



## Ohio Private Investigation & Security Services Commission (OPISSC) August 27, 2015, Minutes

Commission Meeting Date and Location: August 27, 2015, Ohio Department of Public Safety (DPS), 1970 W. Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43223

Commission Members Present: Mr. Rodney Armstrong, Mr. Jay Beighley, Mr. Christopher Johnson for Mr. Paul Pride, Mr. Anthony Macisco, Mr. Joseph Montgomery for Mr. John Born, Mr. Ted Owens, Mr. John Pezzino, Mr. Ralph Portier, Ms. Kimberly Spears-McNatt, Mr. Mark Wasylyshyn

Commission Members Absent: Mr. Terry Myer, Mr. Brian Simms

Also Attending: Aleta Dodson, Geoff Dutton, Christy Clark, Julie Faulconer, Alex Lapso

Visitors Attending: Joseph Housley, Bret Morgan, Brian DeCann, Charles Kelly

Mr. Rodney Armstrong, Chair, called the meeting to order at 1:05 PM.

### **ROLL CALL:**

Mr. Armstrong	Here	Mr. Owens	Here
Mr. Beighley	Here	Mr. Pezzino	Here
Mr. Johnson for Mr. Pride	Here	Mr. Portier	Here
Mr. Macisco	Here	Mr. Simms	
Mr. Montgomery for Mr. Born	Here	Ms. Spears-McNatt	Here
Mr. Myer		Mr. Wasylyshyn	Here

A quorum was present to conduct business.

**ACTION: Motion to approve the minutes of May 28, 2015.** Portier first. Owens second. None opposed. Motion passed.

### **STAFF REPORTS**

Mr. Dutton reported:

- Director Born’s live web chat covered the P.I. and security industry with Rodney Armstrong and Mr. Dutton. The link will be resent to Commission members.
- An Active Shooter tabletop exercise is being planned with the Tanger Outlet Mall for January 2016.
- Informational letters are being sent to communities and event planners to remind them that security companies must be licensed and guards must be registered. So far, 54 letters have gone out and PISGS has received positive feedback.
- New registration ID cards will hopefully deploy in September and only to those companies that upload photos through the online system. Paper applicants will continue receiving the current paper cards.
- The online system will auto-generate a monthly renewal email reminder to companies instead of letters by mail.
- The Enforcement Unit is working with an Intelligence Liaison Officer in the Homeland Security HUB.
- OPOTC reviews the training curriculum for the security industry on a rotating schedule. Members can sign up to be Subject Matter Experts (SME), be notified, and contribute to the revisions. The link will be resent to the members.
- Five members still need to take the Ohio Ethics Training which is available online.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Alex Lapso updated the commission on Senate Bill 183 which was introduced on June 11, 2015, and will be heard this fall.

Newly appointed member Lieutenant Kimberly Spears-McNatt introduced herself to the Commission. She is with the Ohio State University Police Division and has over 20 years of law enforcement experience.

Training Committee: Mr. Dutton is working with web developer Kris Marple to format the information submitted by the committee for the first training module call "The Role of a Security Guard and Private Investigator." The committee will meet when a mock-up of the module is ready. Once this first module is completed, the remaining training modules should roll out faster. Mr. Dutton added that this information will be useful to the industry regardless of whether the legislation passes.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Legislative Committee: Chair Armstrong recommended Sheriff Wasylyshyn as chair of the committee.

**ACTION: Motion to appoint Mr. Wasylyshyn as Legislative Committee chair.** Owens first. Portier second. None opposed. Motion passed.

Chair Armstrong recommended adding Mr. Terry Myer and Mr. Jeff Parson to the Legislative Committee. Mr. Myer's experience as Vice President of the National Council of Investigation and Security Services (NCISS) will provide the committee with a national prospective. Mr. Parson, a former OPISSC member who left the industry briefly, now works for G4S and was involved with the proposed legislative changes of SB 183.

**ACTION: Motion to appoint Mr. Myer and Mr. Parson to the Legislative Committee.** Wasylyshyn first. Owens second. None opposed. Motion passed.

Chair Armstrong reminded the Commission that they are required to meet four times a year. The meeting scheduled for September 24 will not be needed. The next meeting will be October 22, 2015, unless otherwise notified.

### **COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

Mr. Charles Kelly addressed the commission regarding his concerns with 4749.08; that former peace officers wouldn't be able to advertise their law enforcement experience or a company wouldn't be able to advertise if they employ special duty police officers. He said individuals are allowed to be commissioned as private police under municipal code 737.05. Mr. Dutton said the purpose of the law is so companies don't misrepresent themselves to the public or be mistaken as law enforcement. Mr. Kelly was asked to provide the Commission with the line numbers of SB 183 so the Legislative Committee can review the language in question.

**ACTION: Motion to adjourn.** Wasylyshyn first. Mr. Macisco second.

The meeting adjourned at 1:42 p.m.