



Ohio Private Investigation & Security Services Commission (OPISSC) April 26, 2018 Minutes

Commission Meeting Date and Location: April 26, 2018, 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. Randy McPeek, Mr. Joseph Montgomery for Mr. John Born (1:36), Mr. Christopher Johnson for Mr. Paul Pride, Mr. Anthony Macisco, Mr. John Pezzino, Mr. Scott Reinbolt, Mr. Brian Simms, Mr. Mike Staley, Mr. Mark Wasylyshyn (1:25)

Commission Members Absent: Mr. Terry Myer, Mr. John Pezzino

Also Attending: Christy Clark, Aleta Dodson, Julie Faulconer, Dan Fitzpatrick, Brandon Gardner, Emily Mayfield, Tim Shaw, Anne Vitale

Public Attending: Charles Dion, Gordon Fox, Gary Haba, Benny Johnson, Ted Owens, Wayne Sever, Jeff Sisson

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

ROLL CALL:

Mr. Armstrong	Here	Montgomery for Mr. Born	(1:36)
Mr. Beighley	Here	Mr. Myer	
Mr. Holcomb	Here	Mr. Pezzino	
Mr. Johnson for Mr. Pride	Here	Mr. Reinbolt	Here
Mr. Macisco	Here	Mr. Simms	Here
Mr. McPeek	Here	Mr. Wasylyshyn	(1:25)

A quorum was present to conduct business.

ACTION: Motion to approve the minutes of October 26, 2017. Simms first. Mascisco second. Motion passed.

Chair Armstrong congratulated Mr. Beighley, Mr. Simms and Mr. Wasylyshyn on their re-appointment to the Commission and welcomed new members Mr. Staley and Mr. McPeek. Mr. Staley is the owner and qualifying agent for Invitech, and the president of OASIS. Mr. McPeek is the owner and qualifying agent for New Albany Security. Chair Armstrong recognized Ted Owens for his service on the Commission and presented him with a certificate of appreciation. Mr. Gardner thanked Mr. Owens for all of his help and his commitment to the industry.

Chair Armstrong informed the members that he is still eligible to serve as chair and is willing to do so unless someone else would like the position.

ACTION: Motion to nominate Rodney Armstrong as Chair. Holcomb first. Simms second. Armstrong abstained. Motion passed.

Mr. Holcomb stated that he represents the proprietary side of the industry and suggested selecting a licensee as the Co-Chair this year. Mr. Myer wasn't in attendance, but was interested in the position.

ACTION: Motion to nominate Mr. Myer as Co-Chair. Holcomb first. Reinboldt second. Motion passed.

Chair Armstrong said the Legislative and Accreditation Committee members didn't need any changes. On the Training Committee, Steven Smith had asked to be removed, and Glen Mueller hadn't attended in a long time, his contact information wasn't current, and should also be removed. Michael Myers would like to remain on the Committee and provided an updated email address.

ACTION: Motion to remove Steven Smith and Glen Mueller from the Training Committee. Holcomb first. Simms second. Motion passed.

STAFF REPORTS

Mr. Gardner asked Dan Fitzpatrick to provide an update on Senate Bill 272. Mr. Fitzpatrick informed the Commission that the bill was introduced March 22, 2018, by Senators Uecher and LaRose. He and Mr. Gardner met with Senator Bill Coley of Butler County and Senate Caucus Policy Staffer Marcus Benjamin to discuss the bill and why the industry supports it. Mr. Fitzpatrick recommends the industry contact their representatives in the next three weeks before they break for summer. Some legislation will get voted through during the lame duck session in the fall, but if this doesn't move forward, it will need reintroduced in 2019.

Licensing & Registration: Ms. Dodson stated the turnaround time on issuing the license renewals was approximately six days, down from nine days last year. Fourteen companies chose not to renew. There's an increase in new license applications possibly due to fracking and medical marijuana. A recent database upgrade allows companies to delete unpaid applications instead of having to call PISGS to do it for them. Additionally, PISGS is looking into Live Chat capability for added customer service and a mobile app to streamline service.

Enforcement: Ms. Clark reported so far this year, investigators checked 356 locations and 501 guards, and filed 33 criminal charges. Of the 28 open cases, 10 are criminal. PISGS continues to build partnerships with OIU, and law enforcement such as Cuyahoga and Montgomery County Sheriffs. Ms. Clark clarified for Mr. Macisco 33 people weren't charged, but 33 charges were filed, and some are repeat offenders.

Training: Training Module 1 has been completed by approximately 350 people with good feedback. Training Module 2, Access Control, is in final review and will be released soon. Work has begun on Module 3, Communications and Public Relations.

Outreach: Some of the outreach highlights this year were having a table at the Ohio Crime Prevention Association Conference and ILO Conference, safety training presentations at numerous churches, and reminder articles with the Ohio School Board and Ohio Festival & Event Associations. PISGS will be presenting at the ASIS International monthly meeting this week, providing a workshop at the Ohio Hospital Association annual conference in June, and contacting all summer concert venues. Upcoming projects include a FAB FAQ posted to the webpage, infographics pushed out to the industry, a "Best Practices" created and available to the industry, and a website overhaul. Mr. Macisco asked if the medical marijuana industry had been contacted and the answer was yes. Chair Armstrong cautioned that "Best Practices" may be helpful to smaller business, but be careful when pushing it out to the industry, especially with large companies.

OLD BUSINESS

Voluntary Accreditation Program: Twelve applications are under review with IFPO. Nationwide Mutual Insurance is the only company to complete the program and receive a recommendation. Mr. Beighley said the process was seamless. Ms. Vitale stated that the program doesn't fall under public record as PISGS doesn't handle any money or company documents, just the general application which is forwarded to IFPO.

ACTION: Motion to to approve accreditations for Nationwide Mutual Insurance. Wasylyshyn first. Macisco second. Beighley abstained. Motion passed.

Chair Armstrong announced that OPOTA opened up the rifle training course to private security. It's the same course as law enforcement, just a higher fee for private security. Mr. Gardner said the PISGS database and FAB card were updated to include a rifle. Per Mr. Wayne Sever's request, Mr. Gardner will forward the language in ORC 4749 that permits carrying a rifle.

Chair Armstrong tabled the discussion on the GPS issue until after SB 272 moves forward.

NEW BUSINESS

Chief Gary Haba of the Beachwood Police Department explained to the Commission that Beachwood is a small community. With today's security threats, local establishments want uniformed law enforcement providing security. His department has an agreement with a licensed security company but doesn't have enough officers to cover off-duty security at large events or locations. He has partnered with Chief Jeffrey Scott of Notre Dame College, to supply additional officers at these events. Administrative Code 4501:7-1-12 prohibits law enforcement from wearing their uniforms when working outside their jurisdiction. Chief Haba requested changing the uniform rule to say with written permission, the law enforcement officers can wear their uniforms. Mr. Wasylyshyn suggested a mutual aid agreement to work outside their jurisdiction, but these officers don't have arrest authority. Mr. Holcomb agreed that they aren't working as law enforcement when they can't arrest for a misdemeanor; they're security officers. Chief Haba said they would need approximately twelve mutual aid agreements.

ACTION: Motion to accept amended language to the rule. Reinbolt first. No second. Motion failed.

Mr. Macisco asked if Chief Haba could have their city attorney write up proposed language changes and resubmit at the next meeting. Chief Haba will do so.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Ted Owens proposed a new rule be written that states registrants can't accept checks or direct payment from clients, and companies must have a contract with each client. Additionally, he strongly disagrees with the Attorney General's no weapons ruling on 109.801 and would like the Commission to address this issue. Chair Armstrong said he wanted to stay focused on getting SB 272 passed.

ACTION: Motion to adjourn. Wasylyshyn first. Macisco second. Motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 2:17 p.m.