

Private Security/Private Investigator Policy Committee

Minutes

March 17, 2015

The Private Security/Investigator Policy Committee of the Board on Public Safety Standards and Training held a regular meeting on Tuesday, March 17, 2015 in the Governor Victor G. Atiyeh Boardroom at the Department of Public Safety Standards and Training located in Salem, Oregon. Bill Geiger called the meeting to order at 1:35 p.m.

Attendees:

Committee Members:

Bill Geiger, Chair, Private Security Industry
Paul Castleberry, Vice Chair, Private Security Industry (via phone)
Mona Cato, Manufacturing Industry (via phone)
Carol Coates, Healthcare Industry
Jimmie Edmonds, Alarm Monitor Industry (via phone)
Jim Gibson, Private Investigator
Ronald Miller, Investigator (OSB Appointed)
Judy Pongratz, Retail Industry
Mark Rauch, Public Member
Randall Scott, Hospitality Industry
Michael Snyder, Unarmed Security Industry (via phone)

Committee Members Absent:

Raymond Byrd, Private Business or Governmental Entity that Utilizes Private Security Services

DPSST Staff:

Linsay Hale, Professional Standards Division Director
Mona Riesterer, Professional Standards Assistant
Suzy Herring, PI Compliance Investigator
Sharon Huck, Professional Standards Rules Coordinator
Karen Evans, PS Investigator/Instructor
Julie Johnson, PS Compliance Specialist

Guests:

Amanda Hayden, Rapid Response
Glen & Amy Williamson
Pat Higgins
Phil Agrue



1. *Minutes – November 18, 2014

Approve the minutes of the November 18, 2014 Private Security/Private Investigations Policy Committee meeting.

To see a complete record of the November 18, 2014 Private Security/Investigators Policy Committee minutes, please go to:

<http://www.oregon.gov/dpsst/BD/Pages/BoardCommitteeMinutesLinkPage.aspx>

Jim Gibson moved that the committee approve the minutes of the November 8, 2015 Private Security/Investigators Policy Committee meeting. Mark Rauch seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

2. *OAR 259-061-0010, 259-061-0160, OAR 259-061-0170, OAR 259-061-0250 – Proposed Rule Change

Inactive Status – Presented by Sharon Huck

This proposed rule change amends the current language to clarify the statutory requirements regarding inactive status of private investigation licensure. This includes combining all the inactive status requirements under OAR-061-0160 and repealing 259-061-0170 and 259-061-0250, as well as housekeeping.

Ronald Miller moved to approve filing the proposed language with the Secretary of State as a proposed rule and a permanent rule if no comments are received as presented. Jim Gibson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

By consensus the committee found no fiscal impact to small businesses.

3. *OAR 259-060-0120 – Proposed Rule Change

Interim Investigators License – Presented by Sharon Huck

The rule language has been revised to clearly show the department's process for granting an interim investigator license and also to provide consistency with statute.

Due to some confusion about the numbering and the definitions, the committee directed staff to represent the proposed change to the private investigator subcommittee for further review.

4. *OAR 259-060-0020 – Proposed Rule Change

Education Requirements – Presented by Sharon Huck

This proposed rule includes a two-year degree along with the four-year degree from an accredited degree-granting college or university as meeting the minimum education requirements for certification.

Mark Rauch moved to approve filing the proposed language with the Secretary of State as a proposed rule and a permanent rule if no comments are received as presented. Donovan Beard seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

By consensus the committee found no fiscal impact to small businesses

Committee members requested staff add minimum education requirements to the agenda on the next meeting.

5. *Examinations for Private Security and Alarm Managers and Private Security Requirements

Presented by Linsay Hale

A bank of 216 questions has been created to allow examinations to be changed periodically. All exams will include 50 randomly selected questions from the bank of questions. The list of questions was handed out to the committee for review. Staff will at no time substantively alter any questions or answers without PSIPC and Board approval.

Mark Rauch moved to approve the proposed examination revisions to the Board on Public Safety Standards and Trainings. Donovan Beard seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

6. *Unarmed Private Security Professional Biennial Renewal Course and Training Requirements

Presented by Linsay Hale

Chair Bill Geiger announced that this item will be pulled from the agenda. The existing unarmed refresher will continue to be used until the Unarmed Subcommittee meets and creates a comprehensive unarmed refresher training.

7. Sub-Committee Updates

Alarm Monitoring – Jimmie Edmonds, Chair -

Chair Jimmie Edmonds reported that the subcommittee had their first meeting on March 16, 2015. The committee is accepting applications until April 16, 2015 with the intent of forming a group and a having their first subcommittee meeting the middle of June.

Armed – Donovan Beard, Chair -

Chair Donovan Beard stated that their subcommittee meeting met recently and the group accepted the bylaws. The subcommittee is currently working on doing a full review on the armed curriculum, armed refresher and process in which armed instructors qualify.

Event Security/Hospitality – Randall Scott, Chair -

Chair Randall Scott reported the subcommittee has had two official meetings. The bylaws have been adopted. The subcommittee currently is working with addressing the OAR/Statutes and doing some housekeeping to clarify the definitions. The other item they are looking at is the Event Security/Hospitality curriculum.

Linsay Hale stated that this is a long time coming, and with the Event Security gearing up, DPSST is going to develop a program for Event Security certification training in conjunction with the Fire Marshall standards. DPSST will take the proposal to the subcommittee for discussion and recommendation for approval. DPSST is hoping to have something in place by May.

Private Investigator – Ron Miller, Chair -

Chair Ron Miller stated the subcommittee group had their initial meeting in February. They are accepting applications which will close within the next couple of weeks. The group discussed their goals for 2015 which include:

- Limited reciprocity with other jurisdictions
- Revision on current exams – making sure it is up to date
- OAR/ORS review
- Exemptions under the statute for investigators being licensed

Unarmed – Raymond Byrd, Chair -

Chair Raymond Byrd was absent from the meeting. This subcommittee meeting is scheduled to have their first initial meeting on March 19, 2015. The committee will begin recruiting for membership.

8. Department Update

Linsay Hale wanted to recognize that all of the positions on the Private Security and Investigator Policy Committee are currently filled, and thanked everyone for their involvement to the group.

Linsay welcomed Mike Snyder and Jimmie Edmonds to the PSIPC.

On the legislative side, the bill that was introduced which would require private investigators include their name and DPSST number on all advertisements. This bill would not impact DPSST'S day to day business aside from adding another element to compliance investigations. Bail bonds were introduced again. If passed Bail bond agents being able to

function in the state would be required to be certified as private investigators. Linsay stated she has not seen this bill move to date.

There were three bills introduced by DPSST, one being adding the ability for the Board to require background checks for reserve police officers. Another was the ability to compel compliance with records request in relations to investigations and the other was the exemption from the PERS statute that would allow individuals to work full time at this department in a training capacity. All three bills are currently moving through the process uncontested.

Eve Claydon has resigned her position with the department effective March 6, 2015. Linsay commended Eve's contribution to the industry and she will be missed. DPSST will be reviewing for recruitment for the position very soon.

The fingerprint fee has been reduced from OSP and FBI.

DPPST hosted the first Alarm Monitor online trainings which is a tremendous advancement. Online training gives DPSST the ability to provide training to out-of-state constituents without having to travel.

The rule that repeals the requirement to send training rosters in tamper proof bags is scheduled to become permanent the week of March 23rd

9. Next Regularly Scheduled Meeting – May 19, 2015 at 1:30 p.m.

** All documents reviewed and discussed in this meeting are subject to Oregon Public Records Law (ORS 192.410 to ORS 192.505). These documents can be requested by contacting DPSST at dpsst.records@state.or.us.*