



# Ohio Private Investigation & Security Services Commission (OPISSC) September 18, 2019 Minutes

**Commission Meeting Date and Location:** September 18, 2019, Ohio Department of Public Safety (DPS), 1970 W. Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43223

**Commission Members Present:** Mr. Rodney Armstrong, Mr. Jay Beighley, Mr. Ronald Clark, Mr. Dwight Holcomb, Mr. Anthony Macisco, Mr. Randy McPeek, Mr. Terry Myer, Mr. Scott Reinbolt, Mr. Brian Simms, Mr. Mike Staley, Ms. Karen Huey for Mr. Thomas Stickrath, Mr. Mark Wasylyshyn

**Commission Members Absent:** Mr. John Pezzino, Mr. Matthew Warren for Mr. Richard Fambro

**Also Attending:** Christy Clark, Aleta Dodson, Dustyn Fox, Ashleigh Henry, Molly Seitz, Brandon Gardner

**Public Attending:** Ted Owens, Ohio Special Services Group

Chair Myer called the meeting to order at 1:00 P.M.

**ROLL CALL:**

Mr. Armstrong	Here	Mr. Pezzino	
Mr. Beighley	Here	Mr. Reinbolt	Here
Mr. Clark	Here	Mr. Simms	Here
Mr. Holcomb	Here	Mr. Staley	Here
Mr. Macisco	Here	Ms. Huey for Mr. Stickrath	Here
Mr. McPeek	Here	Mr. Warren for Mr. Fambro	
Mr. Myer	Here	Mr. Wasylyshyn	Here

A quorum was present to conduct business.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Chair Myer opened the meeting by asking the Commission to review last month’s minutes.

**ACTION: Motion to approve the minutes of August 21, 2019, with the addition of request from Mr. Reinbolt that OPOTA consider the additional cost to the industry when setting additional training requirements.** Armstrong first. McPeek second. None opposed. Motion passed.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**OPOTC/OPISSC Working Group**

Chair Myer mentioned that he attempted to call Mr. Jeff Scott, the Executive Director of OPOTA/OPOTC, only to discover that Mr. Scott was no longer the Executive Director. Chair Myer was able to get in touch with the new director and explain the Commission’s mission and responsibilities. The new Executive Director agreed that it would be beneficial for the two organizations to work together and expressed interest in continuing the working group that Mr. Scott had started.

Chair Myer also mentioned that the Commission has decided to add Christy Clark, PISGS Administrative Officer, as an advisor to the OPOTC/OPISSC working group.

Chair Myer thinks that as an alternative to adding more hours to the training course, a solution may be to require security guards and private investigators with an FAB to practice shooting each quarter. Mr. Wasylyshyn believes that it would be best to parallel FAB requirements to the requirements of peace officers. He does not believe it needs to be stricter than peace officers’ training. Chair Myer is concerned about safety and liability issues as a result of the lack of training that is available to the industry. Mr. Clark asked if there

was any training available that focuses on shoot/don't shoot scenarios. Chair Myer thought that this is something they would like to be incorporated and another topic to discuss with the OPOTC/OPISSC working group.

### **FAB Transportation/Notation**

A guard that Mr. McPeck hired came back with a HIT on his background check after going through the OPOTA course. Now this guard has a certificate from OPOTA, but is unable to carry a firearm. Clark reiterated that this is an issue because OPOTA does not do background checks on enrollees of the course. Mr. Gardner said that this is something that Jeff Scott, when he was the Executive Director of OPOTA, was interested in correcting. Mr. Gardner suggested that those in the OPOTC/OPISSC working group make sure that this is something that is discussed with the new Executive Director.

Mr. Gardner talked a little bit about the updates to Ohio Homeland Security. He mentioned that the Governor announced his plan to stand-up a School Safety Center within OHS and he has been assisting with that, which is why he was unable to attend the August Meeting.

## **STAFF REPORTS**

### **Enforcement**

Ms. Clark provided an update about the Enforcement Unit. She mentioned that Enforcement Unit has 29 on-going cases and they have checked 2,200 guards and 948 locations to date, which includes events like Ohio State games, NFL games and large concerts.

### **Licensing and Registration**

Ms. Dodson provided an update for Licensing and Registration. She stated that they have several on-going cases for various insurance issues. She also stated that she would be attending the International Association of Security Investigative Regulators conference this year. Mr. Wasylyshyn asked if the numbers of licensees and registrants fluctuates much. Ms. Dodson respond that it does not fluctuate a lot, but the numbers of licensees and registrants have been slowly increasing.

Ms. Clark added that, in response to the motion made by Chair Myer at the last meeting, PISGS has added the language "this card is the property of the State of Ohio and must be surrendered upon termination of service" back on the guard cards. She said that this has been updated with IT and should be implemented soon.

### **Outreach**

Mr. Fox talked about the informational videos he has been working on. He stated that the Ethics & Conduct video is now live following the review by the Training Committee. He also stated that they are working on outreach to people who have taken the previous modules. He also mentioned that they are working on an online Information Seminar that he hopes will be done by the beginning of next year.

### **Roundtable**

Mr. Armstrong asked about the status of PISGS legislation. Mr. Gardner stated that he spoke with ODPS Legislative Director Dan Fitzpatrick recently, who told him that he feels there is no current legislation that it would fit in. He also encouraged the industry and OASIS to pursue legislation on their own. Ms. Huey asked if the previous language was in an individual bill or broken up into several bills. Mr. Gardner explained that it was in a single bill and only made it to one committee hearing. Mr. Armstrong stressed the importance of updated legislation for the industry and his frustration with the lack of traction and interest it is getting at the Statehouse.

Ms. Huey mentioned that there is a new representative in the Ohio House of Representatives, Rep. Jeff LaRe, who has a background in the security industry and may be interested in sponsoring legislation.

Mr. Gardner again stressed that he feels OASIS should be a platform for legislation and rely on the Commission for support. He believes that OASIS, with its membership and resources, has a better chance of pushing legislation.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None.

**ACTION: Motion to adjourn.** Wasylyshyn first. Holcomb second. Motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 1:32 P.M.

The next scheduled commission date is Wednesday, October 16, 2019, at 1:00 P.M.