of policing the companies, the  
3 | small companies that we are approving, and making sure  
4 | that they are following the same rules as we have to.

5 | That was my three things. And I thank you for your  
6 | consideration.

7 | MR. GURVICH: Sure. By the way, we do have an  
8 | interim secretary. That is Ms. Ryland.

9 | MS. RYLAND: No, I'm not interim.

10 | MR. GURVICH: Well, you are the functional  
11 | person in charge.

12 | MS. RYLAND: Right, but I was not interim  
13 | executive secretary.

14 | MR. GURVICH: Right. So it's a question of  
15 | semantics, but she is in charge of the office, just so  
16 | you know, for the time being.

17 | As to your question about the new executive  
18 | secretary, I can't answer that as an individual, because  
19 | the board has to deal with that.

20 | What was the second question?

21 | MS. VINSON: It was about the employee that --

22 | MS. RYLAND: We will find out about him and put  
23 | it on the next.

24 | MR. GURVICH: Do y'all all know of whom we  
25 | speak?

1 MS. PIERRE: Yes. I can tell you his name if  
2 you don't have it.

3 MS. VINSON: I think --

4 MR. BLACKBURN: We have it.

5 MS. PIERRE: His name is Walter Stenbridge.

6 MS. RYLAND: We are going to try to have a board  
7 meeting in April, so we'll notify him.

8 MS. VINSON: Is there information that we have  
9 that could help her?

10 MS. RYLAND: No. I don't have anything.

11 MS. PIERRE: You are asking me for the  
12 information?

13 MS. VINSON: No. I'm asking counsel or Jane if  
14 they have information on this individual that might help  
15 you.

16 MS. PIERRE: Their attorneys, the attorneys were  
17 here at the last time they met before the board. The  
18 attorney was here and presented the information. And I  
19 think he had a conversation with the legal -- your  
20 attorney and with your secretary about the issues that  
21 were before you.

22 MR. GURVICH: Was that something that we did  
23 address or that we decided not to address?

24 MS. AUCOIN: If I recall correctly, I think the  
25 issue was either he was not given an armed status or his

1 | armed status was revoked due to the ATF interpretation of  
2 | who can and cannot possess a firearm, if I recall,  
3 | because the attorney -- you know, this is kind of  
4 | something new -- can give him more time to prepare and  
5 | there is notice --

6 | MR. GURVICH: This gets back to that ATF federal  
7 | firearms issue?

8 | MS. PIERRE: Yes.

9 | MS. AUCOIN: Yes.

10 | MR. GURVICH: Okay. And so they did address it  
11 | in a preliminary way, just so you know. This is an  
12 | extremely -- and I don't agree with what the federal  
13 | government has done with this thing, I want to say. I  
14 | think it's just dead wrong.

15 | This is a case that potentially, at least, involves  
16 | multiple federal and perhaps state statutes and, in one  
17 | regard, at least, could even have constitutional issues.  
18 | I am dead set against the federal interpretation, and the  
19 | people who have lost their right to carry a firearm in  
20 | the course and scope of their duty. I think it's crazy.  
21 | It's a violation of due process, among other things. But  
22 | we have absolutely no control over that.

23 | MS. PIERRE: I understand that. But just for  
24 | your information, this person received a full pardon. So  
25 | in my understanding of a full pardon, it means just that:

1 It is a full pardon. You have people that have licensed  
2 as bails bondsmen and what have you. With a full pardon,  
3 they are able to get those licenses.

4 MS. RYLAND: With a governor's pardon or a  
5 presidential pardon?

6 MS. PIERRE: I think it is a governor's pardon.

7 MS. RYLAND: If he will send me a copy of that,  
8 we can clear him on that. But I don't have a copy.

9 MS. PIERRE: I think the attorney left that  
10 here. I think they left that here.

11 MS. AUCOIN: No. I don't believe we -- I don't  
12 think we got that far.

13 MS. PIERRE: Well, I thought he sent that in.  
14 But I'll just make sure that they do, because the  
15 attorney has --

16 MS. AUCOIN: Yes.

17 MS. RYLAND: Because I can clear it on a  
18 governor's pardon.

19 MS. PIERRE: It's a governor's pardon.

20 MS. RYLAND: Well, if I get it, I can clear it.  
21 That will be the end of that.

22 MR. GURVICH: So the board has addressed it, but  
23 it needs to be finalized and whatever. Maybe there is  
24 some paperwork or documentation still out there .

25 MS. VINSON: They had left. That way, they

1 | could get more stuff in order, and they were going to  
2 | come back again and --

3 | MS. AUCOIN: The hearing was going to be reset  
4 | to another date, the next date. And, I mean, I don't  
5 | recall that part of it, but I do recall the particular  
6 | case. So, I mean, if you've got the governor's pardon,  
7 | get them to send that to Jane, and it will more than  
8 | likely be very easily resolved.

9 | MR. GURVICH: That can be resolved between board  
10 | meetings. You don't need us for that.

11 | MS. RYLAND: If I can get it today, I will do  
12 | it.

13 | MS. PIERRE: They just said that they would set  
14 | it up for a board meeting.

15 | MR. GURVICH: It's been addressed, and we will  
16 | continue to address it.

17 | Now, on the subject of the hard cards versus the  
18 | temp cards, your temp card is good for an extended period  
19 | of whatever, however long it takes you to get your hard  
20 | card. So you have license. But in terms of the latency  
21 | for getting the card, I mean, I'll let you guys.

22 | MR. VINSON: Right. I think she's saying they  
23 | are not getting the card because there is no training  
24 | being submitted to the board.

25 | MS. PIERRE: That is correct. There is nothing

1 | being submitted to the board. We understand that cards  
2 | take a while and that you can use a temporary card.  
3 | There is no question there. The question is that the  
4 | fact of nothing has ever been sent up for that person,  
5 | and they have been working a year or more with some of  
6 | the companies.

7 | MS. VINSON: Okay. When you come across those  
8 | people, I think you need to recommend that they contact  
9 | the board and say this is who I worked for and send  
10 | something in writing to the board: I got this card. I  
11 | have been employed with them for X-length of time, and,  
12 | you know, I have never been trained. Because that -- I  
13 | mean, that initiates us to look into it.

14 | MS. PIERRE: Well, I think it's an industry  
15 | problem, and I think it makes our industry look bad. But  
16 | I think the fact that we have investigators, and when we  
17 | bring this to the board, those investigators should go  
18 | out and check those companies, and I don't think that  
19 | that is happening on a regular basis, or somebody being  
20 | assigned to that area to make sure that that's happening,  
21 | that everybody is in compliance.

22 | MS. RYLAND: When Wayne left, he handed me a  
23 | stack of reports. And so I do have one investigator on  
24 | three different companies right now looking into some  
25 | stuff.

1           One company is not licensed or has not applied for a  
2 license. The other two, one has a license not doing what  
3 they are supposed to do, and the other one has a license  
4 in the works.

5           So I'm trying to touch on them, but I only have one  
6 investigator. And, you know, I have another job, other  
7 than just complaints. So I'm trying but. There were  
8 numerous of complaints that I had to pick up.

9           MS. PIERRE: Maybe that's something we need to  
10 look at as a board, how we hire, how many investigators  
11 do we need, do we need to divide the state up and have  
12 more investigators or whatever it takes to protect our  
13 industry, because it gives us, again, a bad reputation in  
14 the industry of not providing people who are properly  
15 trained and meet the requirements. And we don't know  
16 that until something happens or until one of those people  
17 come before us.

18           So I would just ask the board in their wisdom that  
19 we would look at maybe policing the industry a little bit  
20 better, hiring more people to do so.

21           MR. GURVICH: I agree. Sometimes it's hard to  
22 get these investigators. We tried, and I think we had  
23 one authorized, but I think I would like to go back to  
24 the part-time system where we can get guys to work in  
25 various areas of the state. We are looking at that as we

1 speak in terms of stepping up the number of field  
2 investigations that our guys conduct. That is being  
3 looked at as we speak.

4 MS. PIERRE: Okay? Well, thank you very much.

5 MR. GURVICH: Thank you for being here.

6 MS. PIERRE: And I will wait to hear what  
7 happens.

8 MR. GURVICH: Thank you. Would anyone else like  
9 to address the board before we hear a motion to go into  
10 executive session?

11 **NEW BUSINESS, MISCELLANEOUS, DISCUSSION OF INTERVIEWS**  
12 **(CONT'D)**

13 MR. GURVICH: All right. I call for a motion.  
14 All in favor of going into executive session say aye.

15 ALL BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

16 MR. GURVICH: Any opposed? The motion passes  
17 unanimously. I would ask that all of our spectators and  
18 folks not involved with staff or counsel or board  
19 members, if you would be so kind as to depart the room  
20 until we come back into regular session. We very much  
21 appreciate it. Thank you for being here today.

22 MS. PIERRE: Excuse me, Louis. Did you say that  
23 you all were going to consider what I just asked, that we  
24 postpone appointing someone?

25 MR. GURVICH: Going to consider it right now in



1 executive session.

2 MS. PIERRE: Good. Thank you very much.

3 (Executive session.)

4 (General meeting resumes.)

5 MR. GURVICH: Okay. Now we are back in the  
6 general meeting. Anybody who wants to come back in the  
7 general meeting can if there are folks who are still out  
8 there.

9 MS. VINSON: Are there?

10 MR. GURVICH: All right. We are out of  
11 executive session. I apologize to the audience for the  
12 inconvenience.

13 I will now make a motion thanking the nine committee  
14 members who worked so hard on this for their service and  
15 authorizing the board chairman to make the offers to the  
16 individuals discussed in the meeting in the order in  
17 which they were discussed in the meeting. Do I hear a  
18 second to my motion?

19 MR. ROMERO: Second.

20 MR. KENNEDY: Second.

21 MS. VINSON: Second.

22 MR. GURVICH: Okay. Motion to by Mr. Gurvich  
23 jointly seconded by Mr. Romero, Ms. Vinson, and I believe  
24 Mr. Kennedy over there. And I might as well make it a  
25 unanimous. Jointly seconded by the unanimous present

1 board members. All in favor of the motion as stated say  
2 aye.

3 ALL BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

4 MR. GURVICH: All right. The motion passes  
5 unanimously.

6 Next matter. We are just back in general session.  
7 I have lost the agenda. It's in here somewhere. What's  
8 going on? We did Questions From the Public.  
9 Determination of the Next Board Meeting.

10 (Ms. Vinson confers with Mr. Gurvich.)

11 MR. GURVICH: Oh, yes, sure. Go ahead and do  
12 so.

13 MS. VINSON: Ms. Pierre, it came up, we did  
14 discuss and address your concerns. We decided  
15 unanimously to move ahead with our decision or move ahead  
16 with the appointment of the executive secretary or make  
17 an offer for one strictly based on -- you know, we don't  
18 necessarily know if and when a new board would be  
19 appointed, you know, the time frame for that, how long  
20 that would take.

21 And in conjunction with that, that also leaves us  
22 outstanding with the hiring of a full-time investigator.  
23 Right now we are using part-time investigators, which we  
24 are fine doing, because we are just calling them in and  
25 they are busy, but it kind of ties the hands of the staff

1 and the board by not having that position in place.

2 So we decided to move along with the process to go  
3 ahead and place that person.

4 MS. PIERRE: Okay. So will we at least be able  
5 to see or find information about the person that you  
6 appointed, what their background is, if they have any  
7 administrative experience or anything like that? Will we  
8 be able to review that or see that somewhere?

9 MS. VINSON: Because of --

10 MS. PIERRE: Once you have made the offer, then  
11 that person accepts it, then it becomes public?

12 MS. VINSON: It does become public, yes.

13 MR. GURVICH: Right. But right now it hasn't  
14 been made public. But, in short, it soon will be.

15 MS. PIERRE: Well, I would be interested to see  
16 that. If you guys could post that, that will be helpful,  
17 because, of course, that is an administrative position  
18 and we need somebody who has administrative experience  
19 and who can handle the day-to-day operation of this  
20 agency.

21 MS. VINSON: Yes. And please know that we did  
22 take all of that into consideration when we were  
23 reviewing the candidates and selecting.

24 MS. PIERRE: Okay. Thank you very much.

25 MS. VINSON: Thanks.

1     **DETERMINATION OF DATE OF NEXT BOARD MEETING**

2             MR. GURVICH: Any further business before the  
3 board before we undertake to set the next board meeting?  
4 The floor is open. The next order of business on the  
5 agenda is indeed the Determination of the Next Board  
6 Meeting. I could use some input here.

7             MS. VINSON: When is it? Like June?

8             MR. BLACKBURN: First Wednesday in June.

9             MS. VINSON: So June 1st?

10            MS. RYLAND: Wait. We have to wait until she's  
11 ready.

12            MR. GURVICH: This is our second board meeting,  
13 correct, or is this our -- this is our very late first  
14 board meeting, correct?

15            MR. BLACKBURN: It's like we had one, though.

16            MR. GURVICH: Yes. I was thinking the same  
17 thing in January.

18            MS. RYLAND: January was a special board  
19 meeting. So this was the first quarter.

20            MR. GURVICH: So this was our first quarter. We  
21 have to do one by the end of June.

22 (Off the record discussion.)

23            MR. GURVICH: Do I hear a second to assigning  
24 the next board meeting, full board meeting, to this  
25 office at 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, June 8th?

1 MR. KENNEDY: Second.

2 MS. VINSON: Second.

3 MR. GURVICH: Second by all members present.

4 Debate? Discussion? All in favor of the motion say aye.

5 ALL BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

6 MR. GURVICH: Any opposed? The motion passes  
7 unanimously. Any further business before the meeting?

8 Then I will entertain a motion to adjourn.

9 MR. ROMERO: So moved.

10 MR. GURVICH: All right. All in favor say aye.

11 ALL BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

12 MR. GURVICH: This meeting is adjourned. Thank  
13 you.

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