

The Alabama Private Investigation Board
Meeting Minutes
June 23, 2020

With proper and required notice having been provided to the Alabama Secretary of State's Office along with posting on the website of the Alabama Secretary of State, a meeting of the Alabama Private Investigation Board was held on June 23, 2020 at 60 Commerce Street, Suite 1440, Montgomery, Alabama. The meeting was called to order at 10:04 a.m. by Chairman Charles Knight.

A quorum having been established; the following Board members were present:

Charles Knight
Charles Hopkins, Jr.
Jim Casteel
Eddie Cox
Tracy Crane
Sheriff Derrick Cunningham

Also, in attendance was Ben Albrighton from the AG's Office, Claire Austin, Executive Director, Will Parker and Brenda Holden.

For the Board members, all voting actions of the Board were by voice and clarified by the Chair after each vote.

The meeting was opened with prayer offered by Board Chair Charles Knight.

A motion to approve the agenda was made by Sheriff Cunningham and seconded by Charles Hopkins. Motion passed unanimously.

The minutes of the April 23, 2020 were previously distributed and reviewed. A motion was made by Charles Hopkins to accept the minutes and seconded by Tracy Crane. Motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Knight complimented Claire Austin for her ability of stepping into the position as director for the Board with the assistance of Will Parker getting the agency caught up on their duties.

Claire Austin provided an update to the Board; they processed 16 new applicants and renewed 100 licenses and have issued most of the ID cards that were previously delayed. Information was provided on the IGov providing online renewal service beginning July 1st. Claire also informed the Board that the Examiners of Public Accounts will begin a Compliance Audit for October 2017 through October 2019 later this week.

A discussion about Fire Investigator needing to apply for a PI License according to 34-25B-2(2)d *The cause or responsibility for fires, losses, accidents, damages, or injuries to persons or to property*. It was recommended that a letter be drafted that could be sent to people interested in providing these services.

Chairman Charles Knight stated that the Board needed to go into executive session for about 30 minutes to discuss the good name and character of some of the licensees. Tracy Crane made the motion to go into executive sessions seconded by Sheriff Derrick Cunningham, the motion passed unanimously. They went into executive session at 10:24 am.

Charles Hopkins motioned to return from executive session which was seconded by Eddie Cox. The motion passed unanimously. The Board came out of executive session at 10:46 am.

Complaints: The Board will be having one or two disciplinary hearings at their next scheduled meeting and possibly a consent agreement to review.

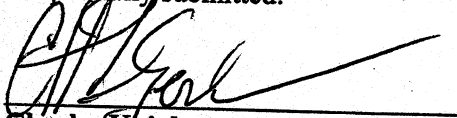
For the Review of Old Board Business discussion included the reciprocity agreement with Georgia which has been signed by both Alabama and Georgia. It was suggested to post the information on the Board's website for all licensees to see.

In New Board Business, Chairman Knight stated the Board appreciated the hard work that Charles Hudson has put into the SB94. It is hopeful that it can be revisited should the Legislators have a special session in August. Also discussed was reaffirming that the Board Chair should seek a contract for a Hearing Judge for the upcoming hearings.

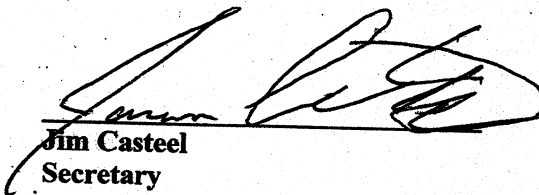
Next Board meeting, the date will be determined later.

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Tracy Crane and seconded by Jim Casteel. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 11:19 a.m.

Respectfully submitted:



Charles Knight
Chairman



Jim Casteel
Secretary