

Alabama Electronic Security Board of Licensure Board Meeting Tuesday, February 6, 2018, 9:49 a.m. AIDT Training Center 15 Technology Court Montgomery, Alabama

John Orr, Chairman, called the meeting to order at approximately 9:40 a.m. at the AIDT Training Center, Montgomery, Alabama, as posted on the Secretary of State's website. Mr. Orr asked Lynne Taunton, AESBL Executive Director, to call the roll. Members present: John Orr, Kristi Jennings, and Scott Hunter. Joe Marsh was not in attendance. Sheriff Cunningham arrived late. Newly appointed member, Dottie K. Blair, was in attendance, but could not vote due to pending confirmation. Stacia Robinson, who will rotate off the board pending the confirmation of Mrs. Blair, was not in attendance.

I. Quorum:

A quorum was present. Bettie Carmack, Assistant AG and Board's Legal Counsel certified the quorum.

II. Minutes of November 7, 2017, Board Meeting:

Mr. Orr asked members to review the minutes for the November 7, 2017, Board Meeting. Motion to approve the minutes was made by Mrs. Jennings. Second by Mr. Orr. An individual vote was taken: Mrs. Jennings voted to approve, Mr. Orr voted to approve. Mr. Hunter voted to approve. Mrs. Blair abstained. Motion carried.

Minutes of November 28, 2017, Board Meeting:

Mr. Orr asked members to review the minutes for the November 28, 2017, Board Meeting. Motion to approve the minutes was made by Mr. Hunter. Second by Mr. Orr. An individual vote was taken: Mr. Hunter voted to approve, Mr. Orr voted to approve. Mrs. Jennings voted to approve. Mrs. Blair abstained. Motion carried.

Sheriff Cunningham entered the meeting at approximately 10:00 a.m.

III. Discussion of Relevant Concerns:

Mrs. Taunton presented to the Board a question regarding the licensing of an individual who works for the Lee County School system as a maintenance director. The school system wishes for the individual, who is employed by the school system and who does not advertise that he works as an alarm installer, to be licensed with the State through the AESBL. A motion was made by Mr. Orr to license individuals on a case-by-case basis if they work for an entity that would be otherwise be exempt from licensure by the AESBL; the motion was seconded by Scott Hunter / All voted in favor of the motion, except for Mrs. Blair who abstained from the vote. None were opposed; the motion carried. Based upon the policy adopted by the Board through a board vote, Mr. Thomas Vordenbaum, an employee of the Lee County School System, was allowed to become licensed by the AESBL.

IV. House Bill 263:

Regarding HB263 that is before the Alabama Legislature for the 2018 session, Mrs. Jennings made a motion affirming the Board's support of the bill with the understanding that the most important change is the clarification of the exemption language under 34-1A-6 and to approve the changes as amended, including under 34-1A-2 that licensing should be completed for all qualified applicants with completed paperwork within six (6) weeks. Second by Sheriff Cunningham. Mrs. Blair abstained. All others were in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

V. Permitting of Licensing of Companies for 2017/2018 and 2018/2019:

Mr. Orr called for a motion on the one hundred four (104) companies that have been licensed from October 1, 2017, to December 31, 2017.

For 2017/2018—Of the 104 companies, two (2) were licensed for 2017 and eleven (11) were licensed for 2017-2018. A motion to approve these licenses of the thirteen (13) companies was made by Mr. Orr. Second by Mr. Hunter. Mrs. Blair abstained. All others were in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

For 2018/2019—Mr. Orr called for a motion on the ninety-one (91) companies that have been licensed for 2018/2019. A motion to approve the licenses of the 91 companies that will be effective January 1, 2018, was made by Mr. Orr. Second by Mr. Hunter. Mrs. Blair abstained. All others were in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

Permitting of Licensing of Individuals for 2017/2018 and 2018/2019:

Mr. Orr called for a motion on the five hundred fifty-five (555) individuals who were licensed with background checks from October 1, 2017, to December 31, 2017.

For 2017/2018—Of the 555 individuals, thirty-two (32) were licensed for 2017 and seventy-four (74) were licensed for 2017-2018. A motion to approve the licenses of the 106 individuals was made by Mr. Orr. Second by Mrs. Jennings. Mrs. Blair abstained. All others were in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

For 2018/2019—Mr. Orr called for a motion on the four hundred forty-nine (449) individuals licensed for 2018-2019. A motion to approve the licenses of the 449 individuals was made by Mr. Orr. Second by Mrs. Jennings. Mrs. Blair abstained. All others were in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

VI. Consumer Education Campaign:

Brian Key with Copperwing Design LLC presented the consumer education campaign which began February 1, 2018. Ms. Robinson provided a ledger of payments made to Copperwing for services rendered in the first quarter of Fiscal Year 2018.

VII. Executive Session:

A motion was made by Mr. Hunter to enter Executive Session to discuss the good name and character of licensed companies and to discuss with the Board's attorney the legal ramifications of controversies not yet being litigated but may likely be litigated if a certain course of action is taken. Second by Mrs. Jennings. A roll call vote was taken: Mr. Orr voted to approve, Sheriff Cunningham voted to approve, Mr. Hunter voted to approve, and Mrs. Jennings voted to approve. Mrs. Blair abstained. Assistant Attorney General Bettie Carmack declared at 11:30 a.m. that the Board was in Executive Session until approximately 12:30 p.m.

A motion was made by Sheriff Cunningham to return to General Session. Second by Mr. Hunter. A roll call vote was taken: Sheriff Cunningham voted to approve, Mr. Orr voted to approve, Mr. Hunter voted to approve, and Mrs. Jennings voted to approve. Mrs. Blair abstained. Assistant Attorney General Bettie Carmack declared that the Board was back in General Session at 1:35 p.m.

Regarding item X.A. on the Executive Session agenda, a motion was made by Mr. Orr for Ray Moore of Audio Works LLC in Spanish Fort, AL, to have submitted by April 1, 2018, his CCTV certificate along with all fees required for licensure by the AESBL. The motion further states that the Board will prorate the fees for 2018 only. Meaning, the fees for licensure will total \$400; and since Mr. Moore has paid \$100, he will only owe \$300. Second by Sheriff Cunningham. Mrs. Blair abstained. Mr. Hunter abstained. Mr. Orr voted to approve. Sheriff Cunningham voted to approve. Mrs. Jennings voted to approve. None opposed. Motion carried.

Regarding item **X.B.** on the Executive Session agenda, a motion was made by Mr. Orr for legal counsel to file an injunction against B-Secure LLC in Vernon, AL. Second by Sheriff Cunningham. Mrs. Blair abstained. All others voted in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

Regarding item **X.C.** on the Executive Session agenda, a motion was made by Sheriff Cunningham to table the discussion of the application for an ADT employee, J.J., until the May 8, 2018, board meeting. Additionally, the employee would have thirty (30) days to submit additional paperwork and, a failure by J. J. to submit the additional paperwork in 30 days, shall result in the denial of the licensing application. Second by Mr. Hunter. Mrs. Blair abstained. All others were in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

Regarding item **X.D.** on the Executive Session agenda, a motion was made by Mrs. Jennings for the Executive Director and the Associate Director to inquire about an insurance policy through the Office of Risk Management that would insure board members against law suits and to have this information by the May 2018 board meeting. Second by Mr. Orr. Mrs. Blair abstained. All others were in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

Regarding item X.E. on the Executive Session agenda, a motion was made by Mr. Orr to waive the \$500 fine previously assessed to Hulon Communications LLC in Dothan, AL, due to an administrative error on behalf of the AESBL. Second by Mr. Hunter. Mrs. Blair abstained. All others were in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

Regarding item **X.F.** on the Executive Session agenda, a motion was made by Mr. Orr to hold fines in abeyance that would normally be assessed at the March 31st deadline for those renewal applications that have not been received by the administrative office. The assessment of fines will be re-evaluated at the May 8, 2018, board meeting. Second by Mrs. Jennings. Mrs. Blair abstained. All others were in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

VIII. AESBL Budget for Fiscal Year 2018:

Ms. Janet Robinson presented a report reflecting deposits and payments made in the first quarter of FY2018.

IX. Other Business:

There was no other business at this time.

Next Scheduled Board Meeting:

Tuesday, May 8, 2018.

Adjourn:

Motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Hunter. Second by Sheriff Cunningham. Mr. Hunter voted to approve, Sheriff Cunningham voted to approve, Mr. Orr voted to approve, and Mrs. Jennings voted to approve. Mrs. Blair abstained. Motion carried. The Board adjourned at 2:17 p.m.

Approved by the Board on May 8, 2018.

John D. Orr, Sr., Chairman

Lynne Taunton, Executive Director

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