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2 MR. GURVICH: Welcome, everyone, to Louisiana
3 State Board of Private Security Examiners quarterly
4 meeting. I'd ask, Counsel, if you would, to lead us in
5 the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by a brief moment of
6 silence. Counsel.

7 (Pledge of Allegiance and brief moment of silence.)

8 MR. GURVICH: Thank you. May we have roll call,
9 please.

10 (Roll call.)

11 MR. GURVICH: All right. We appear to have a
12 quorum. May I hear a motion regarding the reading of the
13 minutes of the previous meeting?

14 MS. VINSON: Motion to waive.

15 MR. GURVICH: I think it was a motion by
16 Mr. Rojas and Ms. Vinson jointly, so we need no second
17 since it's jointly moved. All in favor of the motion as
18 stated say aye.

19 ALL BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

20 MR. GURVICH: Any opposed? The motion passes
21 unanimously. Next matter, do you want to proceed to the
22 adjudicatory -- no. We're going to do one thing first,
23 because we have our accountants here. Why don't we
24 proceed to the -- where are we on this?

25 MS. RYLAND: No. 2 in Miscellaneous.

1 MR. GURVICH: No. 2 under Old Business. And,
2 the accounting firm, if y'all would please introduce
3 yourselves on the record and we'll proceed from there
4 with the report.

5 NEW BUSINESS, MISCELLANEOUS, AMEND 2014-15 BUDGET

6 MR. MCRIGHT: All right. I'm Dalton McRight,
7 and this is my wife, Jeanette McRight. We are the CPA
8 firm that is doing your month-to-month operations. And
9 we wanted to express our appreciation for our being able
10 to work for the board again this past year.

11 We are here today to present the status of the board
12 as of May 31st and to also amend the budget for
13 May 31st -- I mean, 6/30/15 and present a projected
14 budget for 6/30/16. So the first one we want to look at
15 would be the amended budget for 6/30/15.

16 MS. VINSON: Do we have that?

17 MR. ROJAS: We don't have the budget.

18 MS. RYLAND: What is it?

19 MR. GURVICH: 6/30/16.

20 MS. MCRIGHT: The heading is for the 11 months
21 ending May 31st, 2015.

22 MS. VINSON: Okay.

23 MR. MCRIGHT: Everybody found it?

24 MR. GURVICH: This budget was previously
25 presented and approved, and we are here to amend it

1 today; is that correct?

2 MR. MCRIGHT: Well, actually, this is going to
3 be the proposed amended budget, along with comparing it
4 to the actual as of 5/31/15 showing the remaining budget
5 after as it would be amended. We're going to need to
6 amend it, because some fairly large items changed during
7 the year.

8 MR. GURVICH: Would you address those for the
9 benefit of the board members, the items that changed,
10 what is not in conformance with the original budget.

11 MR. MCRIGHT: Okay. Yes, sir. The main item
12 change would be on page 2, almost the last item down
13 there, that \$65,000 for computer updates. I think we had
14 about \$2,000 on the original budget, so we changed it by
15 basically 63,000, and we have already expended \$64,900.
16 We don't have anything so far in May. We just wanted to
17 -- we didn't go exactly to the dollar on this. We
18 rounded it out to the nearest dollar.

19 MR. GURVICH: I assume that should be it for the
20 year?

21 MR. MCRIGHT: Yes. We believe so. We don't
22 project any additional computer updates. Everything's
23 small items which were purchased in June, but it wouldn't
24 be anything major.

25 The other items we have would be, the Employee

1 Benefits, the Retirement, which is somewhere up here in
2 the middle of that same page, up about 10 or 12 items.
3 We are showing LASERS of 150,000. That's a significant
4 increase over last year. Office of Group Benefits has
5 gone up over last year.

6 These are the items that are the major changes from
7 the prior year. And there's Group Benefits by itself is
8 going to be your normal big problem. We just can't get a
9 hand on it yet of what it's going to change to each year.
10 We never know until the state decides what its final
11 figure is, and that's normally somewhere in April or so?

12 MS VALLERY: It's supposed to be a 12-percent is
13 the last we heard. There was going to be a 12-percent
14 increase on the ER and the EU portion. Both portions are
15 going up.

16 MR. MCRIGHT: That's on the coming year.

17 MR. GURVICH: All right. Now, you've got to
18 identify yourself on the record.

19 MS. VALLERY: Sharon Vallery.

20 MR. MCRIGHT: The benefits are going to go up
21 every year. Just no way we'll get around it. It's
22 something that's going to happen, unless there is some
23 major change in the way the state retirement system
24 works. That's a whole lot of money and don't have to
25 raise premiums anymore.

1 But that's the main items item that changed on the
2 budget. Right now we are looking at projecting about a
3 \$92,000 loss for the year, and this 92,000, if you take
4 65,000 of it out and another 20- or 30,000 for group
5 benefits, you are almost going to break even for the
6 year, which is what we were shooting for.

7 Unfortunately, we didn't have enough increase in
8 revenues, the fees and stuff, to offset these unexpected
9 expenses. So they make your bottom line look bad, but
10 they were caused by outside sources. Mainly, we had to
11 upgrade computers and everything in order for the office
12 to go paperless. Fingerprints, we had to buy scanners.
13 We had a lot of trouble with computers that had to be
14 updated because of viruses. It was just an overall bad
15 year in the computer section.

16 MR. GURVICH: This isn't something that we
17 expect to recur; in other words, you don't do this every
18 year?

19 MR. MCRIGHT: No, sir. We would be surprised if
20 it happened again next year, if y'all needed anywhere
21 near this amount. The budget for next year is not even
22 going to reflect but a couple thousand dollars in this
23 area. And we think that should be the normal until you
24 have to go through another computer upgrade system in a
25 few years.

1 MR. GURVICH: I got you. Any questions for our
2 CPA here? If not, I will entertain a motion to approve
3 the proposed amended budget.

4 MR. MCRIGHT: Budget for June 30th, 2015.

5 MR. GURVICH: Do I hear a motion?

6 MR. ROMERO: So moved.

7 MS. VINSON: Second.

8 MR. GURVICH: Motion by Mr. Romero, second by
9 Ms. Vinson. Debate? Discussion? All in favor of the
10 motion as stated say aye.

11 ALL BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

12 MR. GURVICH: Any opposed? The motion passes
13 unanimously. Thanks for being here again as always.

14 MR. MCRIGHT: Well, we should have a couple
15 other things to go over --

16 MR. GURVICH: Sure.

17 MR. MCRIGHT: -- if you don't mind there. One
18 of them I need for the board -- what I want to suggest to
19 the board, since you have this \$95,000 projected loss, we
20 don't have enough revenues to cover it, and, therefore,
21 you will be in violation of the Louisiana Budgetary Act
22 if you don't come within 5 percent of your actual
23 revenues. We propose that you, on a onetime basis,
24 transfer from prior year under --

25 MR. GURVICH: Surplus or whatever.

1 MR. MCRIGHT: Surplus. Let's just call it
2 surplus -- prior year surplus to cover as a budget item
3 these overages for the year, and that will keep us from
4 being in violation during this upcoming audit.

5 MR. GURVICH: Okay. Do you need a motion to
6 that effect -- to do this?

7 MR. MCRIGHT: Yes, sir. The board has to
8 approve that.

9 MR. GURVICH: It's a matter of course, but, I
10 guess, being a state agency, we should do that.

11 MR. MCRIGHT: Right.

12 MR. GURVICH: Okay. I will move to authorize
13 the transfer of --

14 MR. MCRIGHT: Undivided?

15 MR. KENNEDY: Unreserved.

16 MR. MCRIGHT: Unreserved surplus. That's the
17 word I'm trying to get, "unreserved" surplus.

18 MR. GURVICH: Do you want to state an amount in
19 there or not?

20 MR. MCRIGHT: I would suggest doing it for at
21 least 90,000.

22 MR. GURVICH: Well, okay. We'll do it. What,
23 do you want to do, make it an even hundred?

24 MR. MCRIGHT: Yes.

25 MR. GURVICH: Okay. Then I'll make a motion

1 that we transfer 100,000 from the unreserved surplus
2 account to cover the anticipated budget shortfall for
3 this year. Do I hear a second to the motion?

4 MR. BAER: Second.

5 MR. GURVICH: Motion by Mr. Gurvich, second by
6 Mr. Baer. Debate? Discussion? All in favor say aye.

7 ALL BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

8 MR. GURVICH: The motion passed unanimously.
9 Anything else?

10 OLD BUSINESS, MISCELLANEOUS, PROPOSED 2015-16 BUDGET

11 MR. MCRIGHT: One more thing: We have the
12 proposed budget for Year End 6/30/2016. We have to adopt
13 this before the year starts, so this is our, the staff
14 and our best guess as to what the budget will be for next
15 year.

16 We tried to go as conservative as we could and come
17 up with a break-even budget. We held everything almost
18 the same. We projected the revenues would probably go up
19 around \$30,000 over what was done last year, and we
20 expect expenses to actually go down a little bit, because
21 we're knocking off.

22 MR. GURVICH: It should go down considerably.

23 MR. MCRIGHT: Right. It's going to go down,
24 we're projecting, 58,000, because we are going to have
25 some increases for those retirement and group benefits to

1 offset some of that. But everything else is pretty much
2 at a standstill budget over last year.

3 And, of course, this is just to get us started. And
4 as things come along during the year, we will have to
5 come back to the board at later meetings if we have to
6 come up with anything else that has to be purchased
7 during the year and amend the budget. But this is our
8 starting point.

9 MR. GURVICH: So this is the budget that we are
10 discussing for the 7/1/15 through 6/30/16?

11 MR. MCRIGHT: Yes, sir.

12 MR. GURVICH: Any questions for our CPA in this
13 regard? If there be none, then I'll make a motion to
14 approve the Proposed 2015-2016 budget as presented. Do I
15 hear a second to the motion?

16 MS. VINSON: Second.

17 MR. GURVICH: Motion by Mr. Gurvich, second by
18 Ms. Vinson. Any debate or discussion? All in favor of
19 the motion say aye.

20 ALL BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

21 MR. GURVICH: Any opposed? The motion passes
22 unanimously.

23 Did we finally cover everything?

24 MR. MCRIGHT: Yes, sir. We covered everything,
25 and we thank the board for their attention.

1 MR. GURVICH: Thanks for being here today.

2 Okay. Are we going to move into hearings? I
3 believe that Ms. Vinson -- there are some Vinson folks
4 here, and she has determined that she is going to recuse
5 herself. We are thinking if we can get Mr. Bynum and
6 Mr. Pruitt up first, then Ms. Vinson can come back in the
7 room expeditiously. So why don't we call --

8 MR. BLACKBURN: She can stay in the room. She
9 just can't vote.

10 MS. VINSON: Okay.

11 MR. GURVICH: I guess you shouldn't participate
12 or ask questions, and you should recuse yourself. You
13 can't vote, but there is no reason you can't be here.

14 MS. VINSON: Okay.

15 MR. GURVICH: Bring them up so that she doesn't
16 feel constrained.

17 MR. BLACKBURN: Mr. Pruitt, would you come
18 forward, please.

19 MR. PRUITT: Yes, sir.

20 MR. BLACKBURN: Have a seat at the microphone
21 over there.

22 MR. GURVICH: We have Mr. Pruitt.

23 MR. BLACKBURN: For your information,
24 Mr. Gurvich, Mr. Chairman, we're going to have to go
25 through all of them. All of them are cases we need to

1 look at.

2 MR. GURVICH: So we're going to have
3 contradictory hearings all the way through, right?

4 MR. BLACKBURN: Yes, sir. And all but one,
5 we're going to discuss criminal histories which requires
6 us to go into executive session.

7 MR. GURVICH: Okay. You're going to do for all
8 that. Do we have space to accommodate the folks who were
9 nice enough to come see us today? No?

10 MS. RYLAND: They can go in the hall.

11 MR. BLACKBURN: I don't know where we're going
12 to put them, but.

13 MR. GURVICH: All right. Let me explain to
14 those assembled here today. We have some contradictory
15 hearings going on today which will involve the discussion
16 of criminal histories of various individuals.

17 For that reason, to protect their privacy, what we
18 are going to do is go into what's called executive
19 session, in which case the public can't be here for the
20 period of time that we're going to delve into or conduct
21 this hearing. So we're going to have a motion shortly to
22 go into executive session, which I'm sure we'll pass, at
23 which point you will be asked to remove yourselves from
24 the room.

25 And, by all means, you are welcome to go into the

1 hallway. There is a kitchenette back here. Help
2 yourself to some coffee or anything. I think somebody
3 has tidbits back there. And that's why we need to clear
4 the hearing room for a brief while, while we get on this
5 here.

6 So we're going to make a motion to go into executive
7 session and stay in executive session for the six
8 hearings?

9 MR. BLACKBURN: Except when you are called for
10 your own hearing, yes.

11 MR. GURVICH: Well, at the conclusion of which,
12 we are going to come back out of executive session and
13 pronounce our rule. Do we want to do that? We're going
14 to go in and out of executive session six times, or do
15 you want to go into executive session once, do all the
16 hearings, and then come out and rule on --

17 MR. BLACKBURN: Whatever you say, Mr. Chairman.
18 It makes more sense to me to go ahead and do each one
19 individually.

20 MR. GURVICH: I mean, I understand that. We
21 have to go in and out of executive session. I'm thinking
22 we stay in executive session, but then we come out of
23 executive session and we pronounce upon our Rulings 1, 2,
24 3, 4, 5, 6. That way, you don't have to constantly be
25 clearing.

1 MR. BLACKBURN: Yes. I'd tell them to stay out
2 until we call you for your hearing.

3 MR. GURVICH: Right. They need to be here for
4 the -- we'll sound the halls.

5 Okay. Then do I hear a motion which will require a
6 two-thirds vote to go into executive session?

7 MR. KENNEDY: I'll move.

8 MR. GURVICH: Motion by Mr. Kennedy. Do I hear
9 a second?

10 MR. ROMERO: Second.

11 MR. ROJAS: Second.

12 MR. GURVICH: Second by Romero and Mr. Rojas.
13 All in favor of the motion say aye.

14 ALL BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

15 MR. GURVICH: Any opposed? The motion passed
16 unanimously.

17 Okay, folks. Help yourselves, and we are going to
18 get back to you. As your hearing comes up, someone will
19 call your name in the hallway. I'm sorry for the
20 inconvenience, but it's to protect everyone's privacy.
21 Thank you.

22 (Executive session.)

23 MR. GURVICH: We are out of executive session.
24 We will take a ten-minute break.

25 (Recess taken.)

1 MOTIONS ON ADJUDICATORY HEARINGS

2 MR. GURVICH: All right. Since we are out of
3 executive session, then I think the appropriate move is
4 that we have to now come back and have motions regarding
5 our actions taken in executive session. So if I may --
6 are y'all ready? We've got to track this. I don't want
7 any mistakes.

8 I make a motion in the matter of Charles Pruitt,
9 that -- I will make a motion to overrule the board
10 administrative action denying the license as an armed
11 officer and granting same. Do I hear a second?

12 MR. BAER: Second.

13 MR. ROJAS: Second.

14 MR. GURVICH: All in favor of the motion?

15 ALL BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

16 MR. GURVICH: Any opposed? The motion passes
17 unanimously.

18 In the matter of Carl Bynum, I make a motion to
19 overrule the board's administrative action denying the
20 licensure and authorizing the issuance of an unarmed only
21 license. Have I got that right?

22 MR. ROJAS: Right.

23 MR. GURVICH: Do I hear a second?

24 MR. ROMERO: Second.

25 MR. ROJAS: Second.

1 MR. KENNEDY: Second.

2 MR. GURVICH: Motion by Mr. Gurvich, second by
3 Mr. Romero and is that Mr. Rojas down there and
4 Mr. Kennedy as well? Okay. Debate? Discussion? All in
5 favor of the motion as stated say aye.

6 ALL BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

7 MR. GURVICH: Any opposed? The motion passes
8 unanimously.

9 Next matter, the matter of Henry Dunn. I will make
10 a motion to uphold the board's administrative action
11 denying the application for the security officer license.
12 Do I hear a second to the motion?

13 MR. KENNEDY: Second.

14 MR. GURVICH: Any debate or discussion? All in
15 favor of the motion stated say aye.

16 ALL BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

17 MR. GURVICH: Any opposed? The motion passes
18 unanimously.

19 Now, the matter of Grover Lewis. I will make the
20 motion to deny the license application based on the ATF's
21 ruling to the effect that an armed licensure application
22 is contrary to the federal interpretation, but we will
23 authorize the issuance of an unarmed license for
24 Mr. Lewis.

25 MR. ROMERO: Second.

1 MR. GURVICH: Do I hear a motion -- motion by
2 Mr. Gurvich, second by Mr. Romero, all in favor of the
3 motion as stated say aye.

4 ALL BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

5 MR. GURVICH: Any opposed? The motion passes
6 unanimously.

7 In the matter of Curtis Southall, the motion to
8 uphold the administrative board action denying the
9 application for the security officer license, do I hear a
10 second?

11 MR. ROMERO: Second.

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

15 ALL BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

16 MR. GURVICH: Any opposed? The motion passes
17 unanimously.

18 So that concludes our determinations on the five
19 hearings that were held in executive session. We have
20 one more company hearing which does not require that we
21 go back into executive session. Counsel, are you ready?

22 MR. BLACKBURN: Yes, sir.

23 MR. GURVICH: Okay, Counsel.

24 PHOENIX PROTECTION

25 MR. BLACKBURN: Mr. Buras, please step up to the

1 mic.

2 MR. BURAS: I have something for the board
3 members.

4 MR. GURVICH: All right. Show it to
5 Mr. Blackburn first.

6 MR. BLACKBURN: Just give me a copy of it first.
7 Mr. Chairman, Mr. Buras, if you will listen, as I
8 understand it, we are going to stipulate that he has the
9 six violations on six guards that were not registered,
10 and he is going to -- he has agreed to get them all
11 registered. A couple of them are already registered.
12 He's going to get them all registered and pay a \$50 fine
13 on each violation.

14 MR. BURAS: I actually have one more to turn in.

15 MR. BLACKBURN: Okay. And pay a \$50 fine on
16 each violation?.

17 MR. BURAS: Yes, sir.

18 MR. GURVICH: So we're going to stipulate as to
19 the facts?

20 MR. BLACKBURN: Yes, sir.

21 MR. GURVICH: So you're not going to take
22 testimony?

23 MR. BLACKBURN: Not necessary.

24 MR. GURVICH: Why don't you have a seat over
25 there, sir. And, now, all right, so why don't you get

1 the record straight.

2 MR. BLACKBURN: Right. We just introduce in
3 globo the file, and we have no further.

4 MR. GURVICH: All right. Then I think that we
5 have some documents that Mr. Buras wishes to introduce
6 into evidence, whatever he just gave you?

7 MR. BLACKBURN: The letter of explanation is
8 what this is, Mr. Buras.

9 MR. BURAS: Yes, sir.

10 MR. GURVICH: Okay. And do you have any
11 objection?

12 MR. BLACKBURN: No objection. We're going to
13 introduce it into evidence as Phoenix 1.

14 MR. GURVICH: Why don't we pass that around to
15 the board members so they can review it.

16 (Ms. Ryland complies.)

17 MR. GURVICH: Counsel, if you will, what
18 happened; what got us to this hearing?

19 MR. BLACKBURN: Mr. Cain did an inspection -- I
20 don't know how that happened -- after a complaint came in
21 and found six who had not been registered.

22 MR. GURVICH: Six out of how many?

23 MR. BLACKBURN: I mean, what's your total
24 employees?

25 MR. BURAS: I think it was six or seven.

1 MR. BLACKBURN: No. What's your total that you
2 have employed?

3 MR. BURAS: Total of employees?

4 MS. RYLAND: We have 34 as of this morning.

5 MR. BLACKBURN: Thirty-four, about right?

6 MR. BURAS: That's sounds about right.

7 MR. GURVICH: And then you need to give your
8 name and address to the court reporter. You don't need
9 to swear him in. Just go ahead.

10 MR. BURAS: Arthur Buras, Jr. 2900 Fable Drive,
11 Meraux, Louisiana 70075.

12 MR. GURVICH: Okay, Counsel.

13 MR. BLACKBURN: I have no further, Mr. Chairman.

14 MR. GURVICH: All right. So give me the
15 stipulations. Let's make sure everybody is on the record
16 and everybody agrees to the same things.

17 MR. BLACKBURN: Mr. Buras and Phoenix is
18 stipulating that they had six violations of guards that
19 were not registered and has agreed to, in his
20 stipulation, a \$50 fine per guard, subject to the board's
21 approval.

22 MR. GURVICH: Right. Is that correct, sir?

23 MR. BURAS: Yes, sir.

24 MR. GURVICH: All right. So we have 6 times 50,
25 \$300, that you all are assessing or recommending the

1 assessment (inaudible)?

2 MR. BLACKBURN: Yes. We do that on all cases.

3 MR. GURVICH: Yes. All right. Well, then,
4 basically, everything has been stipulated to (inaudible)
5 and that's been agreed. Before we proceed to the penalty
6 phase of this, well, I suggest to our board members, we
7 have some documents that have now been submitted by
8 Phoenix, and if you want to take a moment to read through
9 them, we will be happy to pause and allow you to do so.

10 MR. BLACKBURN: Mr. Buras.

11 MR. BURAS: Yes, sir.

12 MR. BLACKBURN: For the sake of the board
13 members, do you want to tell about that. It might help
14 you on your fine. What about that picture?

15 MR. BURAS: The picture is just a picture. None
16 of us were working. We were all off-duty. There was
17 people that didn't even work that night. I'm going to be
18 honest with y'all. I did work that night. I was
19 unarmed, though. The shotgun in the picture was just
20 for, just for a Facebook picture. That's all it was. It
21 meant nothing else.

22 Actually, all the weapons belonged to one of the
23 officers, Claude Morris, which his blue app has been
24 turned in already. All his certifications are done. The
25 certifications were actually done before the picture.

1 The reason why they wasn't registered with the state
2 is because we have a hard time getting all the paperwork
3 back from the employees when we give it to them. They
4 all get their packets. Sometimes you will get your
5 packet. They may not turn in their passport photos.
6 They may not have, you know, their fingerprint cards in.

7 When I like to present my paperwork to the state
8 board, I like to make sure that I have everything in
9 order, because I know it's going to come back, which I
10 actually had four of the blue apps come back to me
11 because I messed up on the payment.

12 One, first time, I overpaid; second time, I
13 underpaid; third time, I got it right, because I was
14 reading Mr. Wayne's handwriting and couldn't figure out,
15 you know, how much he was saying it was. But, I mean, I
16 have done everything to try to get the blue apps in.
17 Yes. I do have some outstanding blue apps that need to
18 be turned in. Basically, I was waiting on the I-9 forms.

19 But most -- all my officers get their firearms
20 training before they get on post. The ones that are in
21 that --

22 MR. BLACKBURN: Back to the picture, Mr. Buras.

23 MR. BURAS: Sir?

24 MR. BLACKBURN: Back to the picture.

25 MR. BURAS: The picture, the picture --

1 MS. VINSON: Is that just a promotional photo
2 for your business?

3 MR. BURAS: Pretty much, yeah. It was just, you
4 know -- most of us that work together, we work together
5 as a team, and we are all friends. So, I mean, it was
6 kind of like, yeah, I'm going to come out and take a
7 picture with y'all, you know, and this, that, and the
8 other. It wasn't nothing --

9 MR. BLACKBURN: The security T-shirts, do you
10 wear those on duty?

11 MR. BURAS: No, sir. Those were just something
12 I had, because I didn't want to put the actual shirts on
13 them while they were working.

14 MR. BLACKBURN: That shirt you are wearing is --

15 MR. BURAS: Yes. I was wearing a vest,
16 actually, with my badge.

17 MR. BLACKBURN: So you weren't working with that
18 T-shirt?

19 MR. BURAS: I did work, okay, but I was not -- I
20 wasn't as Phoenix.

21 MR. BLACKBURN: What were you?

22 MR. BURAS: Bouncing, side -- doing side work.

23 MR. BLACKBURN: How about your guy with the
24 mask, what's that about?

25 MR. BURAS: Being goofy, pretty much. That was

1 Claude.

2 MR. BLACKBURN: That's the answer I like.

3 MR. BURAS: He is the one who actually owned the
4 big firearms. The pistols that were in that picture, all
5 the ones that had the pistols were certified with their
6 firearms. They weren't registered with the state, but
7 they did -- they were all certified.

8 MR. BLACKBURN: You know, if you were working
9 side, I'm not real sure what that means, but if you are a
10 security guard, you are providing security. Even as a
11 bouncer, you need to be licensed and follow the rules.

12 MR. BURAS: As a bouncer?

13 MR. BLACKBURN: If you are a security company,
14 yes.

15 MR. GURVICH: And you worked directly for a bar,
16 then?

17 MR. BURAS: Have I worked directly?

18 MR. GURVICH: I'm saying, if you work, you're a
19 bouncer for a bar or a gentleman's club, whatever you
20 want to call it, and you work directly for the
21 facility --

22 MR. BURAS: Right.

23 MR. GURVICH: -- then you don't need to be --

24 MR. BURAS: Yeah. That's how --

25 MR. GURVICH: -- licensed.

1 MR. BURAS: Exactly.

2 MR. GURVICH: If you contract out to provide
3 bouncing or security services as a contract security
4 company with the bar, then you would need the license.

5 MR. BURAS: No. I didn't -- I wasn't --

6 MR. BLACKBURN: How do they pay?

7 MR. BURAS: They just pay me cash.

8 MR. BLACKBURN: Did you claim it on your IRS?

9 MR. BURAS: Uh-huh.

10 EXAMINATION OF MR. BURAS BY MR. GURVICH:

11 Q. Let me -- the question I have, do any of your
12 contracts require you to carry assault weapons or provide
13 riot shotguns?

14 A. No, sir.

15 Q. Do you have any officers that are authorized to
16 carry long arms?

17 A. Not while we're working, no.

18 Q. I mean, you do have armed officers, but they're
19 pistol carriers?

20 A. Yes.

21 Q. Nobody in the normal course of their duties with
22 Phoenix is required to carry long arms?

23 A. No.

24 Q. Because you have to have a special certification for
25 that.

1 A. Exactly, exactly.

2 MR. GURVICH: So we have a stipulation, and we
3 are in the penalty phase. I invite questions or comments
4 from the board.

5 MR. ROJAS: I have a comment.

6 MR. GURVICH: Mr. Rojas.

7 MR. ROJAS: This went on Facebook, the social
8 media this picture here; is that right?

9 MR. BURAS: Yes, sir.

10 MR. ROJAS: That's a bad indication of other
11 security companies in and around the greater New Orleans
12 area to have pictures like this on Facebook, because
13 people can take it and add anything on the bottom they
14 want. I just think it's a bad thing, even if y'all were
15 having fun that night, to take pictures like that.
16 That's my opinion. I don't think you should ever put on
17 Facebook something like that.

18 MR. GURVICH: Further comments/questions?

19 MR. BURAS: I have a question in regards to his
20 comment.

21 MR. GURVICH: Yes, sir.

22 MR. BURAS: If that's my personal Facebook page
23 for my company, don't I have the right to put up what I
24 want to put up?

25 MR. ROJAS: If it's social media, it goes all

1 over, though, once it's on Facebook. They can get your
2 page, and they can send it all over.

3 MR. BLACKBURN: To answer your questions, yes.

4 MR. ROJAS: It doesn't just stay with you,
5 though. If it's on your Facebook page, it can go all
6 over.

7 MR. BURAS: Okay.

8 MR. GURVICH: Further comments or questions?

9 Counsel, so it's \$50, plus the administrative court
10 costs. That is correct, Jane?

11 (Ms. Ryland indicates.)

12 MR. GURVICH: Okay. So that's your
13 recommendation?

14 MR. BLACKBURN: Yes, sir.

15 MR. GURVICH: All right. Based on your
16 recommendation, I will make a motion that the board
17 assess a \$50 fine per violation. So that will be six
18 violations against Phoenix Protection Services, LLC, and
19 is there anything further we need to add into this?
20 Like, is there anything else that needs to come in? Plus
21 administrative costs.

22 MR. BLACKBURN: We passed a motion a long time
23 ago, all fines would have the administrative costs with
24 it. It would be automatic.

25 MR. GURVICH: Right. Administrative costs.

1 MS. VINSON: Okay. So we don't need a motion?

2 MR. GURVICH: Well, it's in there, so whatever.

3 Y'all don't have to.

4 MR. BLACKBURN: We do it anyway.

5 MR. GURVICH: But I need a second to the motion.

6 MR. BAER: Second.

7 MR. ROJAS: Second.

8 MR. ROMERO: Second.

9 MR. GURVICH: Motion by Mr. Gurvich, second by
10 Mr. Rojas and Mr. Romero, I believe. So any further
11 debate/discussion?

12 MR. BAER: I've got one thing.

13 MR. GURVICH: Mr. Baer.

14 MR. BAER: Just looking at this on the Claude
15 Morris on the verification forms, it might just be -- I
16 don't know. But, anyway, he is verifying that he had the
17 training prior to having the training on the second eight
18 hours. He had it on the 27th, but you dated on the 26th.

19 MR. BURAS: Right, right. That was --

20 MR. BAER: In other words, he just dated it just
21 prior to even having it.

22 MR. BURAS: No.

23 MR. BAER: I mean, that's how you have it
24 listed.

25 MS. RYLAND: Is that in the information he gave

1 | you?

2 | MR. BAER: Yes. It's on the verification form.

3 | MR. BLACKBURN: It's a typo?

4 | MR. BAER: I don't think it's a typo. But it's
5 | on the top, he is attesting that he had the training on
6 | the 26th, and, on the bottom, he's got the 27th.

7 | MS. RYLAND: That would more than likely be
8 | August and --

9 | MR. BURAS: Actually, his training, his fire --
10 | I have a copy of his certification in there, and his
11 | training date was 2/20/15 on his firearms certification.

12 | MR. BAER: I'm speaking of classroom. I'm
13 | sorry.

14 | MR. BURAS: Oh, classes, he did through Paul
15 | Graffeo on the 26th and the 27th. He did his first and
16 | he did his second on Monday and Tuesday.

17 | MS. RYLAND: He should have signed it the 27th,
18 | but he signed it the 26th.

19 | MR. BAER: Right. But that's not Paul Graffeo.

20 | MR. BURAS: He didn't go through Paul?

21 | MR. BAER: No.

22 | MR. BURAS: Okay. I don't know who he went
23 | through.

24 | MS. RYLAND: That's Paul's firm.

25 | MR. BURAS: I was about to say, because, yeah,

1 they --

2 MR. BAER: So that won't really affect it.

3 MS. RYLAND: Well, his second eight hours
4 probably would not be affected, but he probably got it --

5 MR. BURAS: He is actually no longer with the
6 company anymore.

7 MS. RYLAND: Okay.

8 MR. BURAS: The termination was turned in today,
9 actually.

10 MR. GURVICH: All right. Any further
11 debate/discussion? Mr. Buras, anything?

12 MR. BURAS: No, sir.

13 MR. GURVICH: The motion is on the floor. All
14 in favor of the motion as stated say aye.

15 ALL BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

16 MR. GURVICH: Any opposed? The motion passed
17 unanimously.

18 Okay. I think you got off pretty lightly there.
19 I'm sure there will be additional inspections and all
20 that.

21 MR. BURAS: That's fine.

22 MR. GURVICH: All we are saying is, play by the
23 rules that were established and, you know, welcome to the
24 contract security business.

25 MR. BURAS: Oh, I know.

1 MR. GURVICH: And I hope you prosper and all
2 that, but we've got to play by the rules.

3 MR. BURAS: That's fine.

4 MR. GURVICH: Thank you very much for being
5 here.

6 MR. BURAS: What's the total?

7 MR. GURVICH: 300, plus administrative costs.

8 MS. RYLAND: I will be sending you a letter, and
9 you will have 30 days to pay it. We'll send out a form
10 letter.

11 MR. BURAS: That's fine.

12 MR. GURVICH: Do you have any idea what the
13 costs will be, the administrative side?

14 MR. BLACKBURN: It used to be like 125.

15 MS. RYLAND: 125 is what it's set at.

16 MR. GURVICH: \$125.

17 MS. RYLAND: Unless we have other investigation,
18 like, outside investigation. We will add that cost.
19 But this will be \$125.

20 MR. GURVICH: Then \$425. Thank you for being
21 here.

22 MR. BURAS: All right. Thank y'all.

23 MR. GURVICH: All right. Next matter. We are
24 going to go back to the actual agenda.

25 LEGAL UPDATE/LEGISLATION

1 MS. VINSON: Legal Report.

2 MR. BLACKBURN: Oh, legal report.

3 MS. VINSON: Legal Update?

4 MR. BLACKBURN: We don't have any pending, and
5 there's no legislative processes affecting us.

6 MR. GURVICH: Yes. I didn't think we were going
7 to get much done this time.

8 MS. RYLAND: But next time we have a whole list
9 of things.

10 OLD BUSINESS, OFFICE STATUS REPORTS

11 MR. GURVICH: Next, we have Old Business. We
12 still have office Status Reports. Anybody want to review
13 those with the board staff?

14 MS. VINSON: Kind of, sort of.

15 MR. GURVICH: Kind of, sort of? Anybody have
16 any comments or questions for board staff from any board
17 members? All right.

18 NEW BUSINESS, ELECTION OF BOARD CHAIRMAN AND VICE-
19 CHAIRMAN

20 MR. GURVICH: New Business, Elections. The
21 floor is open for nominations for whoever wants this job.

22 MR. ROMERO: Mr. Chairman.

23 MR. GURVICH: Sir.

24 MR. ROMERO: I would like to nominate Louis
25 Gurvich as chairman and Christine Vinson as

1 vice-chairman.

2 MR. ROJAS: Second.

3 MR. GURVICH: Well, that's very kind of you. At
4 the usual salary, I presume? Okay. If there's nobody
5 else -- anybody else wishes to run, please let me know.

6 MR. ROJAS: I make a motion that the nomination
7 be closed.

8 MR. KENNEDY: I'll second.

9 MR. GURVICH: Motion by Mr. Rojas, second by
10 Mr. Kennedy. All in favor --

11 MR. BLACKBURN: Wait a minute. Before you take
12 a vote, Mr. Chairman, let's review one more time what the
13 term limits are. One second.

14 MR. GURVICH: You mean, not for the office, but
15 to serve?

16 MR. BLACKBURN: Yes -- no. The office is a
17 difference.

18 MR. GURVICH: Oh, it is? Okay. I didn't know
19 the chairman has a term.

20 MR. BLACKBURN: I don't think it does. That's
21 why I want to check it, to make sure.

22 MR. GURVICH: Because I would have told
23 somebody.

24 MR. BLACKBURN: Okay. She can't find it, it
25 must not be there.

1 MR. GURVICH: All right. Nominations are
2 closed. All in favor of the -- I guess we will run on a
3 ticket to save some time. All in favor of Louis Gurvich
4 chairman and Christine Vinson vice-chairman, please say
5 aye.

6 ALL BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

7 MR. GURVICH: Any opposed? Thank you. I know I
8 speak for Christine. We are very honored to serve you
9 guys and go onwards and upwards. So next matter.

10 NEW BUSINESS, APPROVAL OF CONTRACTS

11 MS. RYLAND: Vendor contracts.

12 MR. GURVICH: Okay. Now, does the vendor
13 contracts include Doug Cain?

14 MS. RYLAND: No.

15 MR. GURVICH: Is he a vendor?

16 MS. RYLAND: No. He is actually an employee, an
17 unclassified employee for the State Board of Private
18 Security.

19 MR. GURVICH: Okay. So we have -- our CPA is,
20 I'm sure.

21 MS. RYLAND: We have our CPA, our court
22 reporter.

23 MR. GURVICH: Long-suffering court reporter.

24 MS. RYLAND: Yes. Our computer guy that does
25 all of our actual custom guard work information for us.

1 We have our computer firm that handles all the computer's
2 e-mail and everything for it, which is Teknarus and
3 Michael Morgan.

4 And there is two contracts in here that one is
5 Mr. Jim Coleman, who has been our contractor in North
6 Louisiana for a long time. We wanted to renew that so we
7 can have an outside investigator up there. And then --

8 MR. GURVICH: Y'all are satisfied with his work?

9 MS. RYLAND: Yes. And that contract is for
10 \$10,000. And then we have a contract that -- for
11 Mr. Tony McCoy. Wayne had talked to Mr. McCoy a month
12 back or two months ago. And he wanted to ask y'all if
13 you would hire him. This is at \$10,000.

14 MR. GURVICH: And I believe I asked you to check
15 on his licensure with the PI Board.

16 MS. RYLAND: Yes. I did check. He is good.
17 His license is still valid.

18 MR. GURVICH: He would be primarily working?

19 MS. RYLAND: He would be working the Slidell-New
20 Orleans area, wherever we needed him at. He said he was
21 willing to go. And we did it at \$10,000 because of the
22 budget issues. Mr. McRight said that, if we need to
23 amend it later, we could.

24 MR. GURVICH: Have we been doing audits? I
25 mean, have we been on our typical course in terms of

1 trend-wise our audits, or are we way below that?

2 MS. RYLAND: We are way below that. We haven't
3 done any audits. We have done two audits in the last
4 year.

5 MR. ROMERO: How many would we normally have
6 done?

7 MS. RYLAND: We try to do four to six audits a
8 month, company audits. Actually, we got, I think it's
9 eight or ten letters outstanding out there that we've
10 sent out. Companies have been served that they are going
11 to be audited, but they are just waiting on the audit.
12 And we just -- we haven't audited them yet, so.

13 And then, when we get those audited, then we will
14 send out 10 more letters -- or we usually send out 15 at
15 the time, but we've -- before Dickie left, he got two of
16 those off that list. One of the companies closed down.
17 Two in effect are coming back. And we have the rest. We
18 have two small audits done, and now we have the rest of
19 the audits that's still lingering.

20 MR. ROMERO: How long has it been since we
21 conducted an audit?

22 MS. RYLAND: Probably since, maybe, October. We
23 haven't done any in 2015. My suggestion would be that we
24 bring them in and do either electronic or filing. Or if
25 we do mail-in audits for companies that are out of state,

1 they mail us all of their copies or they can do it
2 electronically or they can send us a jump drive. We do
3 it like that as well.

4 But when we got our new investigator, Wayne didn't
5 want to do it that way. He wanted to physically go out.
6 And that hasn't been done. So that's where the 30,000 is
7 coming from.

8 MR. GURVICH: You've got to some training to do,
9 obviously, with a new investigator.

10 MS. RYLAND: Yes, but audits are very simple.
11 They actually go in the field, gather the information,
12 and bring it back to the lady that does audits here.

13 MR. ROMERO: You have a dedicated individual in
14 the office that does audits?

15 MS. RYLAND: I have, yes. And what she's been
16 doing, she's been -- since we are going paperless, we
17 have not destroyed any paperwork yet, so that's a good
18 thing. But we are putting everything in the computers.
19 So every file that's scanned by one of the employees, she
20 scans that file and audits it to make sure that
21 everything is done correctly.

22 And she is the only person that has the authority to
23 delete anything that's been done wrong. So she has to
24 scan -- she has to check every file that's been scanned.
25 So she stays busy doing that. But then, audits, we can

1 do those. You know, we can do those as well in-house.

2 Actually, big companies, Crescent Guardian, they
3 send us jump drives, you know. And we never have any
4 problems with those.

5 The only other contract that's different from any
6 other contract that you have ever signed during the --
7 this, this is Beebe's Pest and Termite Control. We came
8 in one morning to a swarm of termites, so we had to get
9 them out here that day. So they suggested that we
10 actually do a yearly contract, and it's \$1600.

11 I signed off on it, because I thought I was signing
12 off on her to pay the monthly bill. And then I realized
13 it was a \$1600 contract. So when I call them, all I have
14 to do is mark through there. You have to sign it. But
15 this will be a yearly thing now to have a termite
16 inspection every year. We still will have our pest
17 control, but we will have the inspection every year, and
18 we have to have it contracted as it's \$1600.

19 MR. GURVICH: Is this a wood frame building
20 only?

21 MS. RYLAND: There is wood in it, but it's
22 metal. But all these walls right here are wood.

23 MR. GURVICH: Wood studs?

24 MS. RYLAND: Yes.

25 MR. GURVICH: I got you. You could have

1 termites, yes.

2 MS. RYLAND: Oh, at that back door, they must
3 have had a five-gallon bucketful scattered everywhere.

4 MR. GURVICH: Was it a wooden door?

5 MS. RYLAND: No. Actually, it wasn't.

6 MR. GURVICH: A wooden door frame?

7 MS. RYLAND: Yes. It might have been a wooden
8 door frame.

9 MR. ROJAS: They swarm 20 minutes, they go back.
10 Another swarm comes in.

11 COURT REPORTER: They what?

12 MR. ROJAS: I said they swarm 20 minutes, those
13 termites. But the way -- fall down in the ground, and
14 then about a half-hour later, more come in. Boy, at the
15 ball games in the park, you see nothing but termites.

16 MS. RYLAND: Oh, yes. It was like every two
17 feet they had dug in the ground and put the termite stuff
18 in there. So we had all that treated, but this will be a
19 yearly contract that we need y'all to approve and sign.

20 MR. GURVICH: All right. Well, let's go down
21 the list here. On the McRight contract, are the terms
22 and conditions the same as previous?

23 MS. RYLAND: Yes. As a matter of fact -- the
24 only -- I'm sorry. The only thing that changes on
25 McRight is, it was Mr. Dalton's company, and it's changed

1 to Ms. Jeanette's name.

2 MR. GURVICH: Ms. Jeanette McRight?

3 MS. RYLAND: McRight, yes. It just changed
4 names, not the company.

5 MR. GURVICH: The terms and conditions are the
6 same as previous?

7 MS. RYLAND: Yes.

8 MR. GURVICH: I make a motion to approve the
9 contracts as presented.

10 MR. ROMERO: Second.

11 MR. GURVICH: Motion by Mr. Gurvich, second by
12 Mr. Romero. All in favor of the motion as stated say
13 aye.

14 ALL BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

15 MR. GURVICH: Any opposed? The motion passes
16 unanimously.

17 We have the Annette Ross contract, which I assume is
18 the same as the previous?

19 MS. RYLAND: Yes.

20 MR. GURVICH: Okay. I will make a motion to
21 approve it as presented.

22 MR. ROJAS: Second.

23 MR. GURVICH: Second by Mr. Rojas. Debate?
24 Discussion? All in favor of the motion say aye.

25 ALL BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

1 MR. GURVICH: Any opposed? The motion passes
2 unanimately.

3 On the next contract, which is the Coleman, okay.
4 This is a contract for -- this is the -- this is a
5 renewal. Right. Okay. That has the same terms and
6 conditions?

7 MS. RYLAND: Yes.

8 MR. GURVICH: Motion to approve the contract as
9 presented?

10 MS. VINSON: Motion to approve.

11 MR. GURVICH: We have a motion by Ms. Vinson,
12 second by Mr. Gurvich. All in favor say aye.

13 ALL BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

14 MR. GURVICH: Any opposed? The motion passes
15 unanimately. The next one will be the new contract.
16 Same terms and conditions as all the other contracts?

17 MS. RYLAND: As Mr. Coleman's. Yes.

18 MR. GURVICH: Okay. I make a motion, unless
19 somebody else wants to make a motion.

20 MS. VINSON: I will make a motion.

21 MR. GURVICH: Okay. Ms. Vinson's motion to
22 accept the contract as presented, seconded by
23 Mr. Gurvich. All in favor say aye.

24 ALL BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

25 MR. GURVICH: Any opposed? The motion passed

1 | unanimously. And next we have the Teknarus computer
2 | support agreement. Is this essentially the same
3 | contract, just for renewal?

4 | MS. RYLAND: Yes.

5 | MR. GURVICH: No terms or conditions changes?

6 | MS. RYLAND: No.

7 | MR. GURVICH: And you have carefully reviewed
8 | this entire contract?

9 | MS. RYLAND: Yes, I did. I did the last two.
10 | And so did Sharon, actually.

11 | MR. GURVICH: I know counsel did.

12 | MR. BLACKBURN: I never see them.

13 | MS. RYLAND: (Inaudible) and I both redid it.

14 | MR. GURVICH: Motion to approve as presented by
15 | Mr. Gurvich, second by --

16 | MR. ROJAS: Second.

17 | MR. GURVICH: -- Mr. Rojas. All in favor of the
18 | motion say aye.

19 | ALL BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

20 | MR. GURVICH: Any opposed? The motion passes
21 | unanimously. Where am I, at Beebe's Pest and Termite
22 | Control? Okay. So this is the new guy. It's a one-year
23 | contract for 1600 bucks?

24 | MS. RYLAND: Yes.

25 | MR. GURVICH: And you are satisfied with -- they

1 will probably come out on their own basis, I guess?

2 MS. RYLAND: Oh, yes.

3 MR. GURVICH: Are you satisfied with their work?

4 MS. RYLAND: Oh, yes.

5 MR. GURVICH: Okay. I'll make a motion to
6 approve it has presented. Do I hear a second?

7 MR. KENNEDY: Second.

8 MR. GURVICH: Who is that? Mr. Kennedy. All in
9 favor of the contract presented say aye.

10 ALL BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

11 MR. GURVICH: Any opposed? The motion passed
12 unanimously. Is that all the contracts?

13 MS. RYLAND: No, sir. We have one more, a
14 Michael Morgan.

15 MR. GURVICH: Okay. Where is he?

16 MS. RYLAND: He should have been right before or
17 right after Teknarus. It's going to be in that pack of
18 contracts.

19 MR. GURVICH: What is this about?

20 MS. RYLAND: He's the one that actually does all
21 of our work for our guard tracking system that keeps u
22 with everything just pertaining to our guards,
23 instructors, and companies. The only thing he did was,
24 he did talk to Wayne and Wayne agreed to let him go up to
25 \$75 an hour and he was charging \$70 an hour.

1 MR. GURVICH: What does this contract typically
2 cost us per annum?

3 MS. RYLAND: You know, I can go back and look.
4 Around 20,000, less than \$20,000.

5 MR. GURVICH: And so what exactly is it that
6 they do?

7 MS. RYLAND: We have our own custom guard
8 tracking program, where we input all the data about the
9 guards, companies, and instructors.

10 MR. GURVICH: In other words, y'all don't do
11 that in-house?

12 MS. RYLAND: No. He is a contract person that
13 does that for us. He takes care of that. Teknarus is
14 the one who takes care of all of our other issues: the
15 server, the e-mail, all of that.

16 MS. VINSON: So this is a software?

17 MS. RYLAND: Basically, yes.

18 MS. VINSON: He manages the software?

19 MS. RYLAND: Yes. The only difference in that
20 contract is, he went up \$5 an hour.

21 MS. VINSON: So it's custom programming, pretty
22 much.

23 MR. GURVICH: All in favor of approving the
24 contract as presented? Actually, we need a motion, which
25 I will make. Do I hear a second?

1 MS. VINSON: Second.

2 MR. GURVICH: Motion by Gurvich, second by
3 Ms. Vinson to approve the contract as presented. Debate?
4 Discussion? All in favor say aye.

5 ALL BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

6 MR. GURVICH: Any opposed? The motion passes
7 unanimately.

8 Now we are done with contracts. We are done with
9 termites. And we have the report of the, what is it,
10 committee?

11 AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORT

12 MR. ROMERO: Ad Hoc Committee.

13 MR. GURVICH: The Chip Romero committee needs to
14 present his report.

15 MR. ROMERO: The Ad Hoc Committee met this
16 morning to discuss the recent ATF ruling on -- their
17 interpretation of our ten-year cleansing period and
18 whether or not our law is in sync with their position and
19 are our regulations. In fact, we know that it's not.

20 So the committee discussed and came up with a motion
21 to present to the full board to bring us into compliance
22 with the feds' interpretation of Federal Statute 18
23 U.S.C. 922, Subsection G. And as a result of the
24 committee meeting, I would like to present a motion for
25 consideration, but a statement in advance of the motion

1 and then the motion.

2 The statement in advance of the motion is, this
3 motion is being introduced as the result of the
4 Department of Justice ATF Section June 2014
5 interpretation of Federal Statute 18 U.S.C. 922,
6 Subsection G, and how that statute relates to Louisiana
7 Statute 14:95.1 and the Louisiana Concealed Handgun Law,
8 40:1379.3, Subsection C(10).

9 And the motion is as follows: Motion to authorize
10 board staff to issue an immediate armed status suspension
11 notices to all currently armed officers with a felony
12 conviction. This notice does not apply to previously
13 convicted felons with a presidential or a governor's
14 pardon; furthermore, to authorize board staff to continue
15 the practice of denying armed status to convicted felons
16 unless a presidential or governor's pardon is provided.

17 MR. GURVICH: Okay. That was passed at the
18 committee meeting. So I will now entertain a motion to
19 adopt the report of the Ad Hoc Committee meeting early
20 this morning --

21 MS. VINSON: So moved.

22 MR. GURVICH: -- so that it becomes the action
23 of the board.

24 Motion by Ms. Vinson, second by Mr. Gurvich.

25 Debate? Discussion? Comments? Questions?

1 I think the whole thing is a damn shame and, like I
2 said this morning, where is the ACLU when you need them?
3 But, at any rate, I don't think we have any choice, and I
4 agree with the findings of the committee.

5 Comments? Questions? I will call for a vote, then,
6 to adopt in toto the committee report. I think a
7 second -- did you second already?

8 MS. VINSON: No. I made the motion.

9 MR. GURVICH: You made the motion. I've
10 seconded it. Right. All in favor of the motion as
11 stated say aye.

12 ALL BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

13 MR. GURVICH: There being no opposition, the
14 motion passes unanimously.

15 UPCOMING IASIR MEETING

16 Now, I think there was some stuff on here. IASIR,
17 the International Association of Security and
18 Investigative Regulators, did y'all know that it's coming
19 back to New Orleans after about a 15-year hiatus? So I'm
20 told that -- do you know the dates of this thing? It's
21 in early November.

22 MS. RYLAND: It is in early November. I can go
23 get them for you. No. I don't know off the top of my
24 head. Do you want me to go get it?

25 MR. GURVICH: Would you, please.

1 (Ms. Ryland leaves room.)

2 MS. VINSON: I remember getting the e-mail from
3 you, and I didn't act on it. I figured I'd just wait
4 till we get back from --

5 MR. GURVICH: Louisiana, since its founding, has
6 always had such a good presence and is one of the few
7 states that has had a continued good presence there.
8 It's going to be hosted in New Orleans. It's a very nice
9 event coming up.

10 I think we're going to have -- it's going to be
11 primarily the topic is about disaster response for
12 security companies and their regulators, what happens
13 when you have a Sandy or a Katrina.

14 So I think it should be a lot of fun, and I strongly
15 urge everybody to attend. And I wish I had not been so
16 busy, or I would actually tell you the dates and
17 locations of the meeting. We will come back to that.
18 This is just a notification.

19 I think that we were also going to entertain a
20 motion regarding board counsel and the internal
21 investigation. Do you feel that it's necessary to go
22 into executive session on that? I'm not sure I do. I
23 mean, we can if somebody feels strongly about it.

24 MR. BLACKBURN: I'm okay with the audience
25 hearing this.

1 MR. GURVICH: All right. Well, I mean, shall we
2 wait for Jane's return?

3 MR. BLACKBURN: Yes.

4 MS. VINSON: Jane is not here, but IASIR is
5 November 11th through 13th at the Astor Crowne Plaza.

6 MR. GURVICH: It's at the Astor Crowne Plaza
7 11th through 13th.

8 (Off the record discussion. Ms. Ryland reenters room.)

9 MR. GURVICH: I think this thing really does
10 talk about the way the world is trending with boards like
11 us. There's a lot of people that have our kind of
12 situations and problems. So you're not operating in a
13 vacuum. So I would strongly urge you guys to go have
14 some fun there. Hotel bookings are filling up. I think
15 it will be a lot of fun. Actually, I think we really
16 will learn something.

17 MS. VINSON: I remember seeing a note saying
18 that it's not furnished, unless you live more than 30
19 miles away.

20 MR. GURVICH: Well, I'm done. You're done.

21 MS. VINSON: Yes.

22 MS. RYLAND: When is it?

23 MS. VINSON: November 11th through the 13th.

24 MS. RYLAND: Louis, did you get the e-mail
25 Laurel about this speaker?

1 MR. GURVICH: If you're asking about the program
2 director, because I really don't know anything about it,
3 I'll help.

4 Chip, is this something we could send out to the
5 industry? Y'all can just push a button and do that,
6 can't you?

7 MR. BLACKBURN: You should. They do that all
8 the time.

9 MR. GURVICH: It may be fun. It's good to know.
10 Why don't we do that, send a notice out and just say we
11 think you'll have fun and you'll learn.

12 MS. VINSON: Do we register through you, or do
13 we register on our own?

14 MS. RYLAND: You register through us, because we
15 pay the cost. And there's a form.

16 MS. VINSON: We fill it out and send it to you?

17 MS. RYLAND: Yes.

18 MR. GURVICH: The board members. Now everybody
19 else needs to register with whoever they are told by
20 IASIR.

21 MR. BLACKBURN: Except your legal counsel might
22 go too, register.

23 MR. GURVICH: You could probably get in.
24 Actually, two representatives get in, because by virtue
25 of the fact that we are members. Maybe you can be one of

1 | them.

2 | MR. ROMERO: Is the public allowed to attend?

3 | MR. GURVICH: Typically, they get a lot of
4 | regulators and administrators. And then they have the
5 | public. The industry people are called associate members
6 | in that organization.

7 | MS. RYLAND: But they have to go in and do a
8 | sponsorship thing, right?

9 | MR. GURVICH: No. No, no, no. You can just
10 | join and be an associate member. And if you just attend
11 | as a -- well, I guess you have to join to be an associate
12 | member, but if you are a small operator, it's not
13 | expensive. And, you know, a lot of people aren't even
14 | going to want hotel fees to go to this thing, so. I
15 | think it will be a lot of fun. And like I say, they do
16 | talk about real stuff, so I strongly urge everybody --

17 | MS. RYLAND: They have a very good agenda. A
18 | lot of it is Homeland Security and Stafford regulations.

19 | MR. GURVICH: Have we got anybody from maybe
20 | extremely senior positions in the state police that might
21 | be interested in saying a few words?

22 | MR. BLACKBURN: Give me all the information. My
23 | boss in front of a group, in a second. He will talk your
24 | head off.

25 | MR. GURVICH: Have you checked with the --

1 MR. BLACKBURN: Yes. It seems to me, though,
2 that the IASIR organization would get the -- if they had
3 a list of all our people, they would send out the notices
4 about the convention and invite people to come.

5 MR. GURVICH: Well, they probably should be
6 doing that. How much marketing do they on that? There's
7 no reason in the world that we didn't send a notice out
8 saying, if you want to attend, I think you will have some
9 fun and learn something. I mean, it's not like it's
10 required --

11 MS. RYLAND: What about if I put a note on our
12 web site under our memo page?

13 MR. GURVICH: Oh, definitely do that. I don't
14 think there's any problem with us sending information to
15 the industry. Why don't we chat about that. I think
16 Mr. (inaudible) would be an excellent speaker choice if
17 you wanted to.

18 MR. BLACKBURN: We can do it.

19 MR. GURVICH: We have to make sure (inaudible)
20 contract security PI.

21 MR. BLACKBURN: What's the dates?
22 November 11th?

23 MS. RYLAND: November 11th through 13th.

24 MR. BLACKBURN: That's election day.

25 MR. GURVICH: Well, when is "election" election

1 day?

2 MR. BLACKBURN: I think it's the 13th, whatever
3 that Saturday is, or is it Tuesday?

4 MR. ROJAS: The 14th is the election.

5 MR. GURVICH: Well, the actual first day is
6 probably when they want to hear from him, which would be
7 the 11th. It still gives him time to get back here and
8 get ready for. By the way, we have October is the
9 general election, right, and November is the runoff. So
10 a lot of this rigamarole will be behind us. I mean, I'm
11 sure it will be an intense campaign between the last two
12 guys standing, but at least you won't have six or seven
13 candidates.

14 MR. BLACKBURN: Who would that be?

15 MR. GURVICH: I wouldn't dare to guess. I think
16 I can guess one of them, but I would not dare to guess
17 the second guy.

18 NEW BUSINESS, AUTHORIZATION OF INVESTIGATION

19 Well, at any rate, be that as it may, the other
20 thing, we have a board investigation pending, so I'm
21 going by a general sense of what the board wants to do.
22 So I will make a motion to authorize board counsel to
23 proceed to investigate the allegations of impropriety
24 against certain board staffers and to report back your
25 findings as to the truth or not of the allegations as

1 quickly as possible and to review all evidence and
2 reports, communications, and association therewith.

3 Does that catch it for you? So the board counsel
4 will be responsible for doing this. Is everybody on
5 board?

6 MR. ROMERO: Second.

7 MR. GURVICH: Motion by Mr. Gurvich, second by
8 Mr. Romero. Everybody is on board?

9 MR. KENNEDY: Yes.

10 MS. VINSON: Yes.

11 MR. GURVICH: Debate? Discussion? All in favor
12 of the motion stated say aye.

13 ALL BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

14 MR. GURVICH: Any opposed? The motion passes
15 unanimously. We haven't had a dissenting vote all day,
16 which is unusual, even by our standards.

17 MR. BLACKBURN: I wanted to nominate Donald
18 Cotton as chairman.

19 MR. GURVICH: Why not?

20 Oh, his resignation has taken effect, right? Are we
21 sending -- did we used to send plaques and so forth?

22 MR. BLACKBURN: Used to.

23 MR. GURVICH: You know, we should. I mean, I
24 think it's horrible. The time and effort that people put
25 into this, they should get something. Is that something

1 that we can do with state board funds, spend the \$30 to
2 acknowledge the man's contributions for several years?

3 MS. RYLAND: Yes, sir.

4 MR. GURVICH: Can you proceed to get that done,
5 and I will send a nice thank you letter. Let me know if
6 there's anybody we missed, because, that, it's horrible
7 not to.

8 All right. The Determination of the Next Meeting --
9 just go ahead and do it. We have been doing it, so I
10 don't know if we need a motion every time we're going to
11 do that. It seems silly. As a matter of routine, when
12 somebody's service terminates, send them a nice
13 congratulatory letter, or the current serving chairman,
14 we'll get them a plaque. Unless they were convicted of
15 treason against the state or something like that, they
16 will get a nice plaque.

17 DETERMINATION OF DATE OF NEXT BOARD MEETING

18 MR. GURVICH: Okay. The next board meeting,
19 what's y'all's pleasure? What do you want to do?

20 MS. RYLAND: Are you going to stay on Wednesday
21 or go back to a Thursday?

22 MS. VINSON: What's the month?

23 MS. RYLAND: We can go sometime in September,
24 because we don't have anything urgent, unless you do a
25 special meeting.

1 MR. GURVICH: Labor Day is the 7th, so you want
2 to do it after?

3 MS. VINSON: If we do it on Wednesday, we could
4 do it, like, the 16th or the 23rd?

5 MR. BLACKBURN: And know that we are going to
6 have one more meeting on this investigation.

7 MR. GURVICH: Right. But we will get to that
8 when we get to it. That will be a special meeting
9 anyway, so we will call it when we call it.

10 MS. RYLAND: So we want it on a Wednesday or
11 Thursday?

12 MR. KENNEDY: Wednesday the 16th, how does that
13 sound?

14 MR. GURVICH: Wednesday the 16th at -- when do
15 we do it -- 9:30 a.m. in the board offices. Is that a
16 motion?

17 MR. KENNEDY: That's a motion.

18 MR. GURVICH: Second to the motion. All in
19 favor of the motion as stated say aye.

20 ALL BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

21 QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

22 MR. GURVICH: Any opposed? The motion passed
23 unanimously. I would call for questions from the public,
24 but I think that we have abused them so much today that
25 they left, so I guess we can dispense with that.

1 Anything else, board members, staff, anything else we
2 need to be addressing at this meeting? If not, I will
3 make a motion to adjourn.

4 MR. BAER: Second.

5 MR. GURVICH: All in favor adjourning "sine die"
6 say aye. Adjourned. This meeting is adjourned.

7 (End of proceedings.)

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