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MR. GURVICH: Welcome, everyone, to the quarterly meeting of the Louisiana State Board of Private Security Examiners. I'd ask Chief Rogillio, if you will be kind enough, to lead us in The Pledge, followed by a moment of silence.

(Pledge of Allegiance and brief moment of silence.)

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

(Roll call.)

MR. GURVICH: All right. There being a quorum present, let's proceed. And I'd ask everyone to please put your -- as I'm doing now belatedly, put your cell phones on vibrate or turn them off. Chief, what's your pleasure?

MR. ROGILLIO: Okay, sir. The first item is the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting.

MR. GURVICH: Motion?

MR. ROMERO: Move to waive the reading of the minutes.

MR. GURVICH: Motion by Mr. Romero. Second by Mr. Gurvich to waive the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting. Any debate/discussion? All in favor of the motion as stated say aye.

ALL BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

1 MR. GURVICH: The motion passes unanimously.
2 Next matter.

3 **OSCAR DANTZLER**

4 MR. ROGILLIO: The next matter is the
5 adjudicatory hearings. The first case that you have is
6 Oscar Dantzler. I got a letter yesterday from him, and
7 he had been served, of course, indicating that he wanted
8 to postpone his hearing because he was going to be out of
9 town. So that's -- I wasn't going to grant that, but,
10 again, it just came in yesterday in the mail, so.

11 MR. GURVICH: Is the gentleman working?

12 MR. ROGILLIO: Yes, I think so. I don't have
13 proof that he is, but there is a lot of extenuating
14 circumstances that -- I don't know if you want to hear
15 that without him being present, but.

16 MR. GURVICH: Well, in other words, is it a
17 background check issue?

18 MR. ROGILLIO: No, sir. No, sir. This is a
19 company that was operating unlicensed that wants to get a
20 license.

21 MR. GURVICH: And they don't have a license
22 now?

23 MR. ROGILLIO: No, sir.

24 MR. GURVICH: But we do know for a fact that
25 they are operating in private security?

1 MR. ROGILLIO: Well, he is advertising quite a
2 bit.

3 MR. GURVICH: Well, Counsel, is it okay to
4 advertise without having a license as opposed to actually
5 operating?

6 MR. BLACKBURN: No, sir. The law, as I recall,
7 is solicitation is not allowed. What I suggest you do in
8 this case is take this preliminary evidence he gives you
9 and issue a Cease and Desist until the next board
10 hearing.

11 MR. GURVICH: All right. So he has requested a
12 continuance based on he contacted you yesterday?

13 MR. ROGILLIO: Well, by mail. Yes, sir.

14 MR. GURVICH: By mail. And I think the crux of
15 this is, is that -- is it correct to say that the staff
16 feels this is an ongoing contract security presence by an
17 unlicensed company and does it constitute a danger to the
18 public. Is that the gist of it?

19 MR. ROGILLIO: Yes, sir.

20 MR. GURVICH: So your recommendation is not to
21 grant the continuance.

22 MR. ROGILLIO: Right.

23 MR. GURVICH: Have I got that encapsulated?

24 MR. BLACKBURN: Well, I don't mind granting the
25 continuance, but in the meantime, issue a Cease and

1 Desist so he doesn't operate in the interim.

2 MR. ROGILLIO: Well, he doesn't have a license,
3 so a Cease and Desist isn't going to do any good.

4 MR. BLACKBURN: Yes, it does. It puts him on
5 notice, and we can put his butt in jail if he keeps
6 operating.

7 MR. GURVICH: Well, Counsel, so that's your
8 preferred mode to proceed on?

9 MR. BLACKBURN: I think it allows us, if we find
10 out in the next three months that he is still operating,
11 we can go get an injunction. If he violates the
12 injunction, he's in contempt of court.

13 MR. GURVICH: All right. So the procedural
14 method here would be to grant the request for a
15 continuance, but to issue an interim Cease and Desist
16 pending the actual hearing?

17 MR. BLACKBURN: Grant the continuance if you so
18 desire, with the condition of Cease and Desist Order that
19 he stops working or stops soliciting, either, whichever
20 one he's doing.

21 MR. GURVICH: Well, if he ceases and desists,
22 then there is no issue, then, I would take it. All
23 right.

24 So I will make a motion: That the continuance be
25 granted on the condition and with the proviso that the --

1 an interim Cease and Desist Order be issued forthwith,
2 and that any violation thereof shall cause the -- well,
3 help me out on this.

4 MR. BLACKBURN: The board to take appropriate
5 action or staff take appropriate action.

6 MR. GURVICH: All right -- shall cause the board
7 staff to take immediate action.

8 Do I hear a second to the motion?

9 MR. DUPLCHAIN: Second.

10 MR. KENNEDY: Second.

11 MS. VINSON: Second.

12 MR. GURVICH: Okay. Any debate/discussion? All
13 in favor? I guess it's unanimous, so let's proceed on.
14 But do -- because of the public welfare issue here, I
15 assume that our investigators will be all over this. So
16 we are issuing an interim Cease and Desist Order.

17 MR. ROGILLIO: We will serve him with the Cease
18 and Desist Order. And, from that point on, if we can
19 determine that he is in fact working, we will proceed
20 with that for injunctive relief at that point.

21 MR. ROMERO: Mr. Chairman.

22 MR. GURVICH: Mr. Romero.

23 MR. ROMERO: Is the Cease and Desist served on
24 any of the clientele that he is currently working with as
25 well --

1 MR. ROGILLIO: No, sir.

2 MR. ROMERO: -- or information shared with
3 them? How would they know that this company has been
4 issued a Cease and Desist?

5 MR. ROGILLIO: Well, what we have is, in the
6 law, we have, basically, a letter that we serve upon
7 those individuals, citing the statute that they -- if
8 they continue using this person, that they themselves
9 could be in trouble. And that's what we serve them.
10 It's not actually a cease and desist. It only applies to
11 companies or licensees, and they are not a licensee. So
12 we just serve them with that letter advising them that
13 this person is not insured, not licensed; therefore, a
14 lot of the liability lies on that client at that point.
15 All the liability does at that point.

16 MS. RYLAND: But at this point, we don't know
17 that he actually has a contract. We just know that he is
18 advertising. So he don't have a contract with a client.

19 MR. ROGILLIO: Even to the point, Mr. Romero, he
20 drove up here with his signs on the side of his vehicle.
21 And Jane went out and took pictures of them. And, you
22 know, I mean, that's pretty bold.

23 MR. ROMERO: Got it. Thank you.

24 MR. ROGILLIO: Yes, sir.

25 MR. GURVICH: So it is against the law to even

1 solicit without a license?

2 MR. ROGILLIO: Yes, sir.

3 MR. GURVICH: So our (inaudible) on that.

4 MR. ROGILLIO: It states so in our statute.

5 Yes, sir.

6 MR. GURVICH: Your service and all that is in
7 order, Counsel?

8 MR. BLACKBURN: Yes, sir.

9 MR. GURVICH: Okay, great. Well, let's move on
10 to the next matter.

11 **PAMELA PERKINS**

12 MR. ROGILLIO: The next matter is Ms. Pamela
13 Perkins. She's a security officer, and the application
14 for her employment was denied, based on the background
15 check.

16 MR. BLACKBURN: Ms. Perkins, if you would, come
17 up there and have a seat where that microphone is over
18 there.

19 MR. GURVICH: I guess we need to swear the
20 witness, please.

21 MR. BLACKBURN: Yeah.

22 MR. ROGILLIO: Well, sir. We have -- we were
23 audited by the Justice Department some time back. In
24 these kinds of matters, the board needs to consider going
25 into executive session to discuss Ms. Perkins'

1 background; otherwise, we are in violation, so you may
2 want to do that in order to complete this hearing.

3 MR. GURVICH: All right. So it's y'all's
4 opinion, then, that when we're discussing issues that
5 have to do with background, that we should go into
6 executive session?

7 MR. ROGILLIO: That's what the representative
8 from the Justice Department indicated, that we could not
9 discuss the background of some -- of any individual in an
10 open meeting.

11 MR. GURVICH: And this has to do with the denial
12 of a license because of a background check?

13 MR. ROGILLIO: Yes, sir.

14 MR. GURVICH: All right. Well, then, I will
15 make a motion to go into executive session. Is that a
16 majority or two-thirds?

17 MR. BLACKBURN: Two-thirds.

18 MR. GURVICH: Do I hear a second to the motion?

19 MR. ROMERO: Second.

20 MR. ROJAS: Second.

21 MR. GURVICH: Motion by Mr. Gurvich jointly
22 seconded by Mr. Romero and, I think, Ms. Vinson and
23 Mr. Kennedy as well. Any debate/discussion? All in
24 favor of the motion as stated say aye.

25 ALL BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

1 MR. GURVICH: There being no dissent, we will go
2 into executive session. I would ask that staff please
3 ask everyone to remove themselves temporarily --

4 MR. THORNTON: Step into the hallway, if you
5 would, please, and.

6 MR. GURVICH: -- from the boardroom. And by all
7 means, help yourself to some coffee or doughnuts, and,
8 hopefully, we won't be too long.

9 (Ms. Pamela Perkins is administered the oath.)

10 (Executive session from 9:51 to 10:12)

11 MR. GURVICH: So the motion needs to be
12 restated, I guess. Mr. Duplechain, it's your and
13 Ms. Vinson's motion. Would one of you guys like to
14 restate the motion for the record.

15 MR. DUPLCHAIN: We made a motion that we give
16 her a temporary license, unarmed, to operate until we can
17 get more information on the charges that were on the
18 books. In 90 days, we'll have another hearing in 90
19 days.

20 MR. GURVICH: Right. That's the crux of your
21 joint motion by Ms. Vinson and Mr. Duplechain. Further
22 debate/discussion? There being none, I will call for the
23 vote. All in favor say aye.

24 ALL BOARD MEMBERS, EXCLUDING MR. BAER: Aye.

25 MR. GURVICH: Any opposed? The motion passed

1 | unanimously. Thank you, ma'am. Work with the staff if
2 | you need help.

3 | MS. RYLAND: Did you say no or yes?

4 | MR. GURVICH: Wait. I take that back. We want
5 | to record Mr. Baer's nay vote.

6 | MR. BAER: I say no.

7 | MR. GURVICH: Next matter, Chief.

8 | MR. ROGILLIO: All right, sir. That completes
9 | the adjudicatories.

10 | COURT REPORTER: Mr. Gurvich, I was not present
11 | when the motion was stated.

12 | MR. DUPLCHAIN: The motion is that we issue her
13 | a temporary license, unarmed, for approximately 90 days
14 | until our next hearing, to give her a chance to get some
15 | paperwork together to explain some charges.

16 | **LEGAL UPDATE/LEGISLATION**

17 | MR. ROGILLIO: Legal update.

18 | MR. BLACKBURN: The only thing I want to mention
19 | was, the legislature ended. We tracked about half a
20 | dozen bills, none of which would have done us too much
21 | harm. None of them that did any harm passed.

22 | Three bills mentioned as passed, and they were like
23 | security for NOPD and budgetary issues, things like
24 | that. So there is no real legislative report, except to
25 | say that we survived another one.

1 MR. GURVICH: What did the house bill say about
2 NOPD? Was it a house bill?

3 MR. BLACKBURN: It was House Bill -- Senate Bill
4 139 (sic), Act 94.

5 MR. GURVICH: You said Senate Bill what?

6 MR. BLACKBURN: 159.

7 MR. GURVICH: Senate Bill 159.

8 MR. BLACKBURN: You can have this copy.

9 MR. GURVICH: And that's passed and been signed
10 and all that good stuff?

11 MR. BLACKBURN: Yes.

12 MR. GURVICH: And so what does it say?

13 MR. BLACKBURN: It sets up that thing that the
14 city set up.

15 MR. GURVICH: The Office of Secondary --

16 MR. BLACKBURN: The Office of Secondary
17 Employment.

18 MR. GURVICH: -- Employment, whatever?

19 MR. BLACKBURN: Yes.

20 MR. GURVICH: Does the state have to do that, or
21 is that something that the city is supposed to do?

22 MR. BLACKBURN: The city is going to do it. And
23 they have already done it, actually.

24 MR. GURVICH: Why is there a Senate bill for the
25 same effect?

1 MR. BLACKBURN: Probably, there was some
2 hindrance of some state law, and they had to go in there
3 and straighten it up and make them do it.

4 MR. GURVICH: Yes. I'd like to -- does anybody
5 from the board want a copy of this? Can we get some
6 copies made? I think we are all kind of interested in
7 that.

8 That's the home rule charter and all that sort of
9 thing, where the city is supposed to do some things and
10 the state others. I'm just wondering why the state would
11 even pass that. I mean, maybe it's some arcane reason,
12 but.

13 MR. BLACKBURN: It might be the home rule
14 charter and having to trump it.

15 MR. GURVICH: Right. It's more involved than
16 what I want to get into here. But, I think, if you
17 would, pass around copies. Anything further on Legal?

18 MR. BLACKBURN: No.

19 MR. GURVICH: By the way, I spoke to our
20 attorney on the F.E.S.S. matter, and the agreement in
21 principle has been reached within the parameters set
22 forth by the board. The attorney for F.E.S.S. had a
23 month-long asbestos trial, and I understand that's about
24 being finalized, by way of update. Any questions, talk
25 to me later. But that's a short ways from being

1 finalized.

2 Next matter.

3 **OLD BUSINESS, OFFICE STATUS AND FINANCIAL REPORTS**

4 MR. ROGILLIO: Next matter is Status Reports.
5 Does anybody have any questions about those?

6 MR. GURVICH: Financials are on track where we?

7 **NEW BUSINESS, AMENDMENT OF 2012-13 BUDGET; APPROVAL OF**
8 **2013-14 BUDGET**

9 MR. ROGILLIO: Yes, sir. Mr. McRight is here,
10 our CPA. If we could, so that we don't hold him up when
11 we get to that financial report, if we could take up the
12 matter of Item 6-3 -- A-3, which is the budget? If we
13 could incorporate all that together so that he can get
14 out of here.

15 MR. GURVICH: All right. I will move to waive
16 the agenda and allow our CPA to address the board
17 immediately.

18 MR. ROMERO: Second.

19 MR. GURVICH: Motion by Mr. Gurvich, second by
20 Mr. Romero. Debate? Discussion? All in favor of the
21 motion as stated say aye.

22 ALL BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

23 MR. GURVICH: Welcome, sir. Thank you for being
24 here.

25 MR. MCRIGHT: Thank y'all for having me. We are

1 here today to really present the May 31st financials,
2 plus Amended Budget for June 30th, 2013. The reason for
3 that is to put us in compliance with the state budget law
4 that says we come within 5 percent on the budget at year
5 end. So this is our best attempt to do it.

6 So we've put on -- I'm not sure what y'all have. In
7 my first one, it shows the expenses and then the
8 revenues. And this is our budget projection. The first
9 column is the actual expenses and revenues for year to
10 date through May 31st. And at that time, we are
11 basically showing a profit of 156,000 on a budgetary
12 basis.

13 We projected that we are going to have another
14 addition, probably, added to that during the month of
15 June of 14,000. And we come up with the Amended Budget
16 of about 148,000. That will be a projected budget
17 amount. That won't be actual amounts.

18 MR. GURVICH: That's excess overage.

19 MR. MCRIGHT: Excess overage, revenues over
20 expenses.

21 MR. GURVICH: Revenues over expenses. So,
22 actually, what you are saying is, we are ahead of our
23 budget projections, revenue-wise.

24 MR. MCRIGHT: Yes. We had projected right
25 around \$100,000, and we are going to be up around 150,000

1 with this amended budget. So we are doing a little bit
2 better than we had anticipated, and we expect additional
3 expenses that will be coming up next year, so it's a good
4 time to have a little excess to carry over.

5 MR. GURVICH: What are the additional expenses?

6 MR. MCRIGHT: Y'all are getting -- Sharon has
7 left the room, but I think y'all are getting a new
8 fingerprint online system.

9 MS. RYLAND: We are going to be discussing that
10 at the next meeting.

11 MR. MCRIGHT: Yes. We don't have any idea
12 exactly what all that's going to cost yet, so. We just
13 know it won't be cheap. And y'all are going also to
14 paperless. And that will be -- y'all will probably be
15 discussing that later on also. The contract people will
16 be doing it. There will be a few more expenses next year
17 that will be a onetime deal for the coming year.

18 You also have a balance sheet in there. And as of
19 May 31st, we are showing that y'all have a total of cash
20 of 589,000. Y'all have roughly 73,000 of current bills
21 to be paid. Then you have 439,000 of these extended
22 benefits to be paid to employees after retirement, so
23 that we have set up the liability for that of 439,000.

24 The auditors may adjust that a little bit more this
25 year, so you can probably figure that's going to go up by

1 another 60- or \$70,000 at least, as the final savings for
2 June 30th, 2013.

3 MR. GURVICH: Do you feel that we need that much
4 operating cash in the bank or should perhaps some of that
5 be transferred to a money market account?

6 MR. MCRIGHT: The money market as of right now
7 has \$226,000 roughly in it. And we've used that money
8 market as a means of moving money from the cash account
9 to cover this long-term liability OPED payable of
10 400,000. We have that 219,000 kind of set up to be
11 paying toward that so you don't have to come up with that
12 money.

13 Sometime in the future, the accounting profession
14 are going change the rules, and we're going to have to
15 start accounting for those things on a current basis.
16 That's not the law yet, but y'all are ahead of the game
17 by putting that money over into the money market account.

18 MR. GURVICH: Well, should we put more into the
19 money market account?

20 MR. MCRIGHT: I would suggest yes.

21 MR. GURVICH: Chief, is that feasible, I mean,
22 if you don't -- you are not actually using it?

23 MR. ROGILLIO: No, sir. It's low interest,
24 but it is --

25 MR. GURVICH: It's some interest --

1 MR. ROGILLIO: Yes, sir.

2 MR. GURVICH: -- because I can tell you what the
3 interest is in the bank. Okay. Any questions/comments
4 from board members? Things seem to be going, overall,
5 rather well, I would surmise.

6 MR. MCRIGHT: Yes. I think the changes y'all
7 made were basically two years ago, but really helped the
8 board, have gotten them back in good sound financial
9 position. And we are cutting expenses. We are keeping
10 things in line. So, right now, y'all are in real good
11 shape, barring any unforeseen circumstances.

12 MR. GURVICH: All right. Do we need a motion to
13 approve the budget as presented?

14 MR. ROGILLIO: You need to amend the first and
15 then approve the second.

16 MR. GURVICH: Motion to approve the budget as
17 amended -- move to amend it?

18 MR. ROGILLIO: Yes, sir.

19 MR. GURVICH: All right. I'll move to amend the
20 budget as presented.

21 MR. ROJAS: Second.

22 MR. GURVICH: Motion by Mr. Gurvich, second by,
23 I think -- was that Mr. Rojas down there?

24 MR. ROJAS: Yes.

25 MR. GURVICH: Any debate/discussion? All in

1 favor of the motion to amend the budget as presented say
2 aye.

3 ALL BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

4 MR. GURVICH: Motion passes unanimously.

5 Second, I will move to approve the projected budget as
6 amended?

7 MS. RYLAND: No, not as amended.

8 MR. GURVICH: Well, we just amended it.

9 MR. ROGILLIO: No. This will be the new budget.

10 MS. RYLAND: The projected budget.

11 MR. ROGILLIO: '13-14 budget.

12 MR. GURVICH: Motion to approve the projected
13 budget --

14 MR. MCRIGHT: For June 30th, 2014.

15 MR. GURVICH: -- for June 30th, 2014.

16 MR. ROMERO: Second.

17 MR. GURVICH: Motion by Mr. Gurvich, jointly
18 seconded by Mr. Rojas and Mr. Romero. Debate?

19 Discussion? All in favor of the motion as stated say
20 aye.

21 ALL BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

22 MR. GURVICH: Any opposed? The motion passes
23 unanimously. Thank you for being here today, sir.

24 MR. MCRIGHT: Thank y'all for having me.

25 MR. GURVICH: All right. I think there was a

1 suggestion that we take a ten-minute break.

2 (Recess taken.)

3 **NEW BUSINESS, ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN**

4 MR. ROGILLIO: If we could reconvene, sir, the
5 next item is under New Business, Miscellaneous. We need
6 to have an election for chairman as we are required to do
7 as every two years.

8 MR. ROJAS: Mr. Chairman --

9 MR. GURVICH: Go ahead.

10 MR. ROJAS: -- I make a motion that we retain
11 the chairman and vice chairman. All the chairmen should
12 stay the same.

13 MR. ROMERO: Second.

14 MR. GURVICH: Okay. Well, thank you very much.
15 I mean, let me put it this way: I have served long
16 enough to where, if somebody else wants to run, it's
17 perfectly okay with me.

18 MR. ROGILLIO: It's at the same pay rate, by the
19 way.

20 MR. GURVICH: The same? I have been getting a
21 raise every year, but I get a percentage raise.

22 MR. DUPLCHAIN: You gave me half.

23 MR. GURVICH: For the record, I gave half of my
24 salary to Chuck. But thank you very much. I will call
25 for a vote. And I assume the motion is that the

1 chairman, vice chairman, and all committee chairmen
2 remain the same as they are at present. Is that the
3 essence of the?

4 MR. ROJAS: Yes.

5 MR. KENNEDY: Thanks a lot, Mr. Rojas.

6 MR. GURVICH: All right. Well, thank you very
7 much. And I know Ms. Vinson thanks you as well. All
8 right. All in favor of the motion as stated say aye.

9 ALL BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

10 MR. GURVICH: Thank you. Next matter -- any
11 opposed? BY unanimous vote. Thank you.

12 **DISCUSSION, SOLOMON GROUP**

13 MR. ROGILLIO: We have a request on the agenda
14 from the Solomon Group. There's a gentleman here. He
15 wanted to come and discuss the possibility of working the
16 Essence Festival in July in New Orleans and having the
17 same kind of a situation we had with S.A.F.E. Management
18 for the Super Bowl, so I will let him come up.

19 MR. GURVICH: Is the gentleman here? Yes, sir.
20 If you would, step over to the mic. over there, identify
21 yourself, and address the board, if you will.

22 MS. RYLAND: What I put by your places is what
23 he gave us to give y'all, and then there's --

24 MS. VINSON: Is this in addition to the letter?

25 MS. RYLAND: In addition to what you have in the

1 packet.

2 MR. VALIENTE: Good morning. My name is Joe
3 Valiente, and I am representing the Solomon Group.
4 Solomon Group is a production company that is hired by
5 Essence to take over their festival this year. Included
6 in those responsibilities were the security issues at the
7 Super Dome, Morial Convention Center, and Woldenberg
8 Park.

9 It was the wish of Essence or the request -- Essence
10 had requested that we have a more uniform look and a more
11 consistent look throughout the security force. It was
12 also their wish that they wanted to break up the security
13 force in terms of using several companies, rather than
14 just one, and that presented an issue of having different
15 uniforms for each company.

16 It came to our attention that S.A.F.E. had been
17 granted a waiver for the Super Bowl to use one
18 consistent uniform shirt for their entire work force that
19 was actually incorporated within seven or eight different
20 companies. It was then that I reached out to
21 Mr. Rogillio and that I asked him if it would be
22 possible. And he said that it would be worth bringing to
23 the board to get approval for it.

24 We submitted some artwork on two different shirts.
25 And the shirts identify Essence as the festival and also

1 identifies the individual security guard companies that
2 we are going to employ, which will be S.A.F.E., W & L, and
3 Track All. And it's going to be a collared shirt similar
4 to a polo shirt, button-down. And we think that this is
5 going to give a real good appearance. And the chief
6 objective is having a consistent uniform.

7 I do want to note that the reason why we have two
8 colors on these examples is that we plan to use one color
9 for the Super Dome and one color for the Convention
10 Center. The organization that will be F.E.S.S., which
11 will handle the Convention Center, will also do
12 Woldenberg Park. So the Woldenberg Park venue and the
13 Convention Center will be one color, and then the Super
14 Dome will have the other color.

15 And there are some reasons with that -- for that
16 within the Solomon Production Group, not necessarily
17 security-minded people, but they felt that they didn't
18 want -- there were some issues last year with security
19 guards coming in to the various venues. They were
20 working the Convention Center. They were sneaking into
21 the Super Dome and vice versa. We think that this is
22 going to eliminate that possibility, so -- or make it
23 more difficult for them.

24 So we just basically reached out, and we are just
25 requesting that we be granted a similar waiver that was

1 given to S.A.F.E. That's about it. Does anybody have
2 any questions?

3 MR. GURVICH: Comments or questions?

4 MS. VINSON: Yes.

5 MR. GURVICH: Ms. Vinson.

6 MS. VINSON: Besides the uniforms, how are you
7 all going to handle registration, security officer
8 registrations?

9 MR. VALIENTE: Well, as we understand it, that's
10 going to be the responsibility of the individual security
11 guard companies. They're going to have to make sure that
12 their guards are registered. We are going to get a list
13 of every single guard that they are bringing on board
14 and.

15 MS. VINSON: Are you going to verify? because,
16 with S.A.F.E., S.A.F.E. verified their registration.

17 MR. VALIENTE: We can do that. We can
18 absolutely do that.

19 MS. VINSON: And that's kind of like certain --
20 that's why certain waivers --

21 MR. VALIENTE: We are -- part of their
22 contract --

23 MS. VINSON: From what I understand, from what I
24 remember, we had -- I mean, S.A.F.E. came in and
25 presented us with a package of here's how we'd like to

1 handle registrations: We would like to hire registered
2 officers. So it wasn't just a T-shirt thing.

3 Am I right in remembering that correctly, or can
4 someone help me out?

5 MR. GURVICH: They volunteered.

6 MR. BLACKBURN: They are already licensed guards
7 working for a licensed company already.

8 MS. VINSON: Right. They used only licensed
9 guards.

10 MR. VALIENTE: That is part of the contract with
11 each one of these companies, that the guards have to be
12 licensed.

13 MS. VINSON: Temporary license or permanent
14 license?

15 MR. VALIENTE: That's a good question. I don't
16 know if that -- I don't know if that actual issue came
17 up, and I'm not familiar with the contract 100 percent,
18 so I would have to go back and look at that. But it's my
19 understanding, the guards that are issued temporary
20 licenses are in fact to work, correct?

21 MR. DUPLCHAIN: But the problem with that is,
22 let's say I'm one of the companies and I can give you a
23 guard, give him a temporary license, but not registered
24 with the state. What S.A.F.E. did is, every guard that
25 was there had to be permanent security guards for that

1 company.

2 MS. VINSON: That's means that their
3 fingerprints have been cleared, their backgrounds have
4 been done.

5 MR. DUPLCHAIN: Already they have -- for you to
6 verify, all you would need to do is to get a list of the
7 guards and a copy of their license.

8 MR. VALIENTE: We can do that. I don't see any
9 problem with that whatsoever. Part of the contract
10 requirement is that the responsibility of each company,
11 it has to give us a list of every one of their guards so
12 we can -- with that list, we should be able to verify
13 whether or not they have permanent status.

14 MR. BAER: Is that strictly unarmed officers, or
15 are you going to have armed?

16 MR. VALIENTE: The unarmed.

17 MS. VINSON: Strictly unarmed?

18 MR. VALIENTE: Well, we are going to have armed,
19 but they are going to be -- the armed, another, another
20 facet to this operation is that we split the security
21 force from regular-shirted security nonarmed, and we're
22 going to use P.O.S.T.-certified police officers at both
23 the Convention Center, the Super Dome, and at Woldenberg
24 Park. It's going to be about a 50/50 split this year,
25 something that I don't think has ever been done for this

1 type of event.

2 We did that because there were some issues involving
3 matters of law, civil disobedience, things of that
4 nature, the guards just wasn't empowered to handle. So,
5 but the security guards that we are going to employ will
6 all be unarmed.

7 MR. GURVICH: Chief, by way of comparison, when
8 S.A.F.E. came in, they were -- I think the obligations
9 that the board assessed to them were that there would be
10 a photo ID and that the ID would indicate somewhere on it
11 the name of the individual and the name of the actual
12 contract security company.

13 MR. ROGILLIO: Right.

14 MR. GURVICH: In other words --

15 MS. VINSON: Like a lanyard.

16 MR. GURVICH: -- sort of a lanyard or a pin or
17 something like that. It would be -- it would have to be
18 approved by the board, which it was. In other words, I
19 think the overall idea is that the board would like
20 to have this, but, frankly, the NFL came in, and they had
21 set pretty high standards for themselves. I think that,
22 you know, the board was willing to work with them. What,
23 we want to do is -- and I fully share Ms. Vinson's
24 concerns about verification that these people are in fact
25 licensed and eligible to work for these security

1 companies. And there are also some documentation issues,
2 you know, that you're going to have to abide by as well.

3 In other words, we don't want -- if we grant you
4 this leeway in using one uniform, and there are probably
5 valid public safety reasons for doing that, we don't want
6 it to act as a substitute for complying with our
7 regulations. That encapsulates the whole concern.

8 Chief, I think that the S.A.F.E. had presented a
9 badge that we approved, that you, the staff, approved.
10 What else was incumbent on them?

11 MR. ROGILLIO: Well, that they had -- it wasn't
12 necessarily a badge. It was a button that they wore,
13 indicating which company they represented.

14 MR. GURVICH: And identified.

15 MR. ROGILLIO: Yes, sir. Now, let me just say
16 that all of the good things that S.A.F.E. came in and
17 told you guys, when it was all said and done and they
18 sent all these applications and terminations together
19 because they only used them for that short period of
20 time, we had nine of those individuals that had been
21 denied for a felony convictions. So their background
22 checks obviously left a lot to be desired. That's just
23 something to --

24 MR. GURVICH: Well, nine out of a couple of
25 thousand. I mean, there shouldn't be any violations.

1 MR. ROGILLIO: It was like a couple of hundred
2 people, I think, that they --

3 MR. GURVICH: A couple hundred. Okay.

4 MR. ROGILLIO: Yes. But I'm just pointing out
5 now that --

6 MR. GURVICH: More than zero is a problem.

7 MR. ROGILLIO: -- had there had been a problem,
8 that would have been an embarrassment on the part of, not
9 only this board, but the company as well. So I just --

10 MS. VINSON: Right. Because I'm thinking, if
11 there is a problem or if we don't get proper
12 registration --

13 MR. ROGILLIO: These were all -- these were
14 those -- those kind of situations were where they issued
15 the temporary cards and they sent in, after the fact, the
16 application and termination together. So they were not
17 permanently licensed.

18 MS. VINSON: Right. And I'm guessing that
19 that's what's going to happen here.

20 MR. ROGILLIO: Could. It could.

21 MS. VINSON: So if we have issues with
22 applications or issues with registration --

23 MR. KENNEDY: It's already done.

24 MR. ROGILLIO: Yes. You won't know about it
25 until after the fact.

1 MS. RYLAND: Well, we audit those companies, so
2 if they show up on payroll, we'll get them, but.

3 MR. GURVICH: Then you have some recourse. I
4 mean, you can have violations anyway.

5 MR. ROMERO: But that's no different from the
6 security environment that we are all involved with now,
7 or any of these provided, temporary or otherwise.

8 MR. ROGILLIO: Right.

9 MS. VINSON: But since they are wearing a
10 Solomon Group shirt, are we going to call these guys back
11 in here, or are we going to call in the company that?

12 MS. RYLAND: If you notice on the shirt, on the
13 thing, the names are on the shirt of the different
14 companies.

15 MR. GURVICH: You would certainly have recourse
16 against the offending licensed contract guard company.
17 There was one other --

18 MS. VINSON: And you are agreeing to the button,
19 because, I think, in the April 10th letter, you mention
20 it, the ID tag, so?

21 MR. VALIENTE: Correct, correct. The artwork
22 indicates that we were going to actually emboss the name
23 of the company on the shirts, so that it wouldn't come
24 off. But if it comes down to actually creating a button
25 or a badge, that's not an issue either.

1 MR. GURVICH: Would that have to be on the
2 shirt? because, you know, you might want to use the
3 shirt again. But it has to show somewhere the name of
4 the guard company in large enough letters to where, you
5 know, the members in attendance at the events --

6 MR. VALIENTE: Correct.

7 MR. GURVICH: -- attendees could --

8 MS. VINSON: Like a photo ID badge.

9 MR. GURVICH: Right.

10 MR. VALIENTE: Okay. I mean, if that's what we
11 have to do to be in compliance, then, you know, at this
12 point in the game, we are willing to do it. Just as far
13 as we were going to look at the individuals, because
14 their contracts do call to give us a list of all the
15 security guards. And I'm sure that we will be able to
16 verify.

17 Now, relative to their registration and
18 fingerprinting, do we check with the state board here, or
19 what would be the exact mechanism for that?

20 MS. VINSON: Yes. But, then, if they are only
21 going to be temporary guards, they wouldn't really have
22 been fingerprinted, because they can work for ten days
23 without being fingerprinted, but they still have to be
24 registered. They still have to submit an application.
25 So I shouldn't say registered. They have to submit an

1 application.

2 MR. VALIENTE: Okay. But, once they do that,
3 aren't they issued some type of temporary --

4 MS. VINSON: They get a temporary card.

5 MR. VALIENTE: So they would have to have that
6 with them prior to actually working.

7 MS. VINSON: Yes.

8 MR. VALIENTE: So we have to verify that.

9 MS. VINSON: So when they come and check in --

10 MR. VALIENTE: Correct. Exactly.

11 MS. VINSON: -- y'all would have to check for
12 that temporary card.

13 MR. VALIENTE: Well, we plan to have a roll call
14 every day. So at roll call, at that point, where we can
15 actually do that, that checking. And then, in fact, if
16 they don't have card their with them, then they are not
17 licensed to act in the capacity of a security guard; is
18 that correct?

19 MS. VINSON: If they don't have the temporary
20 card.

21 MR. VALIENTE: The temporary card, correct.

22 MR. GURVICH: Well, getting back to Ms. Vinson's
23 point, is it feasible to require Solomon Group to get a
24 photocopy of these various permanent and temporary guard
25 licenses and submit that with their lists?

1 MR. ROGILLIO: It could.

2 MR. GURVICH: I mean, that might -- would that
3 help your comfort level?

4 MS. VINSON: Because, I mean, I would like you,
5 I would like the Solomon Group to submit a list of who
6 the security guards are that y'all are going to have
7 working so we can balance that.

8 MR. VALIENTE: Okay. And included with that
9 name, you want a photocopy of their temporary card or
10 permanent card?

11 MR. GURVICH: Right.

12 MS. VINSON: Right.

13 MR. DUPLCHAIN: Of the card itself or the
14 application?

15 MR. GURVICH: Well, they would have a card of
16 some kind, even if it were only the temporary card that
17 comes off the application.

18 MS. VINSON: If he sends names and socials, we
19 can balance that with what has been received here and
20 what hasn't.

21 MR. GURVICH: Right, right. Well, then, is it
22 -- go ahead. I'm sorry.

23 MS. VINSON: I don't even think we need a copy
24 of that, Mr. Valiente. I think that we could just have
25 names and socials.

1 MS. RYLAND: That's what we got from S.A.F.E.
2 was the names and socials.

3 MR. DUPLECHAIN: That way, we could verify with
4 that list to what they submitted.

5 MS. RYLAND: And basically all we did was just
6 check the list to make sure that they wasn't denied, the
7 ones that they gave us. When nine came up denied, they
8 couldn't get those on the list.

9 MR. GURVICH: And we could always go back and
10 determine. Let's assume we find an individual who would
11 not be eligible. We would be able to determine whom that
12 individual or what company that individual worked for --

13 MS. RYLAND: Well, if they submit it to us, I
14 will let him know and he can let them know.

15 MR. GURVICH: Right. But, I mean, if there's,
16 you know, problems, and we've got real issues --

17 MS. VINSON: And this is only two weeks away
18 too, so you're going to have to.

19 MR. GURVICH: Yes. All right. So they have
20 agreed that they are going to furnish you with the names
21 and social security numbers by company?

22 MS. RYLAND: It doesn't matter to me.

23 MR. VALIENTE: When you get the list from me, it
24 will be broken up by each company, so.

25 MR. GURVICH: And that they're going to do a

1 photo ID to be approved -- which would be approved by --
2 and I know we don't have a lot of time, but this is what
3 S.A.F.E. did, and I do think it made the difference, is a
4 photo ID that the board approves which contains the --
5 the guard's name, did we have that, or we just had the?

6 MS. VINSON: It was the guard's name and the
7 company that he worked for.

8 MR. GURVICH: -- indicating the name of the
9 guard and the company that he worked for. Okay. I mean,
10 is that acceptable to you, sir? We have been trying to
11 find a way to make this work. How many individuals do
12 you think are we talking about here?

13 MR. VALIENTE: The name, so, basically, the ID
14 has to have the name of the guard and the name of the
15 company that he actually works for. Now, does it --

16 MS. VINSON: And a head shot.

17 MR. VALIENTE: -- have to have his actual photo,
18 his picture?

19 MR. GURVICH: That's what S.A.F.E. did; is that
20 not correct?

21 MR. ROGILLIO: Yes, sir.

22 MR. GURVICH: Okay. All right. So, staff,
23 what's your recommendation? If we shortly make a motion
24 to authorize Solomon Group to enter into the same
25 arrangement that S.A.F.E. had on the condition that the

1 names and socials of the guards be furnished by Solomon
2 and that Solomon issue a name tag with the photo, the
3 guard's name, and the name of the company, which is --
4 which passes your muster. Then if all this is
5 achievable, then I think we can proceed to grant you your
6 wish. And I know we only have -- what's today, the
7 20th?

8 MR. ROJAS: Two weeks from today.

9 MR. GURVICH: So you have got two weeks. I
10 assume this starts before July 4th, right?

11 MR. VALIENTE: It does. Actually, some of the
12 assignments are going to start as early as the 29th of
13 June.

14 MR. GURVICH: Okay. And we will have -- our
15 representatives will be present to ensure that the laws
16 are.

17 MR. ROGILLIO: The question of how many people
18 are we talking about, he didn't answer that.

19 MR. GURVICH: Right. How many people we got?

20 MR. VALIENTE: Total?

21 MR. GURVICH: Well, on the contract security
22 side. We're not worried about the law enforcement.

23 MR. VALIENTE: About 175 people.

24 MR. GURVICH: So this is achievable all around.

25 MR. VALIENTE: I think it is. I mean, it's not,

1 | frankly, that much.

2 | MR. BLACKBURN: Can we examine one thing more,
3 | though? The difference between them and other one was,
4 | they were a licensed company. Solomon, as I understand
5 | it, is not a licensed company.

6 | MR. GURVICH: Right.

7 | MR. BLACKBURN: Does that bother anybody? And
8 | should we, at the very least, make sure that they have
9 | some kind of liability policy?

10 | MR. GURVICH: I had thought about that, but I
11 | assume you will have recourse against the security
12 | company.

13 | MR. ROGILLIO: I think the issue is, they are
14 | not a licensed -- Solomon is not, per se, a licensed
15 | security company; however, the law says that, if you
16 | provide security by sending someone to do security, then
17 | you are a contract security company.

18 | They are not actually doing that. They are hiring
19 | licensed companies under their guise to provide the
20 | security. So they are not sending anybody to do
21 | security. They are just kind of like a consulting
22 | company, basically.

23 | MR. BLACKBURN: Or a contract --

24 | MR. ROGILLIO: That's the difference.

25 | MR. BLACKBURN: Or they are signing a contract

1 to provide security.

2 MR. GURVICH: Well, I think that's an
3 interesting point. And I don't think they could get
4 licensed.

5 MR. BLACKBURN: What kind of insurance have you
6 got? That's the only thing I would worry about, is the
7 public being able to recover.

8 MR. VALIENTE: I can get that to you. I don't
9 know the exact nature of the insurance, but we are
10 heavily insured for this event. It also includes the
11 security side of the fence. I don't have that with me,
12 but I can have that faxed to you today.

13 MR. GURVICH: Well, do you have like assault and
14 battery coverage? I mean, there are some peculiar
15 coverages that don't appear on most GL policies that we
16 require because of the unusual nature of our business and
17 the involvement of contract security officers with the
18 public. Like assault and battery is an intentional
19 battery by a security officer, and it might not be
20 covered under a regular GL policy because it's
21 intentional, it's not an accident.

22 MR. DUPLCHAIN: I don't understand. It would
23 be the same as, let's say, a hospital hiring multiple
24 security companies to work security at the hospital. We
25 don't require anything of the hospital as long as the

1 companies are licensed and their guards are licensed.

2 MR. BLACKBURN: But that he is contracting with
3 the hospital to provide security.

4 MR. ROJAS: Excuse me.

5 MR. GURVICH: Mr. Rojas has a comment or a
6 question.

7 MR. ROJAS: Can't they give him a hold harmless
8 clause?

9 MR. BLACKBURN: You can give them anything you
10 want to give them.

11 MR. GURVICH: Not by the public, though.

12 MS. VINSON: I mean, S.A.F.E. was licensed here,
13 and S.A.F.E. also had the reputation of doing this at
14 previous super bowls before.

15 MR. BLACKBURN: And they had insurance, and they
16 had a license here. And when one of these guards knock
17 somebody in the head, they're going to sue Solomon, and
18 they may not be able to recover.

19 MR. GURVICH: No question that they -- that you
20 would be involved in the line of fire in a lawsuit,
21 regardless of whether --

22 MR. BLACKBURN: For their own benefit, they
23 ought to get it.

24 MR. GURVICH: There may be ultimate recourse
25 against the security company, but there is no question --

1 speaking as a lawyer, there is no question that you guys
2 would be probably named first in the whole lawsuit. I
3 mean --

4 MR. BLACKBURN: I'd ask them to provide the
5 policy to the staff and to let Wayne look at it and feel
6 comfortable enough.

7 MR. GURVICH: Here's the problem: You've only
8 got two weeks.

9 MR. BLACKBURN: Well, provide a policy that's
10 subject to Wayne's approval.

11 MR. GURVICH: Okay. Then let me throw out this
12 motion, then, so we can resolve. I'll make a motion:

13 That the Solomon Group Production Services request
14 to allow one uniform for use for the Essence, or one type
15 of uniform, different colored shirts, it's understood,
16 under the following conditions:

17 One, that Solomon Group Production Services agree to
18 provide a board staff approved identifier with the photo
19 of the guard, the name of the guard, and the name of the
20 contract guard service for whom the guard works;

21 Secondly, that Solomon Group Production Services
22 provide the board staff with their insurance to also be
23 approved by the board staff and containing coverages as
24 required by our law anyway;

25 And, thirdly, that the -- all security officers

1 provided by the contract security vendors be required to
2 submit their license to be copied by Solomon Group
3 Production Services and forwarded to the state board.

4 Is that where you want to be, Counsel?

5 MR. BLACKBURN: Yes, sir.

6 MR. DUPLECHAIN: Second.

7 MR. GURVICH: Chief?

8 MR. ROGILLIO: Yes, sir. That's fine.

9 MR. GURVICH: Sir?

10 MR. VALIENTE: Absolutely.

11 MR. GURVICH: Okay. Motion by Mr. Gurvich. I
12 think there was a second by Mr. Duplechain. Debate?
13 Discussion? Did I hit all the right --

14 MS. VINSON: You got it.

15 MR. GURVICH: Then I will call for a vote, then.
16 All in favor of the motion as stated say aye.

17 ALL BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

18 MR. GURVICH: Any opposed? The motion passes
19 unanimously. Thank you for being here, sir. Good luck
20 with your festival.

21 MR. VALIENTE: Thank you for having me.

22 **APPROVAL OF CONTRACTS**

23 MR. ROGILLIO: The next matter is to approve the
24 contracts for the CPA, Mr. McRight, who was here earlier;
25 the court reporter, Ms. Ross, who is here today;

1 | Investigators Joe Liemann, James Coleman; and our
2 | computer technicians of Michael Morgan and the firm of
3 | Teknarus. And these basically are the same contract
4 | that we have had year after year.

5 | MR. GURVICH: All right. Let's take a moment
6 | for the board members to review the contract.

7 | MS. RYLAND: Louis, Annette wants to talk about
8 | her contract.

9 | MR. GURVICH: Right. And which one is this?
10 | Annette Ross contract. Okay. Annette.

11 | COURT REPORTER: I would like to have it added
12 | in there that it's \$75 an hour for the time that you go
13 | into executive session. Now, it sounds like a lot of
14 | money, but it's you pay about \$300 an hour when I'm in
15 | here taking notes, so it doesn't -- you know. And I
16 | would like just to have that put in there, the hourly.

17 | MR. GURVICH: In other words, you are stuck
18 | here, even though you're not doing anything?

19 | COURT REPORTER: Right.

20 | MR. KENNEDY: Absolutely.

21 | MR. GURVICH: Okay. I will make a motion to
22 | approve the --

23 | MS. VINSON: Is that in here?

24 | COURT REPORTER: It's not in the contract. I
25 | just saw it today.

1 MR. GURVICH: I will make a motion to approve
2 the amendment to the contract authorizing a \$75 fee for
3 the period of time in which the board is in executive
4 session. Do I hear a second?

5 COURT REPORTER: \$75 an hour.

6 MR. GURVICH: An hour.

7 MR. KENNEDY: Second.

8 MR. GURVICH: Well, I hope we're not in
9 executive session too many hours. Motion to amend the
10 contract. Second by Mr. Romero?

11 MR. ROMERO: Sure.

12 MR. GURVICH: Debate? Discussion? All in favor
13 of the amendment?

14 ALL BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

15 MR. GURVICH: I'm sorry. All in favor of the
16 motion as stated say aye.

17 MS. RYLAND: Excuse me. Is this going to be
18 effective today, or is this going to be effective July
19 1st?

20 MR. GURVICH: I don't know if we can do it
21 retroactively. But, I mean --

22 MS. RYLAND: Can you state July 1st?

23 MR. GURVICH: But, I mean, we weren't in
24 executive session too long.

25 MR. ROGILLIO: It's for next year's budget,

1 basically.

2 MR. GURVICH: Right. So I'll make a motion to
3 approve the contract as amended to provide for the \$75 an
4 hour while we are in executive session. Mr. Romero
5 seconded that. Debate? Discussion? All in favor of the
6 motion as stated say aye.

7 ALL BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

8 MR. GURVICH: Motion passed unanimously. Thank
9 you. Now, on the other contracts, we have the
10 contracts -- do you want to do it sort of all together in
11 globo?

12 MR. ROGILLIO: Yes, sir. It's the same, same
13 contract.

14 MR. GURVICH: Anybody feel differently about
15 that?

16 MS. VINSON: No.

17 MR. GURVICH: How many investigators do we have
18 working?

19 MR. ROGILLIO: We have two on contract
20 currently.

21 MR. GURVICH: And they are making \$50 an hour?

22 MR. ROGILLIO: I think, yes, sir. Yes, sir.
23 And mileage. We pay mileage.

24 MR. GURVICH: That would be Mr. Liemann and who
25 else?

1 MR. ROGILLIO: James Coleman in the Shreveport
2 area.

3 MR. GURVICH: All right. Well, I will make a
4 motion to approve the contracts as presented, other than
5 Annette Ross's, which has already been approved. Do I
6 hear a second?

7 MR. BAER: Second.

8 MR. ROMERO: Second.

9 MR. ROJAS: Second.

10 MR. GURVICH: Motion by Mr. Gurvich, jointly
11 seconded by Mr. Baer, Mr. Romero, and I believe
12 Mr. Rojas. Debate? Discussion? All in favor of the
13 motion as stated say aye.

14 ALL BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

15 MR. GURVICH: Any opposed? The motion passes
16 unanimously. So we have the contracts now. What else?
17 One other thing.

18 MR. ROGILLIO: Next meeting date.

19 **NEW BUSINESS, PAY INCREASE FOR UNCLASSIFIED CIVIL SERVICE**
20 **EMPLOYEES**

21 MR. GURVICH: Not quite. We have another issue
22 of our not civil service employees, and I don't believe
23 that you and Dickie have had a raise in four years. Is
24 that correct?

25 MR. ROGILLIO: I was informed it's been four

1 years. I don't recall how long it's been.

2 MR. GURVICH: Well, then I will make a motion to
3 waive the agenda to take under consideration the question
4 of raises for our two non-civil service staffers, Dickie
5 and Wayne.

6 MS. RYLAND: Actually, they are civil service.
7 They are unclassified.

8 MR. GURVICH: Unclassified civil service. Do I
9 hear a second to the motion?

10 MR. ROMERO: Second.

11 MR. DUPLECHAIN: Second.

12 MS. VINSON: Second.

13 MR. GURVICH: All right. Jointly seconded by, I
14 think, everybody on the board. So here we are. It's by
15 my lights, it's been four years since you all received
16 any raise at all. And I believe the plan was for the
17 state classified civil service to receive a 4 percent
18 raise, was it not?

19 MR. ROGILLIO: That was for next year's budget.

20 MR. GURVICH: Right. But that's fine. Yes.
21 And, I think, maybe that would be a good benchmark to
22 work from in terms of our nonclassified civil service.
23 So, without further ado, if it is the sense of the board
24 that this is the direction we want to go in, I will make
25 motion to give Dickie and Wayne a 4 percent raise

1 effective July 1, 2013. Do I hear a second?

2 MR. DUPLCHAIN: Second.

3 MS. VINSON: Second.

4 MR. KENNEDY: Second.

5 MR. GURVICH: Jointly seconded by members of the
6 board.

7 MR. DUPLCHAIN: Question.

8 MR. GURVICH: Question by Mr. Duplechain.

9 MR. DUPLCHAIN: Y'all haven't received a raise
10 at all in four years, right?

11 MR. ROGILLIO: No, sir.

12 MR. DUPLCHAIN: And the state employees receive
13 one every year?

14 MR. ROGILLIO: They haven't been, no, sir. The
15 government, state government, actually stopped the
16 4 percent raises for all employees four years ago.

17 MR. DUPLCHAIN: Nothing else.

18 MR. ROGILLIO: I want to say that she started
19 it. I blame her for this.

20 MS. RYLAND: Zip it.

21 MR. ROGILLIO: Yes. She said to zip my mouth.
22 I'm very humble with this kind of thing. I don't ask for
23 anything. I just do my thing. And I do appreciate it.
24 I really do.

25 MR. GURVICH: And blame Mr. Romero as well,

1 | because he was person who first broached it.

2 | MR. ROGILLIO: It's just it's not something I'm
3 | comfortable with, asking for anything, but I do --

4 | MR. GURVICH: Well, we didn't ask you to ask.

5 | MR. ROGILLIO: I know, but I appreciate it. I
6 | really do. Thank you very much.

7 | MR. DUPLECHAIN: The reason I had asked that,
8 | that they would have --

9 | MS. RYLAND: Ours will be automatic.

10 | MR. DUPLECHAIN: Yes. That we should keep up
11 | with the state.

12 | MS. RYLAND: That's okay. The staff is fine
13 | with it.

14 | MR. ROGILLIO: Thank you very much, gentlemen
15 | and lady.

16 | MR. GURVICH: Any further debate or discussion?
17 | All in favor of the motion as stated say aye.

18 | ALL BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

19 | MR. GURVICH: Congratulations. It's well-
20 | deserved.

21 | MR. ROGILLIO: Thank you, sir.

22 | MR. GURVICH: I'm sorry we took four years to
23 | get around to it.

24 | MR. ROGILLIO: Well.

25 | **OLD BUSINESS, OFFICE STATUS REPORTS (CONT'D)**

1 MR. GURVICH: You know, we never did discuss old
2 business office status reports, did we?

3 MR. ROGILLIO: I brought it up. I just assumed
4 there was no question.

5 MR. GURVICH: Anybody have any questions or
6 comments for the board staff about it? I mean, what's
7 our number of contract security officers that we are
8 dealing with right now?

9 MS. VINSON: 10,000.

10 MR. ROGILLIO: Yes. Right at ten. We have
11 active officers 9529, pending 925. So, yes, we're a
12 little bit over 10,000.

13 MR. GURVICH: That's a little bit of an
14 increase, isn't it?

15 MR. ROGILLIO: Yes, sir, it is.

16 **DETERMINATION OF NEXT MEETING DATE**

17 MR. GURVICH: Any comments or questions from the
18 board members on that? All right. So we have
19 Determination of the Next Board Meeting?

20 MR. ROGILLIO: Yes, sir.

21 MR. GURVICH: Anybody want to offer any
22 suggestion?

23 MR. DUPLCHAIN: September 19th.

24 MR. GURVICH: September 19th here in the board
25 office at 9:30 a.m. Okay. I will make a motion to that

1 effect. Any second?

2 MR. BAER: Second.

3 MR. GURVICH: Motion by Mr. Gurvich, second by
4 Mr. Baer. Debate? Discussion? There being none, I'll
5 call for the vote. All in favor say aye.

6 ALL BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

7 MR. GURVICH: Any opposed? The motion passes
8 unanimately. Now, Mr. Kennedy, he is supposed to have
9 some sort of committee sometime. It's his committee. He
10 can do what he will with the time and the day.

11 MR. KENNEDY: Mr. Chairman, I am awaiting some
12 information from our legal counsel. When I get it, I
13 will probably try to set a committee meeting maybe on the
14 18th, the day before.

15 MR. GURVICH: Your call. Okay. That's
16 acceptable. You can set it, whatever you want.

17 MR. KENNEDY: But that's not definite yet until
18 I get the --

19 MR. GURVICH: You want to hold off.

20 MR. KENNEDY: I want to hold off. Once I do, I
21 will contact you and let you know and then we can make
22 the appropriate decision.

23 **QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC**

24 MR. GURVICH: Your committee. You do as you
25 will. All right. Questions from the Public, do we have

1 anybody to come forward and address us? Come on, sir.
2 If you would, find a mic. over here, give us your name,
3 and speak your piece.

4 MR. BOURGEOIS: Jason Bourgeois, Signal 88
5 Security. Just a few questions from today's meeting. I
6 have been making some notes of things I wanted to get
7 some clarification on.

8 Something was brought up, was a company soliciting
9 without a license, and I just wanted to get some
10 clarification on what constitutes solicitation or
11 advertisement. Signs on a vehicle was one thing that was
12 brought up. I was just hoping we could get the board's
13 clarification on that.

14 MR. GURVICH: Do we have the statutes up here?
15 I usually bring the statutes. We were talking about the
16 fact that you couldn't solicit business. We knew you
17 couldn't operate without a license, but you had
18 suggested, and I think you are correct on this, that you
19 can't even advertise or solicit.

20 MR. BLACKBURN: That at least was correct.

21 MR. GURVICH: So this gentleman has asked, I
22 think, for a little more precise definition of what's
23 allowed.

24 MR. BLACKBURN: My paralegal will find it
25 shortly, and I will read it to you.

1 MR. BOURGEOIS: I would like to submit, my
2 reason for asking is, I submitted for my license
3 December 19th, I believe it was. It was February 25th or
4 the 21st before I finally received it, during which time
5 I sat at home waiting. I wanted to go and solicit
6 business, but I couldn't. I was adhering to the rules,
7 and I'm seeing other companies aren't adhering to that.

8 And, you know, I take a personal note to that,
9 because it was a very difficult time for me, getting
10 started and all. I didn't solicit, but my vehicle was
11 delivered. It was franchised and fully wrapped with my
12 logos and stuff all over it and I was driving around in
13 it.

14 Obviously, I was not intending to break any laws. I
15 was just driving around in the vehicle. And I did not
16 view that or even -- I wouldn't even view it as a
17 forceful advertisement. So, you know, vehicle signs was
18 mentioned. I don't view it as a form of soliciting when
19 it's just a vehicle that has the sign on it.

20 And the reason for that is for tax purposes. That
21 thing is a 100 percent company vehicle, and it's labeled
22 as such. And so, if I was driving around without all the
23 logos and stuff on it, I wouldn't be able to take that
24 tax advantage of writing it off.

25 MR. GURVICH: Well, arguably, you probably

1 | could, but, you know, you would have a better case.

2 | MR. BLACKBURN: I can read you the law if you
3 | want me to.

4 | MR. ROMERO: I do take issue with that
5 | somewhat. I happened to be behind you driving to the
6 | meeting today and saw the vehicle and wasn't familiar
7 | with the company. And I automatically assumed, based on
8 | the vehicle, that this was an operating security
9 | company.

10 | MR. BOURGEOIS: Yes, sir.

11 | MR. ROMERO: So I would think that any
12 | individual putting themselves out in that capacity is
13 | certainly in violation, and I think Mr. Blackburn will
14 | read from the regulations to see if in fact that is the
15 | case.

16 | MS. VINSON: It's the same as putting up a
17 | billboard.

18 | MR. GURVICH: Right. But he is licensed now,
19 | correct?

20 | MR. BOURGEOIS: Yes.

21 | MS. RYLAND: Yes.

22 | MR. BLACKBURN: And if it had a phone number on
23 | it, that's soliciting to me. Okay. The law reads --
24 | 3276 (D) says:

25 | "Every person in the private security

1 business shall apply to the board for a license
2 prior to operating a business or soliciting
3 business in Louisiana."

4 MR. GURVICH: The question, I guess, if you
5 are -- if you have a logo on your vehicle --

6 MR. BLACKBURN: And a phone number, that's
7 soliciting.

8 MR. GURVICH: That's probably going to be
9 soliciting.

10 MR. BOURGEOIS: And my reason for asking too is
11 because there was some ambiguity in the laws and that was
12 something that I troubled with for a while, and I did ask
13 Ms. Ryland and sat here, because my license application
14 was submitted and the rules state that I can't operate or
15 solicit without submitting, which I had already
16 submitted. And then there is another part in the rules
17 where it says, anyone that's operating without a license
18 is in complete violation, but there is nothing that
19 specifically says soliciting.

20 And, again, I did not view it as soliciting. When I
21 did receive a phone call, because the phone number is on
22 it, I told them I'm not operating yet, I'm not there yet,
23 but, you know, maybe check back with me by this time, I
24 will. So I wasn't actively pursing contracts, so I
25 wasn't doing sales calls with anyone. I just was

1 | operating the vehicle. And, again, I was trying to do
2 | everything I could possible.

3 | MR. BLACKBURN: He does have a good point that
4 | it says -- is it at the time you apply for your license
5 | or get your license? It says apply.

6 | MS. VINSON: That says apply, right?

7 | MR. ROJAS: Yes. Prior.

8 | MS. VINSON: But you just can't operate until
9 | you have it.

10 | MR. BLACKBURN: Or solicit.

11 | MR. GURVICH: Well, the question is, can you
12 | solicit or advertise in the interim period. Now, we used
13 | to have -- the provision of the law was, you would apply
14 | and you could operate on an interim basis?

15 | MR. ROGILLIO: Used to be, yes, sir.

16 | MR. GURVICH: We got rid of that five years
17 | ago?

18 | MR. ROGILLIO: I think it was a little longer.

19 | MR. GURVICH: Longer than that. Maybe it's more
20 | like ten. The years kind of just go by. But, so, at any
21 | rate, now I think that's a valid issue which may not have
22 | been much of a problem before, but when we amended the
23 | law to say there was no interim operation, maybe now it
24 | is more of an issue.

25 | I suspect people have violated this, and we didn't

1 know about it or whatever. But, Counsel, what's your
2 opinion? You couldn't have the sign before you were
3 licensed, I take it?

4 MR. BLACKBURN: It says apply. I'm trying to
5 remember if we -- did we ever pass a rule to clarify that
6 about -- no.

7 MR. GURVICH: May I see that law?

8 MR. BLACKBURN: Sure.

9 MR. GURVICH: Like I say, I usually have the
10 actual statute with me, but I didn't bring it.

11 MR. BOURGEOIS: I request this: Could we allow
12 companies to solicit while it's pending? Using
13 precedents that were set like today, they haven't even
14 submitted their license yet, but they have already gotten
15 the contract for that Essence Festival thing.

16 MR. DUPLCHAIN: Yes. They're not -- they're --
17 that's a different question.

18 MR. BOURGEOIS: I realize that, but they didn't
19 have an application even submitted to the board, but they
20 are -- now have a contract to provide security service,
21 even though they are going to subcontract this to another
22 company. So they have in effect solicited security
23 service to someone without even having an application
24 submitted. And then we were allowed today through the
25 board meeting for them to now operate with their license

1 pending.

2 MS. VINSON: I don't think their contract is to
3 provide security service. They are hired as a consulting
4 firm to do a whole number of things.

5 MR. BOURGEOIS: But if they receive the check,
6 would they not be the provider for security and they then
7 pay their subcontractors? I'm only asking because that's
8 how I'm reading the meetings and other things, so.

9 MR. KENNEDY: They are a management
10 corporation.

11 MS. VINSON: Yes. They are a management
12 corporation.

13 MR. KENNEDY: They are managing the overall
14 Essence Festival.

15 MR. DUPLCHAIN: Well, you know, I would imagine
16 they give a list of each company and how many guard hours
17 each company worked for them and submit it to the
18 festival. The festival issues a check to each company.
19 It would have to be that way to be legal.

20 MR. GURVICH: My question, Counsel, you could --
21 for violating these laws, you could go to jail or be
22 fined?

23 MR. BLACKBURN: Yes, you could.

24 MR. GURVICH: So this, you know, if you
25 analogize this to the criminal code, it has to be strict

1 construction. I mean, you can't broaden it any more than
2 what it says.

3 MR. BLACKBURN: Right.

4 MR. GURVICH: Is this part of the criminal code,
5 for all practical purposes?

6 MR. BLACKBURN: It's got a penalty of \$500 and
7 six months in jail, so, yes.

8 MR. GURVICH: Are you sure it's not five months?

9 MR. BLACKBURN: Say it again.

10 MR. GURVICH: I think it says five months in
11 jail.

12 MR. BLACKBURN: Five months, is it? Somebody
13 made a typo?

14 MR. GURVICH: No. I think it says five months.

15 MR. ROGILLIO: It says five months, yes. It's
16 five months.

17 MR. GURVICH: Five months. But you can be
18 fined. I mean, I'm not sure. If you look at this as a
19 criminal statute, and maybe you should, then this
20 literally says that you could have -- once you apply, you
21 can begin to solicit.

22 MR. BLACKBURN: It says the reverse of that,
23 but, yes.

24 MR. GURVICH: Right. Essentially effective.

25 MR. BLACKBURN: Yes.

1 MR. GURVICH: And you can't broaden the
2 construction of that or analogize it. Because it's a
3 criminal statute, it has to be read strictly as it's
4 read -- written.

5 MR. BLACKBURN: Which means they could solicit
6 or operate.

7 MR. GURVICH: Well, you could solicit -- and
8 once you apply to the board, you could advertise and
9 solicit for business, although you couldn't operate. And
10 if you read this literally, that's where you are.

11 MR. COTTON: What was the legislative
12 (inaudible) on that one?

13 MR. GURVICH: Well, the problem you have is
14 that, when this law was written, you could apply and
15 begin operating and begin advertising. But then we
16 changed the law to prohibit your operating until you
17 received your actual license.

18 We didn't change the solicitation. We didn't change
19 this statute of 3276. So read strictly, I would say I
20 think you may have to read this strictly, because you can
21 be fined and go to jail for violation thereof. You could
22 solicit after you apply.

23 MR. BOURGEOIS: And I'm asking, is there any
24 harm in that? Could we allow it or, you know, maybe more
25 expressly say that, you know, verbally, so instead of me,

1 | you know, feeling like I have to hide the truck or
2 | whatever, because that's literally all I was doing was
3 | driving. I wasn't even doing any sales calls.

4 | But it would allow a company that's just starting to
5 | solicit sales and say, hey, I'll start your contracts
6 | effective, say, March 1st, pending my license, if I am
7 | able to operate at that time.

8 | MR. GURVICH: Well, there's one thing I can tell
9 | you. Let's assume you are wildly successful, okay, and
10 | you've got your truck and you've got your logo and you
11 | pull up and you meet a guy and he says, I'm having -- I
12 | need security badly. I need it right away, and it's half
13 | a million, million dollar a year contract. How are you
14 | going to feel about that? If you are not, you can't
15 | provide. You can solicit. You can advertise. You have
16 | been successful. Now you can't take a job because you
17 | don't have a license.

18 | MR. BOURGEOIS: We have the means already in the
19 | laws to penalize that person for taking that contract,
20 | for violating the laws, operating without having a
21 | license.

22 | MR. GURVICH: Right. But somebody who, like
23 | yourself, would be a in a pickle, then, I mean.

24 | MR. BOURGEOIS: But that would be on the
25 | individual at that point, and the board would have, you

1 know, provided the structure necessary to have an ethical
2 process happening.

3 MR. GURVICH: As I read this, once you apply,
4 you could begin soliciting. I don't think you can --
5 whether it's a civil or a criminal statute, I think it's
6 pretty much literally; you know, there's not much
7 ambiguity.

8 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: That's what it says.

9 MR. GURVICH: It is what it is. We do have a
10 theory in the law that just sometimes it is what it is.

11 So we can certainly, if we feel the need, we could
12 change it. But right now the law is, you can advertise
13 and soliciting, but you can't begin service, actual field
14 operations, until your license is --

15 MR. DUPLCHAIN: In other words, you weren't in
16 violation.

17 MR. GURVICH: And that's an opinion, which you
18 get what you pay for.

19 MR. BLACKBURN: Well, if our job is to protect
20 the public, that probably does protect the public. You
21 can solicit. So that when you do get licensed and
22 operational, you can provide the services.

23 MS. VINSON: Or when you don't, you have to say,
24 sorry.

25 MR. BLACKBURN: In the meantime, I don't have my

1 license yet, so.

2 MR. GURVICH: I agree. I mean, I think you can
3 solicit.

4 MR. BOURGEOIS: Sir, another question I brought
5 that came to my mind is: In the light of protecting the
6 public safety as mentioned, and this may be something
7 that has been broached before, but if a felon has been
8 providing security service then, you know, obviously, you
9 determine that the background check doesn't clear and
10 they can't provide that service anymore, they get
11 terminated. But what if they have been providing in an
12 armed capacity? What has happened at that point?

13 MR. GURVICH: Well, it's more serious, I can
14 tell you that. Chief.

15 MR. ROGILLIO: That's the case that would be
16 brought here.

17 MR. GURVICH: Well, one of the problems you have
18 is, there is some gap in the time frame between the
19 person being hired, deployed in the field, and the
20 background check coming back. And, typically, that gap
21 is how long?

22 MR. ROGILLIO: If we get a good set of prints,
23 generally, two to three weeks. If we get a bad set of
24 prints and have to ask for more, it could be longer.

25 MR. GURVICH: Some people don't take prints

1 | easily. It could be months. And that is a problem. We
2 | have addressed this before. I don't know quite how.
3 | Maybe these electronic fingerprint deals, something will
4 | be done about it in the future.

5 | MR. BOURGEOIS: My proposal, sir, would be,
6 | basically a preliminary electronic background check,
7 | maybe like through NCIC or something like that. You
8 | know, is there some means where we could, you know, so
9 | that the board is fulfilling their requirement of
10 | protecting public safety by doing that. So at least we
11 | can preliminarily say, okay, they are not automatically a
12 | felon, we can at least -- just for the armed security
13 | piece, at least. You know, just so, at least, we are
14 | covering ourselves there.

15 | MR. DUPLECHAIN: You can do a -- there's
16 | companies that do background checks.

17 | MR. BOURGEOIS: I mean, I have an electronic
18 | system that I utilize. I'm just talking about, from the
19 | board's standpoint, you know, if the purpose of the board
20 | is to protect public safety, then would not the board
21 | have some kind of temporary measure in place to almost
22 | immediately get those?

23 | MS. VINSON. Right. And the temporary measure
24 | would probably cost the applicant an additional \$20, so.

25 | MR. BOURGEOIS: Obviously, yes.

1 MR. ROMERO: Well, and another thing is that
2 there is no mechanism other than NCIC.

3 MR. BOURGEOIS: Right.

4 MR. ROMERO: So the mechanics of being able to
5 get that accomplished has to go through the fingerprints
6 and through the state board, because, as private
7 companies, we don't have access to NCIC.

8 MR. BOURGEOIS: Right. But like the \$20 fee
9 would be \$20 well-spent, you know, if you are preventing
10 a felon from possessing a weapon on a client's property
11 potentially.

12 MR. DUPLCHAIN: Used to be when I first
13 started, you would go to the sheriff's department or the
14 city police and run an NCIS check. Then the state passed
15 the law about fingerprints, and they cut that out.

16 MR. ROGILLIO: The NCIC, Justice Department
17 actually audits police agencies now. They can't use that
18 for licensing purposes.

19 And from the standpoint of having been in law
20 enforcement, I might have 15 Michael Smiths back there in
21 the files. If you get a Michael Smith hit, how do you
22 have -- unless you have good -- and sometimes birth dates
23 are very close. And so you deny that person employment
24 because you think he might have a record, but that's not
25 proved until you get the prints.

1 MR. DUPLECHAIN: You would think the federal
2 government would enact laws that would speed up the
3 process of trying to get people. I understand what
4 you're saying, because it's happened to me twice already
5 that this guy should not have been working and he was
6 working for like almost three months.

7 That's before we started the system. And at that
8 time, if I would have been able to run a check through
9 the sheriff's department, I would have known right there
10 this guy shouldn't be working.

11 MR. BOURGEOIS: I would be scared of criminal
12 charges on owner's for putting the gun in his hands, you
13 know, the felon.

14 MR. DUPLECHAIN: The federal government is the
15 one who makes the laws. They used to do it, but they
16 stopped it.

17 MR. ROMERO: There is no other mechanism. There
18 are databases through information brokers that one can
19 utilize. But, there again, that is only a clearing house
20 of data. The only information available to us that's
21 accurate is through NCIC, and we don't have the mechanics
22 to be able to accomplish that.

23 MR. BOURGEOIS: But you know, with the
24 clearinghouse, the data was a margin of error. You know,
25 at \$16 to \$20 per applicant, could that be at least a

1 preliminary thing, well, okay, for an armed guard, you're
2 not allowed to have -- or a firearm until he at least
3 cleared that and then we do the full, you know, thing
4 going on, which could take months, you know. It would
5 just take a few extra minutes of their time, where they
6 could attach the results from that check, you know, to
7 it.

8 So it's not something that you guys would have to do
9 necessarily. Like I use a program HireRight. And it's
10 an online program. It costs me \$16 per applicant. And I
11 could actually attach it on there if there was some kind
12 of requirement of something.

13 MS. VINSON: No. But there's -- I used to be an
14 idealist too, I guess. And there are a lot of companies
15 that just can't afford that. You know, there are a lot
16 of companies that it would be an undue hardship to that
17 company, you know, in this industry, because there are
18 still a lot of small companies out there.

19 MR. BOURGEOIS: I disagree. At 92.50 per
20 applicant already and a \$400 annual licensing fee and
21 then, you know, you've got to pay \$150 bucks a year for
22 the --

23 MR. DUPLCHAIN: All the employee pays is \$40.
24 All expenses, everything else, the company pays. That's
25 what she is saying: The companies can't afford that.

1 But then, on the other hand, you invest --

2 MS. VINSON: Some minimum wage employees can't
3 afford that.

4 MR. DUPLECHAIN: -- you have to invest that much
5 money up front for someone that can be denied in three or
6 four weeks from now.

7 MR. BOURGEOIS: Right. But, again, I'm looking
8 at undue hardship on a company that may be putting guns
9 in the hands of felons versus you know undue hardship on
10 the part of the client who has a felon armed on their
11 property.

12 (Mr. Cotton leaves hearing.)

13 MR. ROMERO: Again, you are making a request
14 based on an information service providing you data that's
15 not going to provide the same data as you are going to
16 receive from NCIC. From a liability standpoint, in
17 protecting your own organization, I think that's a very
18 noble approach and one that you might want to continue if
19 that's what you are looking to do. But the mechanics do
20 not allow us any other mechanism, other than NCIC, to be
21 able to get this information.

22 MR. BOURGEOIS: I understand. I understand
23 that. Okay.

24 MR. KENNEDY: Mr. Chairman.

25 MR. GURVICH: Mr. Kennedy.

1 MR. KENNEDY: There is one other alternative:
2 You just don't allow anyone to work, like they do in
3 Texas, until they receive their permanent license.

4 MR. DUPLECHAIN: Oh, my God.

5 MR. KENNEDY: They don't work on a temporary
6 license at all.

7 MR. DUPLECHAIN: But it's easier to do a
8 criminal background check like I do.

9 MR. BLACKBURN: They wouldn't have anybody
10 working as it is.

11 MR. KENNEDY: That's exactly right. I don't
12 know how Texas functions that way, but that is a law in
13 Texas. And how it worked, there is no such thing as a
14 temporary license in Texas.

15 MR. ROGILLIO: I think Florida does the same
16 thing.

17 MS. VINSON: Well, they said it's the guard's --
18 it's the individual's responsibility.

19 MR. KENNEDY: That is the only way I know of to
20 eliminate that gap in information.

21 MR. GURVICH: Well, I hope we tried to answer
22 your question.

23 MR. BOURGEOIS: Yes, sir. I apologize for
24 taking so much time. I have one last question. It
25 should be a little simpler. What warrants a branch

1 license? Is it just when I, say, take a contract in
2 another city or when I open a shop, or what would warrant
3 a branch license?

4 MR. GURVICH: I think it's pretty much up to you
5 if you want a branch license.

6 MR. ROGILLIO: Right. That's voluntary. Yes.

7 MR. GURVICH: Yes. That's voluntary.

8 MR. BOURGEOIS: All right. Thank you.

9 MR. GURVICH: Thank you for being here today.
10 Anything further? Anyone else care to address the
11 board? Well, then, do I hear a motion to adjourn?

12 MR. ROMERO: Motion.

13 MR. KENNEDY: You got it.

14 MR. GURVICH: Motion by Mr. Romero, second by
15 Mr. Kennedy and, I believe, also Mr. Duplechain. There
16 being no further business before the board and the motion
17 being passed unanimously, this meeting is closed. Thank
18 you for being here today.

19 (End of proceedings.)

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