



Alabama Electronic Security Board of Licensure  
Board Meeting  
Tuesday, May 10, 2022, 9:30 a.m.  
Halcyon Pointe—Building I  
7515 Halcyon Summit Drive  
Montgomery, Alabama 36117

After a public hearing on the proposed Rule changes, John Orr, Chairman, called the meeting to order at approximately 9:35 a.m. at Halcyon Pointe—Building I 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, Morgan Garner, Geoffrey Wilson, and Scott Motes. Seanne’ Warrior entered the meeting at 9:42 a.m. Sheriff Cunningham was not in attendance due to a meeting with Governor Ivey.

**I. Quorum:**

A quorum was present. Andy Crowder from the Alabama Attorney General’s Office certified the quorum.

**II. Minutes of February 8, 2022, Board Meeting:**

Mr. Orr asked members to review the minutes for the February 8, 2022, Board Meeting. Motion to approve the minutes was made by Mr. Garner. Second by Mr. Wilson. All were in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

**III. Discussion of Relevant Concerns:**

Barbara McGowin and Lee Schofield with the Alabama Locksmith Association informed the Board that they continue to get complaints from members regarding contact from the AESBL Inspectors. Members complain that they are constantly being inspected while unlicensed companies and individuals are out working. Ms. Robinson stated again that the Board’s statute specifies that periodic inspections must be conducted, and therefore, AESBL Inspectors are to contact all companies each year. Deborah Speigner, AESBL Compliance Auditor, provided a list of employees from an unnamed licensed company that was obtained by an AESBL Inspector. The list of employees was much longer than the AESBL list of licensed employees. Mrs. Speigner pointed out that the AESBL Inspectors are finding evidence of non-compliance among licensed companies. It was further stated that work is being done and proper procedures are being followed to bring unlicensed companies into compliance. However, much of this work cannot be published because it is not yet public record or could hinder an on-going investigation. It was agreed that a list of injunctive action, which is public record, can be published on the AESBL website. The Board also discussed that the AESBL



should send letters to law enforcement agencies and revenue departments throughout the state. The Board also discussed the possibility of sending out a newsletter.

**IV. Permitting of Licensing of Companies for 2021/2022 and 2022/2023:**

Mr. Orr called for a motion on the one hundred ninety-nine (199) companies that were licensed from January 1, 2022, to March 31, 2022.

For 2021/2022—Of the 199 companies, twenty-one (21) were licensed for 2021/2022. A motion to approve the licenses of the 21 companies was made by Mr. Motes. Second by Ms. Warrior. All were in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

For 2022/2023—Of the 199 companies, one hundred seventy-eight (178) were licensed for 2022/2023. A motion to approve the licenses of the 178 companies was made by Mr. Motes. Second by Mr. Garner. All were in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

NOTE: During the second quarter of FY2022, twenty-two (22) new companies were licensed.

**Permitting of Licensing of Individuals for 2021/2022 and 2022/2023:**

Mr. Orr called for a motion on the six hundred forty-six (646) individuals who were licensed with background checks from January 1, 2022, to March 31, 2022.

For 2021/2022—Of the 646 individuals, ninety (90) were licensed for 2021/2022. A motion to approve the licenses of the 90 individuals was made by Mr. Motes. Second by Ms. Warrior. All were in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

For 2022/2023—Of the 646 individuals, five hundred fifty-six (556) were licensed for 2022/2023. A motion to approve the licenses of the 556 individuals was made by Mr. Motes. Second by Mr. Orr. All were in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

NOTE: During the second quarter of FY2022, one hundred eighty-one (181) new individuals were licensed.

**V. Items to Discuss:**

**A. Vote on Rule Changes following the Public Hearing:**

A motion to adopt the Rule changes was made by Mr. Motes. Second by Mr. Wilson. All were in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

**B. Board Resolution for Executive Director – falsified applications:**

Ms. Robinson presented a Resolution that allows the Board to delegate the power to the Executive Director to deny an individual application if that application has been found to be falsified. This Resolution is in conjunction with the adopted Rule change 304-X-1-.03((6)(j)). A motion to approve the Board Resolution was made by Mr. Wilson. Second by Mr. Garner. All were in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

**C. Approval of 2023/2024 Application Packet:**

A motion to approve the 2023/2024 application packet was made by Mr. Motes. Second by Ms. Warrior. All were in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

**D. Proposed Rule Changes – late fee and notarized affidavit:**

A motion to increase the late fee for company applications received/postmarked after the December 31<sup>st</sup> renewal deadline from \$150.00 to \$500.00, and to require that



companies no longer doing security/locksmith work in the State of Alabama submit a notarized affidavit was made by Mr. Orr. Second by Mr. Garner. All were in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

A motion to approve the proposed Rule changes reflecting these items was made by Mr. Orr. Second by Mr. Garner. All were in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

**E. Approval of RFP/New Contract Language for AESBL Investigator:**

A motion to approve the new contract language for the AESBL Investigator was made by Mr. Garner. Second by Mr. Motes. All were in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

**F. Approval of RFP/New Contract Language for AESBL Inspectors:**

A motion to approve the new contract language for the AESBL Inspectors was made by Mr. Orr. Second by Mr. Motes. All were in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

**G. Cease and Desist/Court Action – non-renewing and unlicensed companies:**

Tori Lewis, AESBL Licensing Coordinator, and Deborah Speigner, AESBL Compliance Auditor, presented a report to the Board regarding unlicensed companies and non-renewing companies, current investigations, cease-and-desist orders issued, and injunctions filed. Mr. Crowder, attorney, confirmed the number of cease-and-desist orders, and current and pending injunctions.

Chris Clark and Heath Stripling with RJ Young addressed the Board concerning a report of unlicensed activity against their company. It was the Board's understanding that the company only sells CCTV and Access Control equipment and that subcontractors install the equipment. The Board advised Mr. Clark and Mr. Stripling that language on RJ Young's website would need to reflect this business model. Currently the website indicates that RJ Young performs the work. The Board also reminded Mr. Clark and Mr. Stripling that it is vitally important to make sure all subcontractors are licensed to perform the work they are given.

**H. Final Report: Legal Compliance Audit from the Examiners of Public Accounts:**

A motion to accept the recommendations of the Examiners of Public Accounts as stated in the Legal Compliance Audit Report was made by Mr. Orr. Second by Mr. Wilson. All were in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

Note: Ms. Robinson reported to the Board that action had already been taken by the staff to follow the recommendations by the Examiners.

**I. Review Education in lieu of Certification:**

A motion to approve Mr. Ian Van Cleave's education in lieu of the required certifications for licensing was made by Mr. Motes. Second by Mr. Garner. All were in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

**VI. Executive Session:**

A motion was made by Mr. Garner to enter Executive Session to discuss the good name and character of an individual applicant. Second by Mr. Motes. A roll call vote was taken: Mr. Orr voted to approve, Ms. Warrior voted to approve, Mr. Garner voted to approve, Mr. Wilson voted to approve, and Mr. Motes voted to approve. The Board disconnected from the Zoom call designated for General Session. Assistant Attorney General Peggy Rossmannith declared at 11:30 a.m. that the Board in Executive Session until approximately 12:30 p.m.

Mr. Orr declared at 11:59 a.m. that the Board was out of Executive Session and back in General Session.

A motion to approve the individual application for A. Brown was made by Mr. Garner. Second by Ms. Warrior. All were in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

**VII. AESBL Budget for Fiscal Year 2022:**

Ms. Robinson presented reports reflecting deposits and payments made in the second quarter of FY2022. The comprehensive budgetary reports for the second quarter of FY2022 included the following: FY2022 Net/Loss Income Report as of March 31, 2022, Deposit/Expenditure Quarterly Change Report from previous fiscal year and previous licensing period, and a Cash Reconciliation Report as of March 31, 2022. Ms. Robinson also provided the Board with a copy of the ledger for second quarter FY2022.

**VIII. Other Business:**

**A. Scott Motes Confirmation:**

Ms. Robinson informed the Board that Scott Motes was confirmed by the Alabama State Senate on March 17, 2022. The confirmation letter was provided to the Board.

**B. New ID Badge Design for 2023-2024:**

Ms. Robinson informed the Board that a new license ID badge design would begin with the 2023-2024 licensing period. A sample ID badge was provided to the Board.

**C. Alabama Alarm Association Summer Conference:**

Ms. Robinson informed the Board that the AESBL staff were scheduled to speak at the Alarm Association Conference on Wednesday, May 18<sup>th</sup>. It will be a one-hour presentation on the licensing process and will be worth one CEU credit for those in attendance.

**D. Next Scheduled Board Meeting: Tuesday, August 16, 2022**

**Adjourn:**

Motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Motes. Second by Mr. Garner. All were in favor. None opposed. Motion carried. The Board adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

Approved by the Board on August 16, 2022.

  
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John D. Orr, Sr., Chairman

  
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Janet Robinson, Executive Director