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Board Meeting Minutes

October 15, 2026

A meeting of the Kentucky Board of Licensure for Private Investigators was held at the Department of Professional Licensing located at 500 Mero Street, Frankfort, KY 40601 on October 15, 2026.

Members Present
Lesa Watson-Chair
Shawn Hensley
Derrick Napier
John Hunt
David Startsman

Department of Professional Licensing
Staci Taylor, Board Administrator
Jeff Bardroff, Administrative Supervisor
Jenna Wells, Finance
Kristen Lawson, Commissioner
Jennifer Wolsing, Board Counsel

Members Not Present
Neil Gilreath
John Hardesty

Guests

Call to Order
Chair Lesa Watson called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m.

Approval of Minutes
A motion was made by David Startsman to approve the minutes for August 12, 2026. Motion, seconded by Shawn Hensley, motion carried.

Monthly Financial Report
The financial statements for the months of August and September were presented to the Board for review. Derrick Napier motioned to approve the financials for both months, John Hunt second, motion carried.

DPL Update
Commissioner Lawson presented the Private Investigator ID that she has been working on. Commissioner Lawson stated the cost will be $1000, and an RFP will be necessary if utilized.

Legal Counsel
Jennifer Wolsing informed the Board that she would need a representative from the Board to attend the LRC Regulation meeting scheduled for Thursday December 31, 2026.
Counsel also informed the Board regarding the Kentucky Administrative Regulation 201 KAR 41:100, verification of 240-hour employees.

A motion was made by Derrick Napier to enter closed sessions at 1:13 p.m., pursuant to KRS 61.810(1)(j) for deliberations of quasi-judicial bodies regarding applications at which information protected by KRS 61.810(1)(k) may be discussed. Motion seconded by Shawn Hensley, motion carried.

A motion was made by Lesa Watson to return to open session at 1:34 p.m.. Motion, seconded by Shawn Hensley, motion carried. No final action was taken in closed session.

David Startsman motioned to add misdemeanors to the applications. Derrick Napier seconded, motion carried.

Licensure Status Report
A Licensure Status Report dated October 15, 2026, was presented to the Board for review. The report showed there are currently 387 active Private Investigators along with 97 active licensed 97 Private Investigator Companies and 100 Private Investigator temporary employees. No further action was required.

New Business
Jeff Bardroff informed the Board that currently DPL is being audited by Kentucky State Police and the FBI concerning running background checks. The Board was informed that they would need the background training before they could view anything that deals with backgrounds for applicants.

Staci Taylor presented the Board with the proposed 2027 meeting dates:
February 17th
April 21st
June 16th
August 18th
October 20th
December 15th

The Board voted to move the Board meetings to 12:30 p. m, and have the committee meetings at 12:00 p. m.

Shawn Hensley motion to approve the proposed 2027 meeting dates and push the meeting time back, John Hunt second the motion, motion carried.

Old Business
N/A

Applications Committee
Motion was made by John Hunt to approve all applications, renewals, reinstatements, inactive requests, denials and CE provider applications as reviewed by the applications committee. Motion, seconded by David Startsman, motion carried unanimously.

Complaints Committee
N/A

Per Diem
Motion was made by John Hunt to approve Per Diem. Motion, seconded by Shawn Hensley, carried.

Adjourn
A motion was made by Shawn Hensley to adjourn the Board meeting at 1:52 p.m. Motion, seconded by John Hunt, motion carried.