

**LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF PRIVATE**  
**SECURITY EXAMINERS**

**MEETING MINUTES**

**MARCH 14, 2019**

The regular meeting of the LA STATE BOARD OF PRIVATE SECURITY EXAMINERS was called to order by Chairwoman, Marian Pierre, on Thursday, March 14, 2019 at 9:30a.m. at 15703 Old Hammond Hwy, Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

**Members of the Board present:** Marian Pierre, Chairwoman  
Durell Pellegrin  
Edward Robinson Executive  
Wilbert Sanders  
Ritchie Rivers  
Donny Pitts

Members Maria Landry, Misty Finchum, and Mark Williams; were absent. 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, Mr. Willis Harris (Elite Protection Solutions LLC), Mr. David Burke (Tectus), Ms. Lisa Beeson (Tactical Impact Security, LLC) Mr. Reginald Rowe (Security Experts and Leaders 1 INC.) and LSBPSE staff, Sharon Vallery, and Cindy Edison. Ms. Hull recorded the meeting minutes<sup>1</sup>.

Mr. Blache led the members and audience in the Pledge of Allegiance, then asked for a moment of silence for Julie Couvillon, the nurse who was shot and lost her life on Bourbon Street.

Chairwoman Pierre introduced Mr. Donny Pitts of Guardian CPP, out of Shreveport as our Newest Board member, representing Public Service District (5) Five.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Chairwoman Pierre made a motion to accept the Minutes of the December 13, 2018 regular meeting. Mr. Robinson seconded. The motion passed.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Attorney, Ron Crouch advised the Board about the ongoing Title 37 legislative re-write that he and Executive Director, Fabian Blache III have undertaken with a goal for sponsorship of the law modifications set for the 2020 legislative session. A draft of the legislation will be furnished to the Board for their discussion and input once the first edits and proofreading of the draft have been completed.

Mr. Dalton McWright reported on the financials. The board revenue is tracking towards \$1.25 million for the 2018-2019. Chairwoman Pierre made a motion to accept the financials. Mr. Ed Robinson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously without opposition. Mr. McWright, requested to have the June 2018 budget adopted and amended the budget. Chairwoman Pierre made a motion to accept the financials. Mr. Ed Robinson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously without opposition.

There was a subsequent discussion initiated by Chairwoman Pierre with respect to banking (credit card and ACH) fees. Mr. Blache will contact Whitney/Hancock Bank to determine if portal payment processing volume may warrant a discount to the current fee structure. Additionally, Mr. Blache will seek to determine if ACH fees have declined or increased in hopes of possibly implementing a cost effective ACH option.

Mr. Blache presented his report with updates on the numbers of ImageTrend guard profiles, company licenses, instructor licenses, renewals, reporting and planned enhancements. Mr. Blache also addressed the state of the application queue levels, training numbers by class and guard, and the development of a reporting model that will uncover guards who have missed training by established deadlines. Also reported were details of the shooting incident that occurred with a registered security officer on Bourbon Street, at which time Mr. Willie Harris, owner of Elite Protection Solutions, the company of record, spoke to the board about the compliance initiatives of the Board and the positive impact those initiatives had on his company's compliance and insurability, just one week prior to the shooting incident.

After the executive director's report concluded, Chairwoman Pierre entered a motion to go into executive session to conduct personnel matters. The motion was seconded by Mr. Wilbert Sanders at which time the Board went into EXECUTIVE SESSION at 10:07AM.

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**


The Board came out of EXECUTIVE SESSION at 10:35AM after voting to end the session.


The Board resumed the quarterly meeting 10:37AM, at which time Chairwoman Pierre announced a desire by the Board to make a change to Executive Director, Fabian P. Blache III's salary. Chairwoman Pierre made a motion to increase the salary of Mr. Blache to \$120,000. The motion was seconded by Mr. Ritchie Rivers and by Mr. Donny Pitts. By roll call vote the motion passed.

The vote passed with five (5) "Yay" votes. There was one (1) "Nay" vote entered by Mr. Pellegrin, who offered praise for the job being done by Mr. Blache and expressing reservations about the Board action based on wanting more of a retroactive view of prior year profits and losses.

Upon conclusion of this phase of the meeting, June 20<sup>th</sup> 2019 was chosen by the Board as the next quarterly meeting date to close out the 2018-2019 fiscal year.

#### **Minutes reviewed and certified by:**

 14/2/2019  
M.H. Pierre Date  
Chairwoman

 4/3/2019  
Fabian P. Blache III Date  
Executive Director & CAO

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<sup>i</sup> *Meeting minutes are documented by court reporter for adjudicatory hearings.*