



Ohio Private Investigation & Security Services Commission (OPISSC) October 27, 2016 Minutes

Commission Meeting Date and Location: October 27, 2016, Ohio Department of Public Safety (DPS), 1970 W. Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43223

Commission Members Present: Mr. Rodney Armstrong, Mr. Dwight Holcomb, Mr. Christopher Johnson for Mr. Paul Pride, Mr. Joseph Montgomery for Mr. John Born, Mr. Ted Owens, Mr. John Pezzino, Mr. Scott Reinbolt, Mr. Brian Simms, Mr. Mark Wasylyshyn

Commission Members Absent: Mr. Jay Beighley, Mr. Anthony Macisco, Mr. Terry Myer, Ms. Kimberly Spears-McNatt

Also Attending: Christy Clark, Aleta Dodson, Julie Faulconer, Tiffany Gehrlich-Orr, Anne Vitale, Kate Johnston

Visitors Attending: Chad Roberts of Woody Fox Investigations

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

ROLL CALL:

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

A quorum was present to conduct business.

ACTION: Motion to approve the minutes of July 26, 2016. Pezzino first. Simms second. Motion passed.

Mr. Armstrong recognized Kimberly Spears-McNatt for her service on the Commission. Her service is at an end due to her recent promotion to Deputy Chief of the OSU Police Division.

STAFF REPORTS

- **Enforcement:** Ms. Clark thanked Mr. Armstrong for providing a security guard to participate in the active shooter video being film by Public Safety. Mr. Dutton is attending the International Association of Security and Investigative Regulators (IASIR) convention in Las Vegas. In the Frank Harris case, reported in July, Mr. Harris pleaded guilty to one felony which is a first for PISGS. Investigators conducted compliance checks at the Apple stores when the new iPhone was released and didn't find any unregistered guards. Several unregistered guards were found at the location where Bruce Willis was filming in Granville, and PISGS was able to get them properly registered within the seven days of starting work. With the recent rash of robberies at pharmacy and convenience stores, PISGS reached out to this industry to inform them of the importance of hiring security from a licensed company.
- **Training & Outreach:** Ms. Gehrlich-Orr reported the Anti-Human Trafficking training made available online to security guards has been well received and, to date, forty-two (42) have completed the training and received a lapel pin. Homeland Security made the Intelligence Liaison Officer (ILO) training available to our industry. It is a regional two-day classroom workshop and over a hundred (100) private investigator and security guards have signed up for the training. A training link was added to our web page and this training has been promoted on our Facebook and through email. Mr. Owens and Mr. Pezzino said they were impressed by the training. Mr. Pezzino thought the information was very relevant and useful and highly recommends the class. PISGS established a Text-a-Tip number and the BMV Deputy Registrars are now promoting this tip

line on their agency monitors. In September, photos and information on Commission members were posted to the PISGS Facebook page. Ms. Clark thanked members for their participation. Mr. Dutton hasn't completed the online training module yet, but hopes to have it available soon and will start on the next module. Mr. Pezzino said he had submitted private investigator information to Mr. Dutton for the online training module.

- Licensing: Ms. Dodson reported that Qualifying Agent examinations are being proctored for out-of-state applicants. To date, arrangements have been made for thirteen (13) applicants. Our Training and Outreach Coordinator is reaching out to the 60 companies that renewed their license on paper last year in an effort to get everyone using the online system. The turn-around time for an online license renewal is significantly shorter than those submitting by paper. By March 1, of this year, 83% of the licenses had been issued compared to only 46% at that same time in 2015. The PISGS database is being moved to a new server and staff are testing it in the new system.

OLD BUSINESS

- SB 183: Ms. Vitale informed the Commission that Public Safety hopes to add the bill to the Transportation Budget in the spring which must be signed by April first. If that doesn't go through, a new sponsor will be needed to start the process over and getting the bill introduced.
- Regarding the Training Committee members, Mr. Armstrong asked Ms. Vitale if the Commission must vote to remove members from a committee. Ms. Vitale said it isn't in law, but recommends the Commission remove a member with a motion, or pass a motion that a member must attend fifty percent of the committee meetings or they'll be automatically removed. Mr. Armstrong would like this addressed at the next Commission meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

ACTION: Motion to approve the 2017 meeting dates. Pezzino first. Wasylyshyn second. Motion passed.

Mr. Owens wanted to know why he and all firearm bearer notated investigators and guards must disarm themselves when entering a state building. Mr. Montgomery replied that state law prohibits firearms in state buildings by anyone other than law enforcement. Mr. Simms added that a special "A" pass is the only exception. Mr. Wasylyshyn stated that in addition to state law, the county's law determines who can carry a firearm in county buildings. The Commission agreed that this would be a huge undertaking to try to change these laws.

Mr. Owens wants the Commission to move forward with legislative changes to ORC 4749 that would make it a felony for anyone who assaults a private investigator or security guard. Mr. Owens wants the Commission to consider licensing process servers. Mr. Simms discouraged this regulation and should leave the job of serving warrants to law enforcement. Mr. Reinbolt added the timing is bad as the current climate is to reduce felony charges in order to reduce overflowing prisons. His experience has been that a federal judge will sentence less jail time than a county judge.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Mr. Owens introduced Chad Roberts from Woody Fox Investigations, a class B license holder, who attended the meeting.

ACTION: Motion to adjourn. Wasylyshyn first. Holcomb second. Motion passed.

The meeting adjourned at 1:55 p.m.