



## MINUTES

# Ohio Private Investigations & Security Services Commission

DECEMBER 1, 2011 - 1:00 P.M.

**Location:** Ohio Dept. of Public Safety  
1980 W. Broad St. LL Room B  
Columbus, OH 43223

### **Commission Members Present:**

Cohen, Mike- International Security Assoc., Class A Provider – **Vice Chair**  
Armstrong, Rodney, Securitas Security Service USA, Inc., Class A Provider  
Booker, Robert - Exec. Director, OIU  
Charles, Thomas, Director, ODPS  
Deskins, Dennis- Glimcher, Class A Provider  
Hollenbaugh, Gregg- Cal Crim Inc., Class A Provider  
Martin, Russell, Chief, City of Delaware  
Powell, Joseph, Corporate Security Services, Class B Provider  
Holcomb, Dwight, Dispatch Printing Company, General Public  
Sabin, Jim- Buckeye State Sheriffs Assoc.  
Simms, Brian- Atty. Franklin county Prosecutors Office

### **Commission Members Absent:**

Cotner, Steven- Corporate Intelligence Consultants, Class A Provider - **Chair**  
Brink, James - Capt. OSHP  
Wolske, Gary- City of Garfield Heights, Law Enforcement  
Watts, Kimberly- Brink's Inc., Class C Provider

### **Also Attending:**

Mack, Earl, Dep. Director, PISGS  
Vitale, Anne, Legal Counsel, ODPS  
Wernecke, James Staff Lt, in place of Capt. Brink

- **Call to Order** - The meeting was called to order at 12:59 PM by Vice -Chairman Cohen.
- **Roll Call** - Roll call was completed by LaNese Powell. There was a quorum present for this meeting.
- **Old Business:**
  1. **Approval of Minutes** – Vice Chairman Cohen called for the approval of minutes for the November 3rd meeting. An approval motion was made by Mr. Holcomb; and the motion was seconded by Mr. Armstrong. The vote was taken. The motion carried and the November 3, 2011 minutes were approved.

- **New Business:**

1. **Sub-Committee Reports** - Vice Chairman Cohen called for the committee reports.

- a. **Training Committee Report:** Vice Chairman advised that the Training Committee met on November 22<sup>nd</sup> and the meeting was good. Some of the main points from that meeting were: eight (8) hours prerequisite training, which will be mandatory for new registrants and new employees before they start to work. Other states have been researched and compared to Ohio. This research will continue for now, and the committee will put together a package to bring to the Commission at a later date. The committee also discussed tier training as an optional training, the costs for training, who the trainers will be, a DPS committee to sign-off on the trainers, training for firearms, and who will pay for the initial training. All of these points will aim toward raising the standards within the industry. The committee's goal is to have something presented to the Commission, and working with the Legislative and Portability committees within the early part of 2012, and everything put towards new legislation some time in 2012.

There were questions and answers following the Training Committee report. Deputy Director Mack recommended that he be able to appoint someone or serve himself on the committee. Based on recommendation from Anne Vitale to put this in a motion, Mr. Hollenbaugh made a motion for Director Mack to either appoint someone or himself as designee from the Department to be a member of the Training Committee. Mr. Armstrong seconded the motion. The vote was taken and the motion carried.

- b. **The Portability Committee Report:** Mr. Hollenbaugh stated they had their first meeting on Tuesday, November 29<sup>th</sup>. The four appointed members were there, and Mr. Hollenbaugh stated that he would like to make a motion that Jeffrey Parsons from Allied be appointed to the committee. Mr. Hollenbaugh also stated that Director Mack and a couple of representatives from the Department were there and asked if they have to be members of the committee as well. Anne Vitale responded that all of their meetings are public, so anyone can attend. Based on the previous discussion to have somebody from the Department on the sub-committees, Mr. Hollenbaugh asked Director Mack if he wanted somebody from the Department on this committee. Director Mack responded "yes". Mr. Hollenbaugh then made a motion to appoint Director Mack or his representative to the committee. Mr. Armstrong seconded both motions; the motion to appoint Jeffrey Parsons to the committee, and the motion to appoint Director Mack or his representative to the committee. The vote was taken for both motions, and both motions carried with no further discussion.

Mr. Hollenbaugh continued with the report by stating the first meeting was brief, and they had a lot of discussions regarding what other states are doing. They decided they were going to try to come up with a definition for portability by their next meeting. Mr. Hollenbaugh talked about the California portability in 1990, and briefly discussed the law for portability they wrote under the Department of Commerce. He stated that the legislation didn't go anywhere because 9/11 halted all legislation at that time. He added that they have been working on portability for a long time, and they are going to compare every state to see what they have.

- c. **Legislative Committee Report:** There is no report from this committee for this meeting. Their next meeting is scheduled for December 8<sup>th</sup>. They will have an updated report for the next Commission meeting.
- d. **Investigative Committee Report:** Vice-Chairman Cohen stated there is nothing from them. Director Booker asked if the members of this committee have been introduced. After brief discussion, it was determined that members have not been appointed, and this matter will be taken care of at the next Commission meeting.

2. **Compliance:** The Compliance Report handout was reviewed in silence. Director Mack explained that this report is based on closed cases up to this point in the year. There were further questions and discussion regarding the company information listed on the report.

• **Comments/Concerns from the Public and Industry:** Vice Chairman Cohen called for any other business and/or comments:

1. **Comments from Director Charles:** Director Charles advised there is a new Director for Homeland Security, Rick Baron. He commented that it would be good to have the security guard industry partnership to give input to the Fusion Center. He encouraged the commissioners to contact Director Baron in Homeland Security. He then asked who had already been to the Fusion Center. Director Charles gave a brief overview of the Fusion Center, and its resources.

Director Charles also advised the Commission that he is pleased with what they are doing. He added “the more training, the more professionalism, the more we all benefit, and that’s good stuff”. He concluded his comments by advising the Commission of the Department’s support of them, and that he is very pleased and happy with their interest to “stick with this”.

2. **Comments from E. D. Booker:** E. D. Booker asked the committees to let him know if they need anything, and advised he is here to help. He advised he will be stopping in on the sub-committee meetings.

3. **Comments from D. D. Mack:** D. D. Mack advised the more committees created, the more the resources are tasked because every committee has to be recorded. LaNese is the only person, and she records the meetings then types the minutes, in addition to her other duties. He suggested combining some of the committees so as not to overtask resources. Additional discussion resulted in E. D. Booker advising “if we need resources, we’ll find resources”.

D. D. Mack also advised the Commission of the recent rules changes due to the change from Homeland Security to the Ohio Investigative Unit. He stated that in the process of doing the rules changes, they are looking at some other language to make it more consistent with the law. The finished product has been forwarded to legal for review. After Legal has completed their review, the changes can be emailed to the Commission for review, and any additional changes.

D. D. Mack further advised that PISGS is currently working on a pilot program for new IDs. The pilot program will be with the Qualifying Agents to see how the program works.

4. **The 2012 Meetings:** Vice Chairman Cohen asked if they wanted to discuss the meeting schedule for next year. Director Charles stated the monthly meetings have been effective, and probably the best way to go in 2012.

Further discussion determined that meetings will remain monthly for the first six (6) months of 2012 in order to continue working on the legislation revisions. The meetings will be held on the first Thursday of each month.

Mr. Holcomb motioned that this Commission be scheduled to meet the first Thursday of the month from January to June. Mr. Armstrong seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. The vote was taken, and the motion carried. LaNese will attempt to schedule the rooms and send out the dates.

5. **D. D. Mack** notified Vice Chairman Cohen that one commission term expires on December 31, 2011. Further discussion determined there are two (2) commissioner terms expiring on December 31<sup>st</sup>, Mr. Armstrong, and Mr. Wolske. Mr. Armstrong advised his application for re-appointment will be submitted today. D. D. Mack stated he will contact Mr. Wolske regarding his term expiration.
  6. **Director Charles** announced that Rick Baron will be in the Fusion Center so whoever is interested can take a quick tour.
- **Adjourn :** Vice Chairman Cohen called for a motion to adjourn. The motion was moved by Mr. Hollenbaugh, and seconded by Mr. Armstrong. **This meeting adjourned at 1:38 pm.**

*Minutes approved 01-05-2012*