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MINUTES
Board Meeting
February 10, 2022

The Alabama Security Regulatory Board met on Thursday, February 10, 2022 at its office located at 2777 Zelda Road, Montgomery, Alabama, to conduct business. The following Board members were in attendance: Mr. Kevin Murphy (Chair), Ms. Debra Davis (member), Mr. Burke Swearingen (Vice Chair), Mr. Harold Stamps (member) and Sheriff Billy Jones (member). Others attending onsite were Mr. Keith Warren (Executive Director), Ms. Neva Conway (Legal Counsel), Mr. Dennis Trammell (Investigator), Ms. Karen Harlow (Legal Assistant) and Ms. Renee' Reames (recording secretary). Mr. Murphy, Board Chair, called the meeting to order at 1:31 p.m.

The regularly scheduled Board meeting was advertised on the Board's website, www.asrb.alabama.gov, and the Secretary of State's website, www.sos.alabama.gov, in accordance with requirements of the Alabama Open Meetings Act. Mr. Warren called Board roll and a quorum was present onsite to conduct business of the Board.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairman Murphy presented, for the Board's approval, the minutes from the November 4, 2021 regular meeting. A copy of the minutes was provided to the Board members prior to the meeting for their review. Ms. Davis made a motion to approve the November meeting minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Stamps and unanimously approved by the Board. The meeting agenda was corrected to reflect correct meeting minutes date.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Warren presented the Executive Director's Report (report on file in the official Book of Minutes). The report included the financial activities of the Board for the period ending January 31, 2022. A line-item summary of expenses was also reviewed for this same reporting period. Mr. Warren reported on the total number of active licensees and commented on the improved flow of obtaining background reports. He also reported on the number of complaints received in FY 2021 and FY 2022.

Ms. Davis made a motion to accept the financial report as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Stamps and unanimously approved by the Board.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Mr. Warren also presented the Administrator's Report on activities performed by the staff since the last Board regular meeting held in November (report on file in the official Book of Minutes).

LEGAL COUNSEL'S REPORT

Ms. Conway, the Board's Legal Counsel, presented the legal counsel report. She reported that company re-inspections were scheduled 45-60 days to allow the contract-security companies to come into compliance, etc. She reported on complaint cases during FY 2022: three to five disciplinary cases resulting from inspections, proposed settlement agreements prepared on two probable cause cases, and one case of impersonating a police officer.

Chairman Murphy presented the Alabama Law Judge Recommendations on 9 cases for the Board's approval:

- Case 2020-022D - motion by Mr. Swearingen and second by Ms. Davis to uphold the denial of license. The motion was unanimously approved by the Board.
- Case 2021-003D - motion by Ms. Davis and second by Mr. Stamps to uphold the denial of license. The motion was unanimously approved by the Board.
- Case 2021-017D - motion by Mr. Stamps and second by Sheriff Jones to uphold the denial of license. The motion was unanimously approved by the Board.
- Case 2021-018D - motion by Mr. Swearingen and second by Ms. Davis to uphold the denial of license. The motion was unanimously approved by the Board.
- Case 2021-019D - motion by Mr. Stamps and second by Sheriff Jones to uphold the denial of license. The motion was unanimously approved by the Board.
- Case 2021-020D - motion by Ms. Davis and second by Mr. Stamps to uphold the denial of license. The motion was unanimously approved by the Board.
- Case 2021-021D - motion by Mr. Stamps and second by Sheriff Jones to uphold the denial of license. The motion was unanimously approved by the Board.
- Case 2021-022D - motion by Mr. Swearingen and second by Ms. Davis to uphold the denial of license. The motion was unanimously approved by the Board.
- Case 2022-001D - motion by Mr. Stamps and second by Sheriff Jones to uphold the denial of license. The motion was unanimously approved by the Board.

The Board indicated that they preferred not to have abbreviation of criminal charges in the ALJ Recommendations and Mr. Warren indicate that he would advise the ALJ office.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Warren introduced Mr. Chris Carden and other staff with Savant Learning Center (SLC) who attended the meeting virtually by Zoom. The Board discuss the estimated number of users and the proposed per individual cost to the Board for SLC to provide online training to security guards. The Board members commented on their interest inconsistency in training content and assessment of comprehension of those being trained, along with the development of a large pool of questions and random selection of questions when testing attendees. Following discussions about cost in development of content, filming of any interaction content, etc., Mr. Warren recommended the Board approve a one-year agreement for virtual academy services at an estimated cost of \$125,000 and continue to negotiate a contract, which the State Purchasing Division would allow for a period of 2-years, and he would inquire about the potential of a 5-year extended contract period.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Warren recommended the approval of the new rule for Applications for Spouses of Active Duty Military Personnel. He explained that this rule allowed for expediting applications of

military spouses and waived the first (initial) licensing fee. This rule was being proposed to comply with new Alabama law. Mr. Swearingen made the motion to approve the new Rule as presented. The motion was seconded by Ms. Davis and unanimously approved by the Board.

Mr. Warren recommended proposed changes to the Board's statute regarding reducing full background checks for licensees renewing their license. Mr. Swearingen made a motion to approve proposed changes to the Board's statute to allow limited board-approved supplemental criminal background checks for annual renewal of individual licenses and renewal of contract-security companies licenses. The motion was seconded by Mr. Stamps and unanimously approved by the Board. Mr. Warren commented on obtaining sponsors for this new legislative bill to present during the 2022 Legislative Session.

Ms. Conway inquired about the Board preference to attend in-person Board Administrative Hearings that an Administrative Legal Judge (ALJ) would be presiding or the Board not attend these hearings in-person and consider the Recommendations of an ALJ. Ms. Davis made the motion to authorize an ALJ to hear and made recommendations to the Board in Administrative Hearing matters. The motion was seconded by Sheriff Jones and unanimously approved by the Board.

Mr. Warren reported that the next annual meeting of IASIR would be held in Huntsville in October 2022 and plans were to have a hybrid meeting allowing in-person and virtual attendance.

The Board discussed the Board terms and appointing authorities for those terms that had expired.

Chairman Murphy announced that the next regular Board meeting was scheduled May 12, 2022, at 1:30 p.m. at the Board's office. Mr. Warren explained that guests could attend the meeting virtually.

Chairman Murphy called for comments from guests attending the meeting virtually and there were none.

There being no further business of the Board, Mr. Stamps made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Sheriff Jones and unanimously approved by the Board. Chairman Murphy adjourned the meeting at 2:43 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Kevin Murphy
Board Chair



Keith E. Warren
Executive Director

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