Ohio Private Investigation & Security Services Commission (OPISSC)
January 20, 2021 Minutes

**Commission Meeting Date and Location:** January 20, 2021, Microsoft Teams Live Event (Virtual)

**Commission Members Present:** Mr. Ronald Clark, Mr. Randy McPeek, Mr. Terry Myer, Mr. Mike Staley, Mr. Mark Wasylyshyn, Mr. Anthony Macisco, Ms. Angela Snyder, Mr. Matthew Warren for Mr. Richard Fambro, Mr. Brian Simms, Mr. Dean Boerger

**Commission Members Absent:** Mr. Jay Beighley, Mr. Scott Reinbolt, Mr. Thomas Stickrath

**Also Attending:** Ashleigh Henry, Molly Seitz, Brandon Gardner, James Borntrager, Aleta Dodson, Dustyn Fox, Benjamin Kimmel

**Public Attending:** Ted Owens of OASIS

Chair Myer called the meeting to order at 1:01 P.M.

**ROLL CALL:**

- Mr. Beighley
- Mr. Dean Boerger
- Mr. Clark
- Mr. Macisco
- Mr. McPeek
- Mr. Myer
- Mr. Reinbolt
- Mr. Simms
- Ms. Snyder
- Mr. Staley
- Mr. Stickrath
- Mr. Warren for Mr. Fambro
- Mr. Wasylyshyn

A quorum was present to conduct business.

Chair Myer asked the Commission to review last meeting’s minutes.

**ACTION:** Motion to approve the November Minutes. Wasylyshyn first. Macisco second. None opposed. Motion passed.

**2021 Business**

Chair Myer encouraged Commission members to become familiar with the OHS Enforcement Investigators in their region. He stressed the importance of reporting unlicensed or unregistered work that they may encounter in the field.

Ms. Seitz requested that the Commission vote for Chair and Vice Chair and confirm the 2021 OPISSC Meeting schedule. Ms. Seitz listed the below dates for the 2021 meetings:

- 20-Jan
- 17-Feb
- 17-Mar
- 21-Apr
- 19-May
- 16-Jun
- 21-Jul
ACTION: Motion to approve the proposed meeting dates for 2021. Wasylyshyn first. McPeek second. None opposed. Motion passed.

ACTION: Motion to reappoint Mr. Terry Myer as the Chair of the Ohio Private Investigation and Security Services Commission. Wasylyshyn first. McPeek second. None opposed. Motion passed.

ACTION: Motion to reappoint Mr. Mike Staley as the Vice Chair of the Ohio Private Investigation and Security Services Commission. McPeek first. Macisco second. None opposed. Motion passed.

OHS/PISGS Updates
Mr. Gardner said that there is currently no update on legislation, however, the Department is looking into the issue of transferring the FAB notations over to the Sheriff’s Offices and the impact that would have on the industry and PISGS.

Mr. Gardner stated that the PISGS rules are officially filed as the date of this meeting. These rules will go into effect March 1, 2021.

Ms. Clark mentioned that due to the implementation of House Bill 404, PISGS Licensing & Registration is working with IT to extend the license renewal deadline to July 1, 2021.

Ms. Clark also stated that with the Shipley building still being at limited staffing, PISGS will continue to send the PISGS registrant cards via email in pdf format.

Ms. Clark mentioned that Enforcement has 5 unlicensed cases currently along with various cases for random audits, FAB violations and registration violations.

New Member and Vacant Positions
Chair Myer introduced our newest board member, Mr. Dean Boerger of Boerger Investigative Services. Chair Myer welcomed him and expressed his gratitude for Mr. Boerger’s willingness to serve.

Chair Myer mentioned that we now have a vacancy for a Class A, B, or C position with the resignation of Mr. Rodney Armstrong. He encouraged members to ask their peers who may be interested to apply.

Senate Bill 175
Chair Myer asked Mr. Wasylyshyn whether he had any information about the implementation of Senate Bill 175. Mr. Wasylyshyn stated that the bill expands your right to use lethal force when you are endangered. Previously this was only applicable to your house and vehicle but has been extended to anywhere you are legally allowed to be.

Roundtable
Mr. Staley asked if there are any plans for the Legislative and Training Committee to meet. Chair Myer stated that at the time, there are no plans for these committees to meet, but that he is hoping they can get some things moving for the next meeting.

Ms. Snyder asked a few questions about the FAB notation process. She wondered if PISGS had any fiscal analysis for possible price increases, or IT upgrades that may impact costs. Mr. Wasylyshyn stated that he believed this process would be similar to the process the Sheriff’s Offices currently use for CCW permits. He
also stated that he hoped they would be able to mirror the process that PISGS uses. He also mentioned that this information could be added into LEADS. He stated that he did not believe this should impact the current costs.

Ms. Snyder asked whether these would be emailed in a pdf version or a physical card that would need to be picked up. Mr. Wasylyshyn stated that they are beholden to how long it takes to get the requisite background checks back. He stated that they would likely do it the same way they do the CCW, which would be to allow them to come pick it up or mail it to them at no extra cost.

Ms. Snyder asked whether smaller counties would need to buy additional equipment that would affect the cost of production. Mr. Wasylyshyn answered that each county has the necessary equipment that can have a specialized template uploaded, so there should be no additional costs in that respect.

Mr. Wasylyshyn also mentioned that, as with CCW permits, individuals would be able to go to any county Sheriff’s Office, not just their own.

Mr. Gardner suggested that Chair Myer create a committee to continue working on this topic.

**ACTION:** Motion to create a committee to study the impacts of the transferring the FAB notation process to the Sheriff's Offices and nominate Mark Wasylyshyn, Bob Cornwell, Angela Snyder, Terry Myer and Mike Staley to the committee. Wasylyshyn first. Macisco second. None opposed. Motion passed.

**Public Comments**

Chair Myer asked Mr. Owens of OASIS to provide some information regarding modernization bill efforts.

Mr. Owens mentioned that he has spoken with some Senators and Representatives that are interested in sponsoring and co-sponsoring a modernization for the industry. Mr. Owens stated that there are four key issues that need to be added into proposed legislation:

1. **Portability of licenses**
   - a. Registrant license now maintained by individual
   - b. Registrant responsible for renewal and FAB
   - c. Two year renewal

2. **Improved firearms training hours**
   - a. Mandatory 40 hours
   - b. Able to attend any OPOTC or OPOTA firearms training course
   - c. Industry inclusion into Ohio Revised Code 109.801

3. **Cap on administrative fines**
   - a. Fines capped
   - b. Introduces alternative disciplinary measures

4. **Mandatory training**
   - a. Produced by PISGS (8 hours)
   - b. Testing can be contracted out
   - c. Funded by the PISGS Provider Fund

Mr. Myer asked whether or not Mr. Owens had heard whether or not OASIS had heard back about requesting that the industry, as essential employees, be eligible for the vaccine in the near future. Mr. Owens responded that he had not yet heard back, but that he would continue to pursue it.

Mr. Staley asked whether the Commission could ask Director Stickrath to follow up with the Governor’s Office on the letter that OASIS sent. Mr. Owens stated that he sent the letter to Director Stickrath’s office already. Mr. Owens stated that he would forward the letter to PISGS as well. Mr. Gardner asked when that letter was sent to the Director and reminded the Commission that in the future this information should be provided to PISGS so they can make the Director’s Office aware.
Mr. Owens requested that he and Mike Moran be added to the newly created FAB Committee. Mr. Wasylyshyn stated that he believed the committee should be small and limited to the people who can advise on the mechanics of how the transition would happen and any impacts. Chair Myer agreed.

**ACTION: Motion to adjourn.** Wasylyshyn first. McPeek second. None opposed. Motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 2:02 P.M.