# LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF PRIVATE SECURITY EXAMINERS

## **MEETING MINUTES**

# October 29, 2020

The regular meeting of the LA STATE BOARD OF PRIVATE SECURITY EXAMINERS was called to order by Chairwoman, Marian Pierre, on Thursday, October 29, 2020 at 10:30a.m. at 15703 Old Hammond Hwy, Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

Members of the Board present:

Marian Pierre, Chairwoman

Ed Robinson Wilbert Sanders Mark Leto Donny Pitts

Ritchie Rivers Lameika Washington

Dynette Burke Chief Scott Ford

Finding a quorum present, the regular order of business began.

Also attending the meeting were: Executive Director, Fabian Blache III; Board Attorney, Ron Crouch; Executive Assistant, Bridgette Hull who recorded the meeting minutes<sup>i</sup>.

Mr. Blache led the members and the online audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### NEW MEMBER INTRODUCTIONS

Mr. Blache introduced Mr. Mark Leto, Ms. Lameika Washington, Chief Scott Ford and Mrs. Dynette Burke. Chairwoman Pierre welcomed the members.

#### MINUTES

Chairwoman Pierre asked for a motion to waive reading of the minutes for the June 30, 2020 meeting. Mr. Sanders accepted the motion, which was seconded by Chief Ford. The motion passed.

## **LEGAL UPDATES:**

Mr. Crouch advised the Board that all suits pending against them with respect to Delta Tactical and Nicholas Fetty have been dismissed.

Mr. Crouch also made refence to the legislative re-write that is underway. He deferred the discussion to Mr. Blache.

## FINANCIALS:

Byron Hurst with J. Walker & Company was not present due to being affected by the hurricane. Mr. Blache furnished the financial report. The Board is in solid financial condition, with just under \$1 million in cash assets

between the operating and money market accounts. Mr. Blache discussed revenue volume, which is tracking well despite COVID-19 retraction in April 2020. Security as an essential service has relatively normalized accounts receivable patterns for the agency.

Chairwoman Pierre commented on the agency's push to drive compliance, and the signs that fine revenue indicates the agency is achieving those goals. A motion to approve the financials was made by Chairwoman Pierre. The motion was seconded by Mr. Robinson, the motion passed.

#### **EXECUTIVE REPORT**

Mr. Blache talked about the agency's continuity of operations planning, and a nomination during the IASIR conference by Brinks, Inc., indicating that the LSBPSE was the easiest state to deal with during this time with respect to renewals and the online process. Brinks also touted the bi-annual renewal date being March 31<sup>st</sup> of each year. The move to March 31<sup>st</sup> in lieu of 270 different renewal dates has been a huge administrative improvement for companies.

Another topic of discussion during the IASIR meeting was overall ease of doing business and just how easy it is to get someone on the phone at the LSBPSE. Considering the pandemic, working people remotely and having less in-office staff time, it is a real feat to field calls consistently and effectively.

Chairwoman Pierre asked Mr. Blache to talk about badges for board members. Mr. Blache indicated that a badge design has been established and that badges and ID cards will be furnished. This is contingent upon availability from the vendor based on COVID-related shortages and staffing concerns. Mr. Blache also discussed the board member's legal authority to inspect.

# New Business - None discussed

Upon conclusion of this phase of the meeting, January 28<sup>th</sup> 2021 was chosen by the Board as the next quarterly meeting date.

Minutes reviewed and certified by:

Bridgette Hull

Executive Assistant

Fabian P. Blache III

**Executive Director & CAO** 

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i Meeting minutes are documented by court reporter for adjudicatory hearings.