

Alabama Electronic Security Board of Licensure  
Board Meeting  
Tuesday, August 11, 2020, 9:30 a.m.  
Hampton Inn & Suites, Meeting Room  
7651 Eastchase Parkway  
Montgomery, Alabama 36117

John Orr, Chairman, called the meeting to order at approximately 9:31 a.m. at Hampton Inn & Suites in Montgomery, Alabama, as posted on the Secretary of State's website and the AESBL website. Mr. Orr asked Janet Robinson, Executive Director, to call the roll. Members present: John Orr, Kristi Jennings, and Seanne' Warrior. Due to COVID-19 precautions and pursuant to Governor Ivey's Emergency Proclamation Supplemental on March 18, 2020, Sheriff Cunningham, Scott Hunter, and Joe Marsh attended via telephone conference call.

**I. Quorum:**

A quorum was present. Neva Conway from the Alabama Attorney General's Office certified the quorum.

**II. Minutes of May 12, 2020, Board Meeting:**

Mr. Orr asked members to review the minutes for the May 12, 2020, Board Meeting. Motion to approve the minutes was made by Mrs. Jennings. Second by Ms. Warrior. All were in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

**III. Discussion of Relevant Concerns:**

Hugh O'Neal of Tallatron, Inc., in Talladega, Alabama, appeared before the Board to ask that a diploma earned from a technical college be accepted as a training certification equivalent for a newly hired employee. A motion was made by Mrs. Jennings to accept training for this individual with the agreement that a new Rule be established regarding the consideration of such training in the future. Second by Mr. Hunter. All were in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Orr to re-establish the Education Committee to review required educational requirements and to establish a new Rule regarding college degrees. Second by Ms. Warrior. All were in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

**IV. Permitting of Licensing of Companies for 2019/2020 and 2020/2021 and 2021/2022:**

Mr. Orr called for a motion on the sixty-two (62) companies that have been licensed from April 1, 2020, to June 30, 2020.

For 2019/2020—Of the 62 companies, fourteen (14) were licensed for 2019/2020. A motion to approve the licenses of the 14 companies was made by Mr. Orr. Second by Mrs. Jennings. All were in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

For 2020/2021—Of the 62 companies, forty-five (45) were licensed for 2020/2021. A motion to approve the licenses of the 45 companies was made by Mr. Orr. Second by Mrs. Jennings. All were in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

For 2021/2022—Of the 62 companies, three (3) were licensed for 2021/2022. A motion to approve the licenses of the 3 companies effective January 1, 2021, was made by Mr. Orr. Second by Ms. Warrior. All were in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

NOTE: During the third quarter of FY2020, eighteen (18) new companies were licensed.

**Permitting of Licensing of Individuals for 2019/2020 and 2020/2021 and 2021/2022:**

Mr. Orr called for a motion on the three hundred nine (309) individuals who were licensed with background checks from April 1, 2020, to June 30, 2020.

For 2019/2020—Of the 309 individuals, one hundred two (102) were licensed for 2019/2020. A motion to approve the licenses of the 102 individuals was made by Mr. Orr. Second by Mrs. Jennings. All were in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

For 2020/2021—Of the 309 individuals, two hundred seven (207) were licensed for 2020/2021. A motion to approve the licenses of the 207 individuals was made by Mr. Orr. Second by Mrs. Jennings. All were in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

For 2021/2022—A motion was not needed. There were no individuals licensed with background checks during this period.

NOTE: During the third quarter of FY2020, one hundred seventy-six (176) new individuals were licensed.



**V. Items to Discuss:**

**A. Training for review/approval:**

Alabama Locksmith Association—Beginning Locksmith Course

A motion to approve a new four-day locksmith certification course was made by Mrs. Jennings. Second by Mr. Marsh. All were in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

Elite CEU, Inc.—Electronic Access Control

A motion to approve an Electronic Access Control certification course was made by Mr. Orr. Second by Mrs. Jennings. All were in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

Johnson Controls—Sales Builder Course

A motion to approve the in-house Sales Builder Course was made by Mrs. Jennings. Second by Ms. Warrior. All were in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

**B. COVID-19 issues:**

Due to COVID-19, the Board agreed to extend discounted fees for the 2021-2022 renewal period only. A motion was made by Mrs. Jennings to extend the 10% discount until September 30, 2020, and to extend the 5% discount until December 15, 2020. Second by Ms. Warrior. All were in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

**C. ACE Hardware:**

Deborah Speigner, AESBL Compliance Auditor, informed the Board that she had contacted all ACE Hardware stores that she knew were located in the State of Alabama regarding licensure related to copying transponder keys. She stated that, of those that had responded, some locations were choosing to get licensed and some were choosing to not replicate such keys. She will continue to monitor the situation.

**D. Appeal of Fine for non-renewal:**

Impulse Alarm LLC in Las Vegas, Nevada, appealed to the Board asking that their \$1,000.00 fine for late renewal for 2020-2021 be waived. A motion was made by Mr. Orr to reduce the fine to \$500.00 pending the completion of paperwork by August 25, 2020. Full fine will remain in place unless requested paperwork is received by the specified date. Second by Mrs. Jennings. All were in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

**E. RFP/Contracts:**

- a) A motion was made by Mr. Marsh to award the contract for the AESBL Inspector to Karen Entrekin. Second by Mrs. Jennings. All were in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.
- b) A motion was made by Mrs. Jennings to award the contract for the AESBL Investigator—Region 1 to Edward K Weatherford. Second by Ms. Warrior. All were in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mrs. Jennings to award the contract for the AESBL Investigator—Region 2 to John C. Gayle. Second by Ms. Warrior. All were in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mrs. Jennings to award the contract for the AESBL Investigator—Region 3 to Will Hamm, Jr. Second by Ms. Warrior. All were in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

- c) A motion was made by Mrs. Jennings to approve the contract for the AESBL Administrative Law Judge to Amanda Carter. Second by Mr. Marsh. All were in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

**VI. Executive Session:**

The Board did not enter into Executive Session.

**VII. AESBL Budget for Fiscal Year 2020:**

Ms. Robinson presented a report reflecting deposits and payments made in the third quarter of FY2020.

**VIII. Other Business:**

**A. Renewal of Contract with RT Management, Inc.:**

A motion to renew AESBL's contract with RT Management, Inc., for Fiscal Year 2021 was made by Mrs. Jennings. Second by Mr. Orr. All were in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

**B. Reappointment of Sheriff Cunningham:**

Ms. Robinson announced that Sheriff Cunningham had been reappointed to the Board with his term expiring September 30, 2023.

**C. Terms expiring for Kristi Jennings and Joe Marsh:**

Ms. Robinson informed the Board that both Mrs. Jennings' and Mr. Marsh's terms were expiring September 30, 2020, and that both the Alabama Alarm Association and American Council of Engineering Companies of Alabama had been contacted in order that nominations be sent to the Governor's office.

**D. AAA approved CEU for AESBL staff:**

Ms. Robinson informed the Board that the Alabama Alarm Association had approved a CEU course for the AESBL staff to conduct a licensing/website tutorial. The course will be held via Zoom on August 25, 2020, and is worth one credit hour.

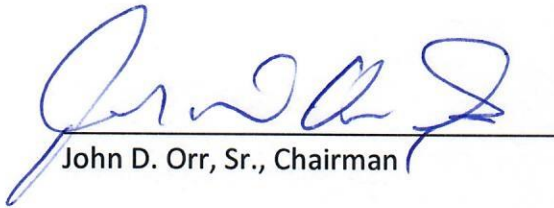
**E. Next Scheduled Board Meeting: Tuesday, November 10, 2020**



**Adjourn:**

Motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Orr. Second by Mrs. Jennings. All were in favor. None opposed. Motion carried. The Board adjourned at 11:42 a.m.

Approved by the Board on November 10, 2020.



John D. Orr, Sr., Chairman



Janet Robinson, Executive Director