

**PRIVATE INVESTIGATOR AND SECURITY GUARD LICENSING BOARD**  
**MINUTES**  
**FEBRUARY 24, 2022**  
**Webex Electronic Meeting**  
**Indianapolis, Indiana**

**I. CALL TO ORDER AND ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM** 9:06 a.m.

Board Members Present:

Don C. Johnson

Penny Hughes

Cole Smith

Board Members Absent

Staff present:

Amy Hall, Board Director

Chris Shea-Russell, Assistant Board Director

Leif Johnson, Board Counsel

Heather Orbaugh, Court Reporter

**II. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

Motion made to adopt the amended agenda with the changes of a typo with Avert Security and moving the board elections to a discussion item.

Motion made and seconded – Penny Hughes/Don Johnson

Motion passes 3/0/0

**ROLL CALL**

Don C. Johnson        yay

Penny Hughes        yay

Cole Smith            yay

**III. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES FROM THE DECEMBER 14, 2021, MEETING**

Motion made to adopt the minutes of the December 14, 2021 meeting after fixing the Avert Security typo.

Motion made and seconded – Penny Hughes/Cole Smith

Motion passes 3/0/0

**ROLL CALL**

Don C. Johnson        yay

Penny Hughes        yay  
Cole Smith            yay

#### **IV. REPORT FROM THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE**

A report was provided to the board by Kiely Keesler. There are currently 4 litigation files open. There are 13 open investigations.

#### **V. ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS**

##### **A. AVERT SECURITY – Cause No: 2021PISG0006 Petition of Summary Suspension Renewal**

Motion made to approve the Summary Suspension Renewal  
Motion made and seconded – Penny Hughes/Don Johnson  
Motion passes 3/0/0

##### **ROLL CALL**

Don C. Johnson        yay  
Penny Hughes        yay  
Cole Smith            yay

##### **B. Genealogy Research Group, Inc. – Cause No: 2021PISG0009 Notice of Proposed Default/Order to Show Cause**

Motion made to find in Default  
Motion made and seconded – Don Johnson/Cole Smith  
Motion passes 3/0/0

##### **ROLL CALL**

Don C. Johnson        yay  
Penny Hughes        yay  
Cole Smith            yay

Motion made to issue a Cease and Desist for unlicensed practice in the State of Indiana.

Motion made and seconded – Penny Hughes/Don Johnson  
Motion passes 3/0/0

##### **ROLL CALL**

Don C. Johnson        yay  
Penny Hughes        yay  
Cole Smith            yay

#### **VI. PERSONAL APPEARANCES**

**Paladin Security – David Higgins – Private Investigator/ Security Guard (2<sup>nd</sup> Request)**

David Higgins appeared before the board. The PISG Board reviewed his applications but could find no supervisory experience within his application. Mr. Higgins has a political science degree, of which is not a criminal justice degree. His DD214 does not qualify him either. He needs to acquire 4000 hours of verified supervisory experience.

Motion made and seconded by Don Johnson/Cole Smith to deny both of the applications until the correct one has been submitted and reviewed.

Motion passes 3/0/0

**ROLL CALL**

Don C. Johnson	yay
Penny Hughes	yay
Cole Smith	yay

**Hart Halsey LLC dba Extra Duty Solutions – Adam Bryan – Security Guard**

Adam Bryan did appear before the board. He has a 1099 in lieu of a W2. He operated personally under a LLC, for tax filing purposes. He is paid through company reimbursements. He is an owner, not an employee of Hart Halsey. He has the experience, is a partner in his firm.

Motion made and seconded by Penny Hughes/Don Johnson to table the application pending more information.

Motion passes 3/0/0

**ROLL CALL**

Don C. Johnson	yay
Penny Hughes	yay
Cole Smith	yay

**APPLICATION REVIEW**  
**NONE**

**DISCUSSION**

**Board Elections**

Motion made and seconded by Penny Hughes/Cole Smith to elect Don Johnson as chair.

Motion passes 3/0/0

**ROLL CALL**

Don C. Johnson	yay
Penny Hughes	yay
Cole Smith	yay

Motion made and seconded by Don Johnson/Cole Smith to elect Penny Hughes as vice chair.

Motion passes 3/0/0

**ROLL CALL**

Don C. Johnson	yay
Penny Hughes	yay
Cole Smith	yay

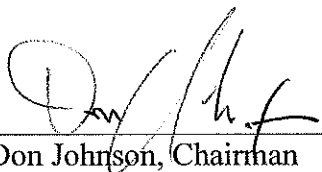
Motion made and seconded by Don Johnson/Penny Hughes to elect Cole Smith as liaison.

Motion passes 3/0/0

**ROLL CALL**

Don C. Johnson	yay
Penny Hughes	yay
Cole Smith	yay

Meeting Adjourned at 10:31 a.m.

  
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Don Johnson, Chairman

05/12/2022  
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Date