



## Ohio Private Investigation & Security Services Commission (OPISSC) May 22, 2014, Minutes

Commission Meeting Date and Location: May 22, 2014, Ohio Department of Public Safety (DPS), 1970 W. Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43223

Commission Members Present: Mr. Rodney Armstrong, Mr. Joseph Montgomery for Mr. John Born, Mr. Mike Cohen, Mr. Dennis Deskins, Mr. Anthony Macisco, Mr. Ralph Portier, Mr. Joseph Powell, Mr. Brian Simms, Mr. Chris Johnson for Mr. Paul Pride, Mr. Mark Wasylyshyn

Commission Members Absent: Mr. Dwight Holcomb, Mr. Gregg Hollenbaugh, Mr. Bryan Kirk

Also Attending: Aleta Dodson, Julie Faulconer, Lora Manon, Arnie Schropp, Anne Vitale

Visitors Attending: Mike Moran; Terry Myer, Columbus Detective Agency; Richard Jackson, RMJ Investigations; Alfred Nomo, Forensics Evidence Detective & Protective Agency

Mr. Mike Cohen, Chair, called the meeting to order at 1:06 PM.

### **ROLL CALL:**

Mr. Armstrong	Here	Mr. Macisco	Here
Mr. Montgomery for Mr. Born	Here	Mr. Portier	Here
Mr. Cohen	Here	Mr. Powell	Here
Mr. Deskins	Here	Mr. Johnson for Mr. Pride	Here
Mr. Holcomb		Mr. Simms	Here
Mr. Hollenbaugh		Mr. Mark Wasylyshyn	Here
Mr. Kirk			

A quorum was present to conduct business.

**ACTION: Motion to approve the February 27, 2014, meeting minutes.** Wasylyshyn first. Armstrong second. None abstained. None opposed. Motion approved.

### **STAFF REPORTS**

Licensing & Registration Unit: Aleta Dodson said June 1 is the tentative date that applications for new registrants can be processed online. Ms. Dodson said submitting applications online will decrease the time it takes to be processed as mail-in applications have to be routed through several departments before PISGS receives them. She also advised members to check the website for revised forms to ensure they use the most current one. OPISSC members were e-mailed a list of current licensed providers.

Enforcement Unit: Lora Manon reported year-to-date enforcement statistics: 39 complaints received (32 workable), 13 of those are pending criminal charges (12 for unlicensed activity); and 932 field checks were performed. Ms. Manon reported of the field checks done, 80% were compliant. Mr. Armstrong asked what the 20% non-compliant issues were and Ms. Manon said most are for working with expired registrations. Mike Moran asked if the 932 field checks could be twenty checks for one facility and Ms. Manon said no, they are individual checks. Mr. Moran said that means 932 people were asked to show their card and only 80% had the

card on them. Ms. Manon said yes, but not having their card on them is not the majority of the problems found. Mr. Montgomery hasn't seen enforcement action for not carrying a card and Ms. Manon said it is a violation, but PISGS does not take action just for that. Ms. Manon said other common violations are registrants wearing uniforms with improper company name and insurance lapses. Mr. Myer asked what happens if the registrant has applied but does not yet have their PISGS card. Ms. Manon said they should carry company identification and the receipt, if possible. She stressed that no one can carry a firearm until they have received their card from PISGS. Mr. Schropp said the investigators are finding unlicensed activity isn't an isolated case and are finding more cases than in the past.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### Ohio Revised Code (ORC) 4749 Rewrite

Mr. Montgomery reported that Senator LaRose agreed to take the 4749. Legislative rewrite package. Currently the focus is on the Mid-Biennium Budget review and there will be a recess in June. Mr. Montgomery thinks after that, the 4749. legislation will move forward.

### Training

Mr. Armstrong said a few more people who can provide training materials need appointed to the Training Committee as there has been turnover. Before proceeding with a lot of work, we need to see where the legislation is headed. Depending on the record requirements that might be enacted will determine the best mechanism for how the training will be delivered. Testing might again need reviewed to determine if the state will be the best choice to provide the service. Right now there are more questions than answers.

### Question from the Public

There were no comments or questions from the public.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Mr. Cohen, chair of the commission, announced he was resigning from the commission. Mr. Wasylyshyn nominated Rodney Armstrong to be the next chairman.

**ACTION: Motion to nominate Rodney Armstrong as the chairman.** Wasylyshyn first. Simms second. Armstrong abstained. None opposed. Motion approved.

Members thanked Mr. Cohen for his service on the Commission, beginning in 2005. Mr. Wasylyshyn admired Mr. Cohen's leadership and knowledge of the industry. Mr. Moran thanked Mr. Cohen on behalf of OASIS (Ohio Association of Security and Investigation Services) for the job he's done and being a good representative of the industry. Mr. Montgomery presented a plaque on behalf of the Department of Public Safety to Mr. Cohen for his dedicated service. Mr. Cohen thanked everyone for the kind words and wished everyone the best.

Mr. Schropp announced he would be doing some outreach to the industry, particularly companies who have security at malls, to set up a tabletop exercise. He will coordinate the event with Mr. Deskins and the Ohio Emergency Management Agency (EMA).

The next OPISSC meeting will be Thursday, June 26, 2014, at 1:00 p.m. at 1970 West Broad Street, Columbus, 43223 in conference room 134.

**ACTION: Motion to adjourn.** Wasylyshyn first; Armstrong second. The meeting adjourned at 1:39 PM.