



## Ohio Private Investigation & Security Services Commission (OPISSC) February 23, 2017 Minutes

Commission Meeting Date and Location: February 23, 2017, Ohio Department of Public Safety (DPS), 1970 W. Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43223

Commission Members Present: Mr. Rodney Armstrong, Mr. Jay Beighley, Mr. Dwight Holcomb, Mr. Anthony Macisco, Mr. Joseph Montgomery for Mr. John Born, Mr. Terry Myer, Mr. Ted Owens, Mr. Brian Simms,

Commission Members Absent: Mr. Christopher Johnson for Mr. Paul Pride, Mr. John Pezzino, Mr. Scott Reinbolt, Mr. Mark Wasylyshyn

Also Attending: Christy Clark, Aleta Dodson, Julie Faulconer, Tiffany Gehrlich, Anne Vitale, Tom Brill

Mr. Rodney Armstrong, Chair, called the meeting to order at 1:02 P.M.

### ROLL CALL:

Mr. Armstrong	Here	Mr. Myer	Here
Mr. Beighley	Here	Mr. Owens	Here
Mr. Holcomb	Here	Mr. Pezzino	
Mr. Johnson for Mr. Pride		Mr. Reinbolt	
Mr. Macisco	Here	Mr. Simms	Here
Mr. Montgomery for Mr. Born	Here	Mr. Wasylyshyn	

A quorum was present to conduct business.

**ACTION: Motion to approve the minutes of October 27, 2016.** Holcomb first. Simms second. Motion passed.

**ACTION: Motion to nominate Mr. Armstrong as Chair.** Holcomb first. Simms second. Motion passed.

**ACTION: Motion to nominate Mr. Holcomb as Co-Chair.** Simms first. Owens second. Motion passed.

### STAFF REPORTS

- Mr. Dutton attended IASIR conference in October and was elected to the board as a director-at-large. SB 183 expired and will be reintroduce. It was not attached to the transportation budget bill currently under review. An employee of Whelan Security was the first “Safer Ohio Standout,” a registrant recognized for good service on the PISGS Facebook page.
- Ms. Dodson reported that the license renewal deadline is March first. To date, eighty-three percent (83%) have been received, two percent (2%) were still submitted by paper, the turnaround time for license issuance is six days, and an email reminder was sent to the remaining licensees that hadn’t renewed. Mr. Armstrong said this year’s online renewal went really smoothly. He suggested being able to select where the wall license will be sent. Ms. Dodson reported that several companies have merged or been bought this year and the department is now able to transfer a company license and their registrants. This saves the company time and the expense of relicensing, re-registering each employee, and submitting new BCI background checks. The Qualifying Agent examinations continue to be proctored off-site. Twenty-seven (27) exams were proctored in sixteen (16) states since July 2016.
- Ms. Gehrlich contacted all companies that renewed on paper last year and helped them learn the online system. Four (4) ILO trainings were held in the fall and the annual conference was held last week; fifty-nine (59) security guards have attended the two-day training. Mr. Owens strongly recommends the program. The Mall Active Shooter Tabletop exercise toolkit became available on the PISGS webpage in January and has been downloaded one hundred twenty-nine (129) times. The Franklin Park Mall in Toledo is using this template in April. The Homeland Security SARS training is also available. Guards continue to take the free

Anti-Human Trafficking training made available online to security guards. To date, one hundred eleven (111) security guards or investigators have completed the training and received a lapel pin. Regarding the first online training module submitted by the training committee, Mr. Dutton is adding slides provided by Mr. Pezzino and hopes to have it available soon. The informational seminar is available by webinar for those residing out-of-state. In 2016, there were seventy-seven (77) volunteer attendees which is an increase of fifty-seven percent (57%) over the previous year. The training webpage offers training opportunities at little or no cost. In recent months, Ms. Gehrlich has contacted and provided information on hiring a license security provider to many Jewish communities, the Ohio Retail Merchants, HUD, the Ohio Housing Authority, the Hotel and Lodging industry, and the Ohio School Board. Additionally, Mr. Dutton spoke to the Ohio Festivals and Events Association in Sandusky. The PISGS Facebook has over 600 followers.

- Ms. Clark introduced Enforcement Investigator Thomas Brill who covers southwestern Ohio. Mr. Brill previously worked with BMV Investigations and is an officer with Ross Township Police. PISGS attends the monthly Homeland Security briefings. In a recent news story, the robber of a Brinks truck was seen wearing a security uniform of an Ohio licensed provider. The provider was notified and the information was forwarded to Cleveland law enforcement and the FBI. The investigators continue to partner with OIU agents during after hour compliance checks. Investigator Gehrlich filed felony charges on an unlicensed individual in Toledo, and Investigators Borntrager and Brill have also worked several criminal case in NE and SW Ohio. There were forty-seven (47) criminal cases last year compared to sixteen (16) the previous year. Mr. Simms said a new bill is pending that F4 and F5 charged criminals won't serve prison time; the exception is severe cases such as sex offenders.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

SB 183 and the online training module were discussed during the Staff Reports.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Voluntary Accreditation for Security Providers: Mr. Beighley proposed an accreditation program for licensed security and/or investigative companies who meet a certain industry business standard, and proposed the Commission form a Voluntary Accreditation Committee to write the standard model and process. Mr. Beighley and Mr. Dutton met with Director Born who agreed, but there can be no fees or legislation required for the program. Mr. Holcomb suggested looking at CALEA, the established accreditation program for law enforcement. Mr. Myer said looking at other state programs, available through NCIS, will be helpful. The sponsor of this program, and other possible issues were discussed and the Commission agreed this would all need worked out by the committee. Mr. Beighley provided a PowerPoint outline of his proposal. Email addresses will be forwarded to Mr. Beighley and a meeting will be scheduled for March 16 at 1:30 p.m.

**ACTION: Motion to form Voluntary Accreditation Committee with Mr. Beighley as Chair, and committee members** Mr. Armstrong, Mr. Holcomb, Ms. Gina Krenek of Allied Universal, Mr. Myer, Mr. Macisco, Mr. Owens, Mr. Jeff Parson of G4S, and Phil Pavarini of A1 Cleveland Service Agency. Beighley first. Holcomb second. Motion passed.

Mr. Owens supports the Michigan tracking device law and wants the Commission to move forward with writing legislation for Ohio. Mr. Armstrong would like the Legislative Committee to review this issue before discussing it at a Commission meeting. A meeting will be scheduled for March 9 at 1:00 p.m.

**ACTION: Motion for the Legislative Committee to review the Michigan GPS law.** Owens first. Macisco second. Motion passed.

2:04 Mr. Beighley left the meeting; there is no longer a quorum.

**ACTION: Motion to adjourn.** Myer first. Owens second. Motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 2:12 p.m.