

**LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF
PRIVATE SECURITY EXAMINERS**

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Date: September 27, 2023
Time: 10:30 AM
Location: LSBPSE Headquarters
15703 Old Hammond Hwy.
Baton Rouge, LA 70816

MINUTES

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Lameika Washington at 10:58 AM.

II. Roll Call

Chairperson Washington asked Julie Fisher to call the roll of the Board.

Donny Pitts	Present
Ed Robinson, Vice Chairman	Present
Dynette Burke	Present
Jason Wilbur	Present
Lameika Washington, Chairwoman	Present
Ritchie Rivers	Present
Mark Leto	Present
Forrest Hise	Present

A quorum of the Board was determined.

Also present were Executive Secretary, Carl Saizan, Jr.; Scott Lazarone, board CPA; Heather Mitchell, board CPA; Celia Cangelosi, Board Attorney; Graham Bosworth, Collections Attorney; George Rojas, Scheuering Security Service; Abbie St. Onge, Allied Universal; Jennifer King, American Guard and Security; Hunter Young, Stratigos Dynamics; and members of the agency staff.

Ms. Julie Fisher recorded the meeting minutes.

III.Pledge of Allegiance

Chairperson Washington led the Pledge of Allegiance.

IV.Public Comment

No public comments were recorded at this time.

V.Review and Approve Minutes for August 23, 2023 Board Meeting.

A motion was made to approve the meeting minutes from board meeting on August 23, 2023.

Motion by: Mr. Robinson
Seconded by: Mr. Leto
Ayes: 8 Nays: 0

The motion was passed.

A motion was made to move agenda item #9 up to #6 in the meeting order due to a scheduling conflict with the board attorney.

Motion by: Mr. Robinson
Seconded by: Mr. Leto
Ayes: 8 Nays: 0

The motion was passed.

VI. Consent Agreement regarding Donny Pitts, individually and/or doing business as Guardian CPP, LLC #912, presented for Approval (The Board may go into executive session to deliberate, pursuant to LA. R.S. 42:17(A)(1), which allows the Board to go into executive session to discuss the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of a person.)

Investigative board member Mr. Jason Wilbur gave a brief synopsis of the facts behind the consent agreement with Donny Pitts of Guardian CPP, LLC. Mr. Wilbur presented the investigation findings including how thorough and organized it was, that the proposed fine was agreed upon by Mr. Pitts and that Mr. Pitts has agreed to rectify the wrongdoing in question.

A motion was made to go into Executive Session.

Motion by: Mr. Robinson

Seconded by: Mr. Wilbur

Ayes: 8

Nays: 0

The motion was carried.

Executive (Closed) Session began at 11:03 AM.

A motion was made to come out of Executive Session.

Motion by: Mr. Robinson

Seconded by: Mr. Leto

Ayes: 8

Nays: 0

The motion was carried.

Board Meeting (Open) Session began at 11:22 AM.

The board members came out of Executive Session to ask additional questions of Mr. Wilbur, Mr. Pitts and the agency staff. The board asked a series of questions covering a range of factors, including questions related to the number of employees registered to Guardian CPP, LLC during the dates in question, whether the dates in question fell during Covid-19 related shutdowns, and if Guardian CPP, LLC had any past or other current compliance issues.

A motion was made to go into Executive Session.

Motion by: Mr. Robinson

Seconded by: Mr. Leto

Ayes: 8 Nays: 0

The motion was carried.

Executive (Closed) Session began at 11:46 AM.

A motion was made to come out of Executive Session.

Motion by: Mr. Leto

Seconded by: Mr. Robinson

Ayes: 8 Nays: 0

The motion was carried.

Board Meeting (Open) Session began at 12:20 PM.

A motion was made to amend the consent agreement with Donny Pitts individually or doing business as Guardian CPP, LLC #912 with the following: fine amount updated to \$5159.88 to be paid within 60 days or the license will be revoked immediately, company will be on probation for 1 year, and after 1 year the company is to be audited. If this audit finds any violations similar to this matter, the license will be revoked immediately.

Motion by: Mr. Robinson
Seconded by: Mr. Leto
Ayes: 4 Nays: 1 Abstain:3

Donny Pitts	Abstain
Ed Robinson	Aye
Dynette Burke	Nay
Jason Wilbur	Abstain
Lameika Washington	Aye
Ritchie Rivers	Abstain
Mark Leto	Aye
Forrest Hise	Aye

Board members Donny Pitts, Jason Wilbur and Ritchie Rivers abstained from voting on the consent agreement due to their participation in the investigation. The motion was carried.

VII.Executive Secretary Report

Executive Secretary Carl Saizan, Jr presented his report to the board. No motions were made during this agenda item. See attachment A for the full report.

VIII.Review and Discuss Financials and Budget

Heather Mitchell from the office of the board CPA presented the financial statements.

Finance Committee Chair Dynette Burke asked Ms. Fisher to read the motions passed during the finance committee meeting. Board members asked a series of questions related to funds for an emergency backup generator for the agency building and the contracting of Attorney Graham Bosworth to handle specific collections.

A motion was made to approve an expenditure capped at \$50,500.00 for the emergency backup generator for the agency building.

Motion by: Mr. Rivers

Seconded by: Ms. Burke

Ayes: 8 Nays: 0

The motion was passed.

A motion was made to enter into a contract with Attorney Graham Bosworth to handle collections of monies owed by Fabian Blache, III and Bridgette Hull at a rate of \$250.00 per hour.

Motion by: Mr. Rivers

Seconded by: Ms. Burke

Ayes: 8 Nays: 0

The motion was passed.

IX. Consideration of New Applications (Julie Fisher)

Ms. Fisher presented the pending license applications for final review and approval by the board. Ms. Fisher withdrew the application for Native Alliance Security Solutions at this time.

a. Company Applications:

- i. Ashley Neill, Eben Morales, Kames Grant – GEO Transport
- ii. Rory Carter, Andrew Day – Superior Tasking Advantage Contracting, Inc
- iii. Terrence Hamilton - H&H Security Group LLC

iv. Brad Montague, John Nail – Tarian Group LLC

Ms. Fisher asked for a motion to approve the company license application for Ashley Neill, Eben Morales and James Grant of GEO Transport pending clear backgrounds, occupational license and passing of exam. Upon receipt, the board gives Executive Secretary Carl Saizan, Jr. the authority to issue the license.

Motion by: Ms. Washington

Seconded by: Mr. Robinson

Ayes: 8 Nays: 0

The motion was passed.

Ms. Fisher asked for a motion to approve the company license applications for Superior Tasking Advantage Contracting, Inc, H&H Security Group, and Tarian Group LLC pending the receipt of all outstanding documentation and requirements. Upon receipt, the board gives Executive Secretary Carl Saizan, Jr. the authority to issue the license.

Motion by: Ms. Washington

Seconded by: Mr. Robinson

Ayes: 8 Nays: 0

The motion was passed.

b. Instructor Applications:

- i. John Clark – 1st Veterans Security LLC – Classroom, Firearms and Baton In-House
- ii. Tammy Bauer – F.E.S.S. Inc. – Classroom In-House

Ms. Fisher asked for a motion to approve instructor license applications for John Clark and Tammy Bauer. Mr. Hise abstained from this vote since John Clark is one of his employees.

Motion by: Mr. Leto
Seconded by: Mr. Rivers

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0 Abstain:1

The motion was passed.

X.Adjournment

A motion was made to adjourn.

Motion by: Mr. Rivers
Seconded by: Mr. Robinson
Ayes: 8 Nays: 0

The motion was passed.

Chairperson Washington adjourned the meeting at 1:15 PM.