

**KENTUCKY BOARD OF LICENSURE FOR PRIVATE INVESTIGATORS
MINUTES
February 13, 2014**

A regular meeting of the Board of Licensure for Private Investigators was held at the Office of Occupations and Professions, 911 Leawood Drive, Frankfort, Kentucky, on February 13, 2014, at 1:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Chief Tracy J. Watwood
Ray Lang, Jr.
Janice Wyatt-Ross
Ronald D. Carroll
John L. Logdon, Jr. Chair
Sheriff Pat Melton, Vice Chair
Nicole H. Pang

OFFICE OF OCCUPATIONS AND PROFESSIONS

Carolyn Benedict, Board Administrator
Gordon Slone, Executive Director

OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

Angela Evans, Board Counsel

OTHERS

Jim Starks

MEMBERS ABSENT

None

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Logdon, Board Chair called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

O&P Report

Mr. Slone reported that the proposed budget had been submitted to the Office of State Budget. Once it has been approved he will be presenting the Board with a new Memorandum of Agreement between Occupations and Professions and the Board. Although the budget is not final until the Governor approves it no sweeps have been proposed for this Board.

Mr. Slone said that Ms. Vickie Logan, from the Fiscal Section, had been chosen for the Board Administrator in the Operations Section. The Office of Occupations and Professions in the process of posting and hiring for the vacancy Ms. Logan left and the vacant IT position.

The database project is continuing.

CHAIRPERSON REPORT

Prior to the election of new board officers Mr. Logdon thanked Board members for the opportunity to serve in the capacity of Board Chair for the past year. He is looking forward to continuing to serve as a board member until someone has been appointed to fill his expired term.

ELECTION OF BOARD OFFICERS

Mr. Logdon opened the floor for nominations for Board Chair. Ms. Pang nominated Chief Tracy Watwood. Sheriff Melton seconded the motion. No other nominations were brought forth. Chief Watwood was elected by a unanimous vote.

Mr. Logdon opened the floor for nominations for Vice Chair. Ms. Pang nominated Sheriff Pat Melton. Mr. Lang seconded the motion. No other nominations were brought forth. Sheriff Melton was elected by a unanimous vote.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the January 9, 2014 board meeting were presented for review. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Chief Watwood. Motion, seconded by Sheriff Melton, carried.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

The financial statement for the month ending January 31, 2014 was presented to the Board for review. A motion was made by Ms. Pang to approve the financial reports as presented. Motion, seconded by Chief Watwood, carried.

LICENSURE STATUS REPORT

A Licensure Status Report dated January 8, 2014 was presented to the Board for review. No further action was required.

ATTORNEY REPORT

Ms. Evans is continuing to gather information from IASIR with regard to Kentucky hosting the 2014 conference. Plans are also being made to offer a continuing education program at the conference.

OLD BUSINESS

Sheriff Melton reported that Governor Carroll had been given the information provided to him by Ms. Evans following the January 9, 2014 Board meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Licensee, Jim Starks, attended the Board meeting and spoke up opposition of the Board repealing the law allowing the temporary registration of a 240 hour employee. He stated that it would have a serious detrimental effect on his business. Mr. Starks was asked to memorialize his position in writing and send it to the board so there would be a record of it.

Email correspondence from Thomas Lonardo, Esquire was reviewed. No action was taken.

Email correspondence from Dave Nichols, of the West Virginia Secretary of State's Office, requesting information regarding a Kentucky licensee was reviewed. Following discussion it was agreed that Ms. Evans respond to Mr. Nichols and inform him that the Laws and Regulations under which a private investigator is licensed limits the release of information on a licensee to "local, state or federal law enforcements agencies."

COMPLAINT COMMITTEE REPORT

Angela Evans, Board Attorney reported on behalf of the complaint committee the following:

PI2013-06 – Dismissed

PI2013-07 – ongoing

PI2013-08 – ongoing

PI2013-09 – ongoing

Ms. Pang made a motion to accept the recommendations from the Complaint Committee. Chief Watwood seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

APPLICATION REVIEW COMMITTEE REPORT

On behalf of the Application Committee Chief Watwood made the following recommendations:

The following applications for individual license were approved for testing (7): *William Adams,*

Charles Bowen, Michael Dalton, Robert Depelheuer, Elliot Klumb, Richard Leonard, Frank Merritt

The following Temporary Employee Registrations were approved (21):

Advantage Surveillance, Inc. – *Gary Turner*

G4S – *Daniel Hubbard, Chair Slaughter, Pamela Smith*

HUB – *Armand Cooper, Heather Copeland, Steven Webb*

Infoquest – *Thomas Benik, Michael Doody, Joshua Hershberger, Patrick O'Brien, Chad Roskovich,*

Jason Scudder, Evan Walton, Ryan Wiley

Litigation Solutions – *Mark Kyle*

O'Daniel Investigations – *Frank Merritt*

Veracity Research – *Tony Faucett, Ronald Kidd*

VFE – *Ronald Kidd*

Glenn Condit – *Daniel Condit*

The following Temporary Quarterly Reports were approved (9):

Advanced Investigative Services, Inc., Advantage Surveillance, Inc., Business Decisions Information, Inc., Claims Bureau USA, Inc., Greater Cincinnati Investigation, HUB Enterprises, Matrix Investigation Group, O'Daniel Investigative Service, Phillip Gentry Investigations

The following Company License Applications were approved (1):

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A motion was made by Ms. Pang to approve the recommendations of the application committee. Motion, seconded by Ms. Wyatt-Ross, carried.

APPROVAL OF TRAVEL

A motion was made by Ms. Pang to approve travel and per diem for all eligible members attending today's meeting. The motion, seconded by Mr. Lang, carried.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for March 6, 2014, at the Office of Occupations and Professions, at 1:00 p.m. Prior to the meeting the Board plans to have a work session beginning at 8:00 a.m.

ADJOURN

Mr. Carroll made a motion to adjourn at 2:20 p.m., having no further items of discussion. The motion, seconded by Ms. Wyatt-Ross, carried.

Approved

March 13, 2014