

**MINUTES  
PRIVATE INVESTIGATOR AND  
SECURITY GUARD LICENSING BOARD  
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2022  
9:00 A.M**

**I. CALL TO ORDER AND ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM**

9:12 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

Lindy Meyer, Court Reporter

**II. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

Motion made to adopt the amended agenda as presented.

Motion made and seconded – Penny Hughes/Don Johnson

Motion passes 3/0/0

Don C. Johnson        yay

Penny Hughes        yay

Cole Smith            yay

**III. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES FROM THE THURSDAY, JULY 7, 2022,  
MEETING**

Motion made to adopt the minutes of the Thursday, July 7, 2022, meeting.

Motion made and seconded – Penny Hughes/Cole Smith

Motion passes 3/0/0

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 Ian Matthews. There are currently 3 litigation files open. There are 19 open investigations.

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

##### **A. STRONGHOLD EXECUTIVE PROTECTION SERVICE – Cause No: 2022PISG0001 Order to Show Cause**

**A proposed Cease and Desist Settlement was introduced to the board for review.**

Motion made to issue proposed default approve the proposed agreement as submitted – Penny Hughes/Cole Smith

Motion passes 3/0/0

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| Don C. Johnson | yay |
| Penny Hughes   | yay |
| Cole Smith     | yay |

##### **B. PALADIN SECURITY, LLC – Cause No: 2022PISG0002**

**Did not appear**

Motion for Dismissal of petition of appeal of denied license(PI & SG)

Motion made and seconded –Don Johnson/Penny Hughes

Motion passes 3/0/0

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| Don C. Johnson | yay |
| Penny Hughes   | yay |
| Cole Smith     | yay |

##### **C. Bradberry Investigations LLC – Cause No: 2022PISG0003**

Erin Bradberry did appear before the board to discuss her appeal. She is 250 hours short.

Petition of Denied License

Motion made and seconded to deny the denial petition for appeal – Penny Hughes/Cole Smith

Motion passes 3/0/0

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| Don C. Johnson | yay |
| Penny Hughes   | yay |
| Cole Smith     | yay |

**D. Avert Security – Cause No: 2021PISG0006**

This is the 5th extension of the Summary Suspension for another 90 days.

Motion made and seconded – Penny Hughes/Cole Smith

Motion passes 3/0/0

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| Don C. Johnson | yay |
| Penny Hughes   | yay |
| Cole Smith     | yay |

**VI. PERSONAL APPEARANCES**

**A. D.R.E. (DRAMA REINFORCEMENT EXPERTS) SERVICES –**

Antwon Gorgon

Antwon Gorgon appeared before the board. His application was tabled due to the lack of hours submitted with his application. He submitted 1099 information but not W-2. He was provided information about the possibilities of the hours that are acceptable.

The board decided to table this application for 90 days for him to obtain his W-2 information from previous employers and for their verification of experience.

Motion made and seconded – Cole Smith/Penny Hughes

Motion passes 3/0/0

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| Don C. Johnson | yay |
| Penny Hughes   | yay |
| Cole Smith     | yay |

**B. Guard Dog Security Agency – Jim Abram**

Jim Abram did appear before the board. He was a reserve officer with the Monroe County Sherriff's Office, which does not qualify him since he wasn't paid. He does not meet the qualifications for ~~the license~~. He has done 1099 work. He needs 4000 hours of SC managerial experience.

Motion made to deny the application.

Motion made and seconded –Cole Smith/Penny Hughes

Motion passes 3/0/0

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| Don C. Johnson | yay |
| Penny Hughes   | yay |
| Cole Smith     | yay |

## APPLICATIONS FOR REVIEW

### SECURITY GUARD

- A. **LO-KI Consulting Limited Liability Company** - Jeremy Bates– New Agency –  
Approval pending insurance

Motion made and seconded – Penny Hughes/Don Johnson

Motion passes 3/0/0

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| Don C. Johnson | yay |
| Penny Hughes   | yay |
| Cole Smith     | yay |

### PRIVATE INVESTIGATOR

- A. **State Wide Investigations** - McDaniel – New Firm

Denied due to lack of experience

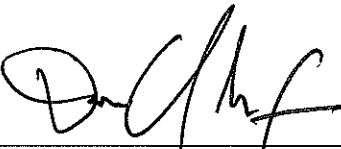
Motion made and seconded to deny – Penny Hughes/Don Johnson

Motion passes 3/0/0

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| Don C. Johnson | yay |
| Penny Hughes   | yay |
| Cole Smith     | yay |

### DISCUSSION

Meeting Adjourned at 10:28 a.m.

  
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Don Johnson, Chair

02/16/2023  
Date