Commission Meeting Date and Location: August 18, 2021, Ohio Department of Public Safety (DPS), 1970 W. Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43223

Commission Members Present: Mr. Randy McPeek, Mr. Terry Myer, Mr. Mike Staley, Mr. Anthony Macisco, Ms. Angela Snyder, Mr. Ryan Chapman for Mr. Richard Fambro, Mr. Dean Boerger, Mr. Jay Beighley

Commission Members Absent: Mr. Thomas Stickrath, Mr. Mark Wasylyshyn

Also Attending: Ashleigh Henry, Molly Seitz, Christy Clark, Janille Stearmer

Public Attending: N/A

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

ROLL CALL:
Mr. Beighley    Here   Ms. Snyder    Here
Mr. Boerger    Here   Mr. Staley    Here
Mr. Macisco    Here   Mr. Stickrath
Mr. McPeek    Here   Mr. Chapman for Mr. Fambro    Here
Mr. Myer    Here   Mr. Wasylyshyn

A quorum was present to conduct business.

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

ACTION: Motion to approve the Minutes from the June 16, 2021, meeting. Myer first. McPeek second. None opposed. Motion passed.

Committee Updates
Chair Boerger asked whether there were any committee updates. Ms. Snyder replied that the FAB Committee had not yet called for another meeting. She stated that that she believed they were waiting for an update from Sheriff’s Office. Mr. Myer asked whether we had heard anything from Mr. Wasylyshyn. Ms. Seitz responded that she had not yet heard anything from Mr. Wasylyshyn after sending him the answers to the questions they had provided at the last FAB Committee meeting.

Chair Boerger stated that if we do not hear from the Sheriff’s Office by the next meeting, he believes the Commission should abandon the issue and focus on other efforts that may be more beneficial to the industry.

Chair Boerger stated that he was hoping to restart the OPISSC committees and asked for volunteers to email him and let him know which committee they would be interested in joining.

OHS/PISGS Updates
Ms. Clark introduced the new Assistant Director for Ohio Homeland Security, Janille Stearmer. She mentioned that Ms. Stearmer is Mr. Gardner’s replacement.

Ms. Stearmer let the Commission know that she has been with Ohio Homeland Security for about five years and had been at Upper Arlington Police Department for about two years before that. She also mentioned that she works at the STACC once a week and also oversees the strategic planning, grants, policy, education,
outreach and critical infrastructure sections. Ms. Stearmer let the Commission know that she is happy to be here and excited to learn more about the industry.

Ms. Clark provided an updated regarding the Licensing & Registration unit. She mentioned that there are currently (year-to-date) 688 main licenses and 132 branch licenses, for a total of 820 licenses. This is 50 less than last year. She also mentioned that there are currently (year-to-date) 20,513 registrants, 1,617 are in applied status and 2,110 FAB holders.

Ms. Clark mentioned that the Enforcement Unit found an unlicensed provider at Country Fest and are pursuing criminal charges against them. One of the investigators conducted compliance checks at the Western Southern Open Tennis Tournament and found that one of the providers did not have any of their guards registered, so they are pursuing administrative action against that provider.

Ms. Clark also mentioned that one of the Investigators is working with Akron Police and OIU regarding a nuisance bar that is believed to be using unlicensed security. The investigators plan to conduct compliance check at Bash on Bay and the Solheim Cup Golf Tournament, which is rumored to be using an unlicensed provider. Ms. Clark stated that the Enforcement Unit has 23 ongoing cases, four of which are criminal.

Ms. Clark stated that BCI is currently experiencing a backlog due to a new system they have implemented. BCI is currently not answering their phones. PISGS is just now receiving BCI results that were submitted in June. She also stressed the importance of ensuring the name, social security number, and date of birth are all entered correctly because it will not auto-match in the system if any of that information is incorrect or missing.

**Roundtable**

Chair Boerger also stated that the Columbus Chapter of ASIS is holding a luncheon on Thursday, October 21, 2021, from 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm at the Scioto Country Club. He mentioned that this event is designed to foster a relationship between law enforcement and the security industry and invited Commission members to attend.

Chair Boerger mentioned that there are currently four positions open: Class A, B or C licensee, active law enforcement (rank of Lt or below), general public, and police chief. He also mentioned that someone has applied for the police chief position and are in the process of being appointed. He encouraged the Commission members to let anyone they know of who may be interested in serving on the Commission to submit an application.

Chair Boerger stated that OPOTA had an emergency meeting on July 8, 2021, regarding the OPOTA 20-hour firearms course written test question about the use of force. This was in response to the stand your ground law that was passed earlier this year. This change went into effect on July 15, 2021.

Mr. Myers asked whether there was any way for some of the guards who received the paper cards to get plastic cards without having to pay a replacement fee. Ms. Clark responded that she didn't believe so, because the fees are clearly stated in rule, but that she would look into it.

Ms. Snyder asked whether PISGS did any outreach to events/venues before it happens in order to minimize the possibility that unlicensed security is used. Ms. Clark responded that Dustyn Fox, of our Education & Outreach Unit typically helps with that, as does the Enforcement Unit who are able to visit and talk to these event planners/venue owners while in the field.

**ACTION:** Motion to adjourn. Myer first. Snyder second. None opposed. Motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 1:55 P.M.