



Alabama Electronic Security Board of Licensure
Board Meeting
Tuesday, February 9, 2021, 9:30 a.m.
Hampton Inn & Suites, Meeting Room
7651 Eastchase Parkway
Montgomery, Alabama 36117

After a public hearing on the proposed Rule change, John Orr, Chairman, called the meeting to order at approximately 9:32 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. Voting member present: John Orr. Newly appointed/non-voting members present: Morgan Garner and Geoffrey Wilson. Sheriff Derrick Cunningham, Scott Hunter, Seanne' Warrior, and Joe Marsh attended remotely via Zoom. Kristi Jennings was not present.

I. Quorum:

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

II. Minutes of November 10, 2020, Board Meeting:

Mr. Orr asked members to review the minutes for the November 10, 2020, Board Meeting. Motion to approve the minutes was made by Mr. Hunter. Second by Sheriff Cunningham. All were in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

III. Discussion of Relevant Concerns:

There were no concerns at this time.

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

Mr. Orr called for a motion on the one hundred two (102) companies that have been licensed from October 1, 2020, to December 31, 2020.

For 2019/2020—Of the 102 companies, five (5) were licensed for 2019/2020. A motion to approve the licenses of the 5 companies was made by Mr. Marsh. Second by Sheriff Cunningham. All were in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

For 2020/2021—Of the 102 companies, eleven (11) were licensed for 2020/2021. A motion to approve the licenses of the 11 companies was made by Mr. Marsh. Second by Sheriff Cunningham. All were in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

For 2021/2022—Of the 102 companies, eighty-six (86) were licensed for 2021/2022. A motion to approve the licenses of the 86 companies was made by Mr. Marsh. Second by Sheriff Cunningham. All were in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

NOTE: During the first quarter of FY2021, sixteen (16) 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 five hundred thirty-seven (537) individuals who were licensed with background checks from October 1, 2020, to December 31, 2020.

For 2019/2020—Of the 537 individuals, sixty-one (61) were licensed for 2019/2020. A motion to approve the licenses of the 61 individuals was made by Mr. Marsh. Second by Sheriff Cunningham. All were in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

For 2020/2021—Of the 537 individuals, one hundred twenty-nine (129) were licensed for 2020/2021. A motion to approve the licenses of the 129 individuals was made by Mr. Marsh. Second by Sheriff Cunningham. All were in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

For 2021/2022—Of the 537 individuals, three hundred forty-seven (347) were licensed for 2021/2022. A motion to approve the licenses of the 347 individuals was made by Mr. Marsh. Second by Sheriff Cunningham. All were in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

NOTE: During the first quarter of FY2021, one hundred forty-eight (148) new individuals were licensed.

V. Items to Discuss:

A. Vote on Proposed Rule change following the Public Hearing:

A motion was made by Mr. Hunter to accept the Rule change regarding acceptance of a college diploma in lieu of Level 1 certification. Second by Sheriff Cunningham. A roll call vote was taken. All were in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

B. Report on Legal Compliance Audit:

Ms. Robinson presented the Legal Compliance Audit report from the Examiners office and noted the findings and the recommendations.

C. Rule Changes recommended in Legal Compliance Audit:

Mr. Orr called for a motion to form the Committee for Legal Compliance Review to address the recommendations by the Examiners office. A motion to form the committee and assign Mr. Orr and Mr. Garner as members of the committee was made by Mr. Orr. Second by Mr. Hunter. A roll call vote was taken. All were in favor. None oppose. Motion carried.

D. Review/Approval of diploma from North Alabama Community College:

Tori Lewis, AESBL Licensing Coordinator, presented to the Board a diploma, along with an academic transcript, that had been submitted for consideration as an equivalent to Level 1 training. A motion was made by Mr. Hunter to accept as a Level 1 training equivalent the Associate in Applied Science degree from Northeast Alabama Community College by Mr. Brad Ellis. Second by Sheriff Cunningham. A roll call vote was taken. All were in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

E. Licensing of Institutional Employees:

Barbara McGowin and Lee Schofield, both of the Alabama Locksmith Association, informed the Board that they are seeing an increase in the desire of institutional locksmiths to be licensed regardless of their employer being exempt from licensure. The Association is working to draft their own rules regarding this and was seeking the Board's opinion. Ms. Robinson reminded the Board that they have agreed to consider such individual licensing on a case-by-case basis and suggested that an amendment to the AESBL Administrative Code may need to be considered. The Board agreed to address the subject at the May board meeting.

VI. Executive Session:

The Board did not enter into Executive Session.

VII. AESBL Budget for Fiscal Year 2021:

Ms. Robinson presented a report reflecting deposits and payments made in the first quarter of FY2021.

AESBL Budget Report for Fiscal Year 2020:

Ms. Robinson presented a comprehensive report for the completed Fiscal Year of 2020.

VIII. Other Business:

A. 2020 Statement of Economic Interest:

Ms. Robinson informed the Board that the deadline for submitting their 2020 SEI forms is April 30, 2021, and that she would email each one of them the link to the online form on the Alabama Ethics Commission's website.

B. Maintaining website from Consumer Education Campaign:

Ms. Robinson inquired as to whether or not the Board wanted the AESBL staff to maintain the website established by Copperwing Design LLC for the purpose of the Consumer Education Campaign. The Board declined to maintain the website since the advertising campaign has expired.

C. AESBL Staff conducting expanded course on licensing procedures:

Deborah Speigner, AESBL Compliance Auditor, suggested to the Board that the staff would be willing to travel to the northern and southern parts of the state to conduct more extensive training on licensing renewal. Mrs. Speigner also asked the Board to consider allowing for up to four CEU hours for attendance. The Board asked for the AESBL staff to draft an agenda and would consider it at the May board meeting.

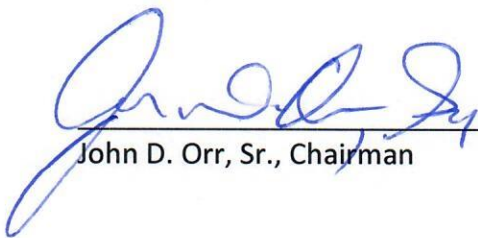
Further, Ms. Robinson inquired as to whether the Board would consider allowing licensees to earn a CEU credit by attending the board meeting via Zoom under Governor Ivey's proclamation. The Board did not agree to allow a CEU credit for virtual attendance.

D. Next Scheduled Board Meeting: Tuesday, May 11, 2021

Adjourn:

Motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Marsh. Second by Sheriff Cunningham. All were in favor. None opposed. Motion carried. The Board adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

Approved by the Board on May 11, 2021.



John D. Orr, Sr., Chairman



Janet Robinson, Executive Director