

**LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF
PRIVATE SECURITY EXAMINERS**
QUARTERLY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Date: October 26, 2022
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 10:35 AM.

II. Roll Call

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

Donny Pitts	Present
Ed Robinson, Vice Chairperson	Present
Scott Ford	Not Present
Jason Wilbur	Present
Lameika Washington, Chairperson	Present
Ritchie Rivers	Not Present
Jason Bourgeois	Present
Mark Leto	Present
Dynette Burke	Present

A quorum of the Board was determined.

Also present were Interim Executive Secretary, Stephanie Richardson; Board Attorney, Celia Cangelosi; Board CPA, Scott Lazarone; and members of the agency staff and the public.

III. Pledge of Allegiance

Chairperson Washington led the Pledge of Allegiance.

IV. Approval of Previous Board Meeting Minutes

A motion was made to approve the previous meeting minutes

Motion by: Mr. Robinson

Seconded by: Ms. Burke

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0

The motion was passed.

V. Committee Updates

a. Field Enforcement Committee

There were no motions from the Field Enforcement Committee. Ms. Richardson discovered that there are only 21 apprentice Investigators through the Private Investigator Board, and the hourly pay rate through their sponsoring agency would be higher than what the Board is considering paying at this time.

b. Finance Committee

Mr. Lazarone gave the Board information about the additional accounting services and software which will give Faulk and Winkler control of the Agency ledger and automate the paying of bills.

A motion was made to recommend the additional software and accounting services provided by Faulk and Winkler.

Motion by: Ms. Burke

Seconded by: Mr. Leto

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0

The motion was carried.

c. Legislative Committee

Chairperson Washington had no committee motions but stated that she wanted to set a date for next month to meet to go over the statutes.

d. Training Committee

Committee Chair Bourgeois discussed including non-Board members on committees.

e. Policy, Procedure and Governance Committee

Committee Chair Leto had an item to discuss and review concerning which guard applications need to submit new fingerprints.

A motion was made that companies will only need to send fingerprint cards if the guard is not showing a “Background is Clear” alert in the ImageTrend portal.

Motion by: Mr. Leto

Seconded by: Mr. Robinson

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0

The motion was carried.

Further discussion of the process for collecting fingerprints and the appropriate fees will be pushed to the next PPG Committee meeting.

f. New Executive Secretary Search Committee

Committee Chair Rivers was unable to attend the meeting; therefore, no motions were made.

g. Ethics Committee

Committee Chair Rivers was unable to attend the meeting; therefore, no motions were made.

h. General Committee

No updates at this time, this committee has not met.

VI. Discussion of Committee Membership and Duties

Committee structure and membership was revisited and repopulated as follows:

Field Enforcement Workgroup – Dynette Burke (Chair), Lameika Washington, Mark Leto.

Finance Committee (Standing) – Dynette Burke (Chair), Mark Leto, Donny Pitts, Lameika Washington.

Legislative Workgroup – Lameika Washington (Chair), Dynette Burke, Jason Wilbur. Jason Bourgeois will stand in on this group if Jason Wilbur cannot attend.

Training Committee (Standing) – Jason Bourgeois (Chair), Donny Pitts, Lameika Washington.

Policy, Procedure and Governance Workgroup – Mark Leto (Chair), Jason Wilbur.

New Executive Secretary Search Committee (Temporary) – Ritchie Rivers (Chair), Ed Washington, Mark Leto.

Ethics Committee (Standing) – Ritchie Rivers (Chair), Jason Wilbur.

General Committee (Standing) – Chief Scott Ford (Chair), Donny Pitts.

Investigatory Board Members – Jason Bourgeois or Lameika Washington.

Chairperson Lameika Washington will serve as ad-hoc for all committees.

VII. Interim Executive Secretary Report

Interim Executive Secretary Richardson updated the Board on things going on at the agency. She informed the Board about the accident with the storage shed. She also informed them about a request for an AG opinion concerning who needs to have the proper experience to qualify for a security company license. The company application process was discussed. Ms. Richardson informed the board that the Civil Service desk audit procedures had begun. She also let the Board know that the Board was invited to The Regulatory Academy Workshop.

VIII. Determination of Next Quarterly Meeting Date in January 2023

A motion was made to have board meetings every other month

Motion by: Ms. Washington

Seconded by: Ms. Burke

Ayes: 4 Nays: 3

The motion was carried.

The Board decided that beginning in January 2023 that Board meetings will be held on the fourth Wednesday of the month, every other month, at 10:30 am. The next board meeting will be held on January 25, 2023, at 10:30 am.

IX. Public Comment/Questions

The following public comment was made by Sam Clouse, Director of Training at Stratigos Dynamics:

“I am speaking to request the Board review the current legislation to allow the expansion of less lethal options for security officers. As maybe you are aware, the only less lethal option currently allowed is the baton. The baton is not only an outdated, blunt force object, but it does not allow the officers the benefit of distance and time to make sound decisions. We request the Board to allow the use of items such as pepper spray or tasers, as studies and case law show that they are less likely to cause great bodily harm such as broken bones and lacerations. It also allows the officer a standoff distance to address multiple individuals. Multiple states such as Texas, Florida, Mississippi, Alabama, and California already allow the use of these by private security individuals, and we believe it is time that Louisiana to catch up with these other states.”

Training Committee Chair Bourgeois stated that this is one of the topics he would like to cover in the committee meetings.

Licensed Instructor Richard Horton with RetLo made the following public comment:

“On the training side again, as far as the firearms training, I can only put one level of firearm, like .45 caliber, as far as for training I can’t put .45, .9mm, .38. If I have 3-4 people in the classroom I have to open up three different courses to do that. Can you go back to putting the different categories on there because I have to send an email in and say “this person is qualified on .9mm.””

Ms. Richardson stated she would contact ImageTrend to see what can be done.

X. Adjournment

Chairperson Washington asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

A motion was made to adjourn.

Motion by:	Mr. Leto
Seconded by:	Mr. Bourgeois
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Ayes: 7	Nays: 0

The motion was carried.

Chairperson Washington adjourned the meeting at 1:05PM.