

**PRIVATE INVESTIGATOR'S LICENSING BOARD  
MINUTES  
BOARD MEETING  
DECEMBER 5, 2012**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

DAVID SPENCER: CHAIRMAN  
ROBERT UITHOVER: BOARD MEMBER  
RICHARD PUTNAM: BOARD MEMBER  
MARK ZANE: BOARD MEMBER

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

JIM NADEAU: BOARD MEMBER

**OTHERS:**

KEVIN INGRAM: EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR  
SHELLY DONALD: ASSISTANT TO THE DIRECTOR  
BRUCE YARBOROUGH: INVESTIGATOR  
ROBERT HIGHT: CRIMINAL INVESTIGATOR  
BRANDI KING: INVESTIGATIVE ASSISTANT  
KIMBERLY CHRISTENSEN: INVESTIGATIVE ASSISTANT  
DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL: HARRY WARD/BOARD COUNSEL  
TAMMY WHATELY: CRIMINAL INVESTIGATOR  
TOM FERRARA: INVESTIGATOR

**REVIEW AND APPROVE SEPTEMBER 13, 2012 MINUTES:**

Motion for approval by Board Member Putnam, seconded by Board Member Uithoven; motion passed unanimously as published.

**FINANCIAL REPORT:**

Director Ingram provided copies of the financial report to the Board Members for review. There were no questions or comments.

**REPORT FROM STAFF:**

Chairman Spencer introduced the new Executive Director, Kevin Ingram.

Executive Director Ingram cited staffing challenges with the loss of two core Investigators (Tammy Whatley in the north and Elyse Gresnick-Smith in the south) both of whom have been immensely helpful in his transition into his new position, and have left for other employment opportunities. He will be conducting interviews for both positions and an additional vacant Criminal Investigator position in the south in the very near future.

He further introduced Courtney Ross, a temporary employee, as the new receptionist in the southern office. Kevin also commended staff, and thanked the team for doing a great job.

**SWEARING IN:**

Persons present in Carson City and Las Vegas who were to testify or comment during the meeting were sworn in by Deputy Attorney General Harry Ward.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

There was no public comment.

**LICENSE CONSIDERATION:**

Board Chairman Spencer stated that Item 6 on the agenda will be moved to a later time during the meeting.

Board Member Zane requested agenda items # 7 through #16 be handled as a block and requested a motion to approve. Board Member Putnam seconded and motion passed unanimously.

Prior to the block of agenda items being voted on there were a few comments made on the record.

A suggestion was made by Jeffrey Chandler, CEO of Nevada Court Services agenda item 14, regarding only an IRS change, they changed from an LLC to an "S" Corp. He mentioned that the board should look into this for the future as it's an expensive change for a small business.

Executive Director Ingram pointed out a correction to be made on the agenda - #13 Amy Damron is a change in Qualifying Agent licensing status from Case Forensics Corp. to Damron Investigations LLC in the category of Private Investigator (*not Private Patrolman*).

Richard Putnam had a question on Agenda Item 11: he noted a federal lien of \$84,000, and wanted to know if the payments are current. Investigator Yarborough responded that Mr. Gentile has agreed to pay a monthly amount of \$500 until current, and that there is only a balance of \$8,000 left. Mr. Gentile stated that the balance is now \$8,000 and he is making monthly payments of \$1,500 beyond the \$500 agreed upon amount.

A motion was made by Board Member Zane to handle agenda items 7 through 16 as a block and request motion to approve. Board Chairman Spencer seconded a motion for discussion and asked if any of the Investigators had any questions in regards to these agenda items; Investigators responded with "no". Board Member Uithoven seconded and motion passed unanimously.

7. Corrections Corporation of America, Parent Corporation of TransCor America LLC, License # 1641 requested Member approval for Harvey Lappin III.

8. Paragon Systems, Inc dba Parasys, License #1411 requested Corporate Officer approval for James Freeze.
9. Linda Mohen, License #1695 from Henderson, Nevada requested a change in licensing status. Linda Mohen Investigations, LLC applied for a corporate Private Investigators license. Linda Mohen requested that her individual Private Investigator license be placed in abeyance so that she could become the qualifying agent for Linda Mohen investigations, LLC.
10. Ahmad Jamal, License #1730 from Las Vegas, Nevada requested a change in licensing status. AAMCAL, LLC applied for a corporate Process Server license. Ahmad Jamal requested his individual license to be transferred to AAMCAL , LLC and be placed into abeyance so that he could become the Qualifying Agent and sole Managing Member of AAMCAL, LLC.
11. Anthony Gentile, License #1287A from Middletown, New Jersey requested a change in licensing status. Global Protection Management, LLC applied for a corporate Private Patrolman license. Anthony Gentile requested his Qualifying Agent status to be transferred from ISS Facility Services, Inc dba ISS Facility Services to Global Protection Management, LLC.
12. Craig Burton, License #1361 from Las Vegas, Nevada requested a change in licensing status. NOW! Services Inc. applied for a corporate Process Server license. Craig Burton requested his Qualifying Agent status to be transferred from Paradigm Attorney Service, Inc. License #1361 to NOW! Services Inc.
13. Amy Damron, License #1712 from Henderson, Nevada requested a change in licensing status. Damron Investigatons, LLC dba Damron Investigations applied for a corporate Private Investigator license. Amy Damron requested her Qualifying Agent status to be transferred from Case Forensics Corporation, License #1627 to Damron Investigations, LLC dba Damron Investigations.
14. Jennifer Chandler, License #828 and Qualifying Agent for Nevada Court Services, LLC requested to change the name of the corporation from Nevada Court Services, LLC to Nevada Court Services, Inc. Ms Chandler will remain as Qualifying Agent, individual in abeyance.
15. Case Forensics Corporation License #1627 from Denver, Colorado requested approval for Craig Rice to become Qualifying Agent. Mr. Rice requested that his individual Private Investigator License to be placed in abeyance.
16. Pinkerton Government Services, Inc. License #1297 from Fountain Valley, California requested approval for Michael Kempainen to become the Qualifying Agent. Mr.

Kemppainen requested that his individual Private investigator license be placed into abeyance.

17. Jeremy Benewald from Fargo, North Dakota applied for an individual Private Investigator license. Mr. Benewald stated that his background included 12 years of forensic accounting, had an accounting degree, and currently is a financial investigator with Eide Bailley, a CPA firm which plans to expand into this area. Board Chairman Spencer confirmed with Investigator Yarborough that he had the appropriate number of hours for qualification. Board Member Putnam motioned for approval. Board Member Uithoven seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

18. Larry Smith from Las Vegas, Nevada applied for an individual Private Investigator license. Mr. Smith stated that he retired after 24 years with LVMPD as a police officer; specializing since 1999 in computer and cell phone forensics. Board Member Zane motioned for approval. Board Member Uithoven seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

19. April Dawn Higuera, dba ADH Investigations from Reno, Nevada applied for an individual Private Investigator license. She stated that she has been doing investigative work on indigent cases since 2001 for federal and state agencies, and more recently moved to California in 2005 and received licensure there a few years later, and now is currently under contract with the El Dorado County Public Defender's Office as their Defense Investigator. She is a resident of Nevada and wants to expand her base. Board Member Putnam motioned for approval. Board Member Uithoven seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

20. A. C Roman & Associates, Inc. from Rockville Centre, New York applied for a corporate Private Investigator license. Anthony Roman requested that his individual license be placed in abeyance so that he could become the qualifying agent for A.C. Roman & Associates, Inc. Anthony Roman's experience included 37 years of investigative experience in insurance, banking, corporate and counter-terror work; commercial jet pilot and former flight instructor, and an adjunct professor (Aerospace Division/Professional Pilot Program) at SUNY (State University—New York); and also a former Human Rights Commissioner, an unpaid position for two years. Some of their global and national clients require that they be licensed in all 50 states, and that is why they were applying for licensure. Board Member Putnam asked why the Board received a letter dated March 2011 included in his application recommending him for licensure in Delaware. Mr. Roman responded due to the fact that they have been applying for licenses in multiple states, it was a mistake and apologized. Board Member Putnam then asked if he is licensed in 43 states? Mr. Roman answered affirmatively. Board Member Putnam then asked if he was aware that, if approved, as Qualifying Agent for his corporation in Nevada he must personally supervise daily activities of the Nevada operation, and if so, the Board would like to know how he intends to supervise the daily activity? Mr. Roman responded that he has developed a sophisticated, proprietary investigative management software program which allows for the management of a high number of investigators relative to federal, state and local laws to ensure compliance. Board Member Uithoven motioned for approval. Board Member Zane seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

21. O'Hana Security Consultants, LLC from Las Vegas, Nevada applied for a corporate Private Investigator license. John Robinson requested that his individual Private Investigator license be placed in abeyance so that he could become the Qualifying Agent for O'Hana Security Consultants, LLC. John Robinson's background and experience includes seven years in US Army counter-intelligence as an intelligence coordinator and special agent, worked two years private investigator, received his law degree and subsequently worked as an FBI investigator for 28 years. Board Member Putnam motioned for approval. Board Member Uithoven seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Board Member Zane suggested that the corporate name might be perceived to mean security consulting and this license does not qualify for that. Mr. Robinson responded that he understood.

22. ICORP Investigations, Inc., from North Massapequa, New York applied for a corporate Private Investigator license. Steven Santarpia requested that his individual Private Investigator license be placed into abeyance so that he could become the Qualifying Agent for ICORP Investigations, Inc. Corporate Officer to be approved was John Egan. Steven Santarpia stated that from approximately 2003 to 2008 he performed investigative work for insurance companies and also performed work involving domestic and industrial espionage cases; however, for the past last five years he primarily performed work involving surveillance investigations for insurance companies. Board Member Zane motioned for approval. Board Member Uithoven seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

23. Sectran Security Incorporated from La Habra, California is applying for a corporate Private Patrolman license. Rony Ghaby requested that his individual Private Patrolman license be granted and placed into abeyance so that he could become the Qualifying Agent for Sectran Security Incorporated. Corporate Officers to be approved were Irving Barr and Fred Kunik. Rony Ghaby stated that he has been in the armored transport business for about 19 years. Since 2007 he has been the director of operations, comprising four offices and 200 employees, which includes responsibility for investigations and staffing. Board Member Putnam motioned for approval. Board Member Uithoven seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

24. Executive Director Ingram informed the Board that North American Security, Inc. has withdrawn their application.

25. Sadsaw Media, LLC dba Sadsaw Security from Buellton, California is applying for a corporate Private Patrolman license. Stephen Sawin requested that his individual Private Patrolman license be placed into abeyance so that he could become the Qualifying Agent for Sadsaw Media, LLC dba Sadsaw Security. Member to be approved was Randolph Sadac. Stephen Sawin stated that he has 13 years of experience as California Hwy Patrol as a traffic officer including investigative work, 21 years with the California Army National Guard which included 7 years in the military police section. Board Member Zane stated he wanted to disclose that he had a lunch meeting with Mr. Sawin about two months ago to discuss the security business in the

State of Nevada however he did not see it as a conflict of interest and just wanted to put it on the record. Board Member Uithoven motioned for approval. Board Member Putnam seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

26. Plebian Security, LLC from Las Vegas, Nevada applied for a corporate Private Patrolman license. Perry Bonarrigo requested that his individual Private Patrolman license be placed into abeyance so that he could become the Qualifying Agent for Plebian Security, LLC. Member to be approved was Shamba Brown. Perry Bonarrigo's background and experience included 30 years in the US Navy and rose to the position of Command Master, experience includes base security, base-access security, water borne security, DOD and counter-terrorism work. After retiring from the US Navy he became the Director of Security for the Community of Red Rock. Board Member Zane motioned for approval. Board Member Uithoven seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

27. Angeline Layland from Las Vegas, Nevada applied for an individual Process Server license. Angeline Layland stated that she worked for a legal service company in 2009 and began process serving in 2010, working in Washington State and Nevada. Board Chairman Spencer asked Investigator Hight if she had sufficient hours to qualify, since this was a very short time period, and he responded that she did.

Board Member Zane had questions regarding company owners that attested to her experience, details of her employment history, recent litigation, and why she didn't provide her employment information with a Nevada licensed Process Server.

Board Member Zane made a motion for denial based on current and historic unlicensed activity, unproven hours of experience based on unclear license status of certificate signers. He stated that there is not enough information to make an adequate decision on hours of experience of legal activity. Chairman Spencer seconded a motion for further discussion and asked how close she was to meeting the qualifying hours? Board Member Zane responded that he didn't think that any of the time should be considered based on unlicensed activity and the nearly impossible time constraints to meet the required hours. Board Member Putnam agreed on the motion for denial. The Board then voted and Ms. Layland's request for approval was denied by a vote of three to one. Board Member Zane suggests that Board staff investigate the business located here in Nevada for unlicensed activity.

At this time the Board asked for item #6 to be heard.

6. Leon Gough, License #1043 from Las Vegas, Nevada requested a change in licensing status. EON Industries, LLC from Las Vegas, Nevada applied for a corporate Private Patrolman license. Leon Gough requested Qualifying Agent status. Member to be approved was Leon Gough. Mr. Gough was originally licensed as a Private Patrolman in December 2000 and retired from a 27-year Air Force career, was employed as a federal police officer and correctional officer with the State of Nevada, worked in casino and private security, has bachelor's degree in criminal justice management, and achieved a Homeland Security Level Three certification. Board Member

Putnam had questions regarding his background report. Board Member Zane asked Board Counsel Harry Ward if, for a change of status, it was within the Board's province to consider this applicant's background. Board Counsel Harry Ward responded that pursuant to NAC 248.260, Subsection 1 they cannot consider content of background report in this instance. Board Member Zane motioned for approval. Board Member Uithoven seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

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Agenda item 28 to review, discuss and propose possible action with regard to proposed regulatory changes that were received from the LCB (R047-12) was moved to the December 6, 2013 agenda.

Agenda item 29. Mohammed Siddique wanted to address the Board concerning an appeal he filed. Mr. Siddique was not present so no action was taken by the Board.

Agenda item 30. Board Member Zane shared his concern that companies are installing cameras on vehicles to capture information nationwide. He sees this as an opportunity for potential unlicensed activity in Nevada. He does not see this as an item to act on at this time but wanted to put in on record for something to watch for in the future. His concern was that individuals will collect the data and then provide it to others at a cost.

**BOARD COMMENT AND FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:**

There were no Board comments.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

There were no comments.

Board Member Putnam made a motion to adjourn. Board Member Uithoven seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Meeting was adjourned