

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

**MEETING MINUTES**

**September 19, 2019**

The regular meeting of the LA STATE BOARD OF PRIVATE SECURITY EXAMINERS was called to order by Chairwoman, Marian Pierre, on Thursday September 19, 2019 at 9:30a.m. at 15703 Old Hammond Hwy, Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

**Members of the Board present:** Marian Pierre, Chairwoman  
Misty Finchum  
Durell Pellegrin  
Mark Williams  
Edward Robinson  
Wilbert Sanders  
Richie Rivers  
Donny Pitts

Member Maria Landry was absent. Finding a quorum present, the regular order of business began.

Also in attendance were: Executive Director, Fabian Blache III; Board Attorney, Ron Crouch, Executive Assistant, Bridgette Hull, Mr. Eric Lyles (Vigilant), Mr. Eric Amerland (Merchants) and LSBPSE staff, Allison Salamoni, Stephanie Richardson, Cindy Edison and Kim Hampton. Ms. Hull recorded the meeting minutes<sup>1</sup>.

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

Chairwoman Pierre asked the Board to keep Maria Landry and her family in our prayers. She explained her absence was due to Mrs. Landry's Father in Law passing away this morning.

Chairwoman Pierre asked for a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes for June 20, 2019. Mr. Ed Robinson seconded the motion and Durrell Pellegrin also seconded. The Board received hearing requests by Mr. Jarmen Reed and Samantha Videau. It was noted that they were not present. Ron Crouch advised that we would return to this matter if they arrive before the Board has adjourned.

**LEGAL UPDATES:**

Ron Crouch briefed the Board on the status of the FETI and North Atlantic lawsuits. They were also briefed on changes made on 11<sup>th</sup> edition of Robert's rules of order reference small boards.

Fabian Blache III, who also serves as President of the International Association of Security & Investigative Regulators (IASIR), advised Board members of an upcoming IASIR conference in Baltimore, Maryland on October 28 through 31, 2019.

**Elections:**

The Board held elections for Chair and Vice Chair: Mr. Ed Robinson nominated Chairwoman Pierre to serve another two-year term as Chair. Donny Pitts and Wilbert Sanders seconded.

Misty Finchum nominated Mark Williams to serve as Chair. Richie Rivers seconded.

A roll call vote was taken to address the first nomination for Chairwoman Pierre to be re-elected. This resulted in a 6:2 vote in favor. Those in favor were Mark Williams (nullifying his nomination), Ed Robinson, Wilbert Sanders, Ritchie Rivers, Donny Pitts and Marian Pierre. Those opposed were Misty Finchum and Durell Pellegrin.

Wilbert Sanders nominated Ed Robinson to serve as Vice Chairman. Misty Finchum nominated Maria Landry to be re-elected as Vice Chairwoman. A roll call vote was taken to address the first nomination for Ed Robinson resulting in a 5:3 vote. Those in favor were Mark Williams (nullifying his nomination), Ed Robinson, Wilbert Sanders, Donny Pitts and Marian Pierre. Those opposed were Misty Finchum, Durell Pellegrin and Ritchie Rivers, resulting in Edward Robinson being elected Vice Chairman.

### **Financial**

Mr. McWright reported on the financials. Mr. McWright reported that the agency performed better than the anticipated. Misty Finchum requested two previous columns be added back to the financial documents to reflect budget versus actual.

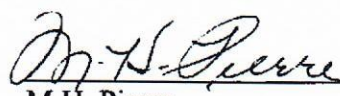
### **New Business**

Chairwoman Pierre entered a motion recommended that in the years the state board classified staff members received a market rate adjustment from the Division of Administration the Board will adjust the compensation of the Executive Director by the average staff market rate adjustment, or 3% whichever is greater. After some discussion, a roll call vote was taken, resulting in the motion passing with was a 7:1 vote. Those in favor were Durell Pellegrin, Mark Williams, Ed Robinson, Marian Pierre, Wilbert Sanders, Ritchie Rivers and Donny Pitts. The only one opposed was Misty Finchum.

As the meeting came to a close, Mrs. Videau and Mr. Reed had not yet appeared for their requested hearings. Mr. Crouch advised the Board of this dismissal of both matters as a result.

Upon conclusion of this phase of the meeting, the Board chose December 12<sup>th</sup> 2019 as the date of the next quarterly meeting.

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

  
M.H. Pierre                      1/21/19  
Chairwoman                      Date

  
Fabian P. Blache III                      1/30/19  
Executive Director & CAO                      Date

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<sup>1</sup> Meeting minutes are documented by court reporter for adjudicatory hearings.