



Alabama Electronic Security Board of Licensure
Board Meeting
Tuesday, November 8, 2022, 9:30 a.m.
Halcyon Pointe—Building I
7515 Halcyon Summit Drive
Montgomery, Alabama 36117

Morgan Garner, Chairman, called the meeting to order at approximately 9:42 a.m. at Halcyon Pointe—Building I in Montgomery, Alabama, as posted on the Secretary of State's website and the AESBL website. Mr. Garner asked Janet Robinson, Executive Director, to call the roll. Members present: Morgan Garner, Scott Motes, and James Turner. Geoff Wilson attended via video on Zoom.

I. Quorum:

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

Note: Mr. Crowder conferred with Peggy Rossmanith at the Attorney General's Office regarding Code of Alabama 1975, Section 34-1A-2(4) that, while Mr. Turner has not been confirmed by the Senate and is a non-voting member, his attendance as an appointed board member agrees with the provision in the statute. Further, that given this, Mr. Wilson could participate and vote via video on Zoom.

II. Minutes of August 16, 2022, Board Meeting:

Mr. Garner asked members to review the minutes for the August 16, 2022, Board Meeting. Motion to approve the minutes was made by Mr. Motes. Second by Mr. Wilson. All were in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

III. Discussion of Relevant Concerns:

There were no relevant concerns at this time.

IV. Permitting of Licensing of Companies for 2021/2022 and 2022/2023 and 2023/2024:

Mr. Garner called for a motion on the seventy-four (74) companies that were licensed from July 1, 2022, to September 30, 2022.

For 2021/2022—Of the 74 companies, four (4) were licensed for 2021/2022. A motion to approve the licenses of the 4 companies was made by Mr. Motes. Second by Mr. Wilson. All were in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

For 2022/2023—Of the 74 companies, seventeen (17) were licensed for 2022/2023. A motion to approve the licenses of the 17 companies was made by Mr. Motes. Second by Mr. Wilson. All were in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

For 2023/2024—Of the 74 companies, fifty-three (53) were licensed for 2023/2024. A motion to approve the licenses of the 53 companies, effective January 1, 2023, was made by Mr. Motes. Second by Mr. Wilson. All were in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

NOTE: During the fourth quarter of FY2022, sixteen (16) new companies were licensed. During FY2022, seventy-three (73) new companies were licensed.

Permitting of Licensing of Individuals for 2021/2022 and 2022/2023 and 2023/2024:

Mr. Garner called for a motion on the two hundred ninety-eight (298) individuals who were licensed with background checks from July 1, 2022, to September 30, 2022.

For 2021/2022—Of the 298 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 Mr. Wilson. All were in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

For 2022/2023—Of the 298 individuals, one hundred twelve (112) were licensed for 2022/2023. A motion to approve the licenses of the 112 individuals was made by Mr. Motes. Second by Mr. Wilson. All were in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

For 2023/2024—Of the 298 individuals, ninety-six (96) were licensed for 2023/2024. A motion to approve the licenses of the 96 individuals, effective January 1, 2023, was made by Mr. Motes. Second by Mr. Wilson. All were in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

NOTE: During the fourth quarter of FY2022, one hundred sixty (160) new individuals were licensed. During FY2022, six hundred eighty-four (684) new individuals were licensed.

V. Items to Discuss:

A. Unlicensed Companies Committee:

Ms. Robinson and Mr. Crowder updated the Board on the committee meeting held October 20, 2022, at the Attorney General's Office. The committee recommended to the Board that a statute change be submitted during the next general session of the Alabama State Legislature and that a separate committee be established to finalize the drafted language of the statute change. A motion was made by Mr. Motes to establish the committee with members being Scott Motes, Geoff Wilson, Barbara McGowin of the Alabama Locksmith Association, Andy Crowder, the AESBL staff, and Heather Davis, who will serve as a consultant. Second by Mr. Garner. All were in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

B. Draft of Proposed Statute Change:

Ms. Robinson presented a draft of changes to be made to the AESBL statute. A motion to approve the proposed changes was made by Mr. Garner. Second by Mr. Motes. All were in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

C. A.J. Doody – Instructor Approval:

A motion to approve A.J. Doody as an instructor for CCTV and Electronic Access Control certification courses was made by Mr. Motes. Second by Mr. Wilson. All were in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

D. Jace Campbell – Training Approval:

A motion to approve the training certificates provided by Mr. Campbell in lieu of Level 1, Level 2, CCTV, and Electronic Access Control certifications was made by Mr. Motes. Second by Mr. Wilson. All were in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

E. SafeDefend LLC:

The Board reviewed information submitted for SafeDefend LLC, which provides active shooter training and equipment for schools and the workplace. SafeDefend LLC has installed safety systems in twenty (20) campuses in the Limestone County School District. After reviewing the materials and speaking with Mr. Johnson and Mr. Russell, the Board concluded that SafeDefend LLC does not fall under the AESBL per view, and therefore, does not require licensure.

F. Unlock It For Me – Allison Burns:

Allison Burns appeared before the Board as a follow-up from the February 8, 2022, meeting to inquire if the Board would allow a more simplified licensing process for Unlock It For Me LLC, Beauregard Lock & Key, and 261 Lock & Key. A motion was made by Mr. Garner to license two locations with the names Unlock It For Me LLC – Beauregard Lock & Key (#1891) and Unlock It For Me LLC – 261 Lock & Key (#1764). Second by Mr. Motes. All were in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

Ms. Robinson asked the Board to allow the AESBL staff to audit the fees paid by Unlock If For Me LLC to see if an errors were made by a previous employee, and if errors were found, to allow for those fees to be re-allocated to current licensing. A motion to allow an audit of the fees was made by Mr. Motes. Second by Mr. Garner. All were in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

G. NICET Training Certificates:

Tori Lewis, AESBL Licensing Coordinator, inquired if the Board would allow NICET certificates, fire training, to be used in lieu of required certification courses. NICET certificates are currently accepted by the AESBL as CEU credit only. A motion was made by Mr. Garner to decline the use of NICET certificates in lieu of required training. Second by Mr. Motes. All were in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

VI. Executive Session:

A motion was made by Mr. Motes to enter Executive Session to discuss the good name and character of individual applicants. Second by Mr. Garner. A roll call vote was taken: Mr. Garner voted to approve, Mr. Wilson, via Zoom, voted to approve, and Mr. Motes voted to approve. Mr. Turner abstained. The Board disconnected from the Zoom call designated for General Session. Assistant Attorney General Andy Crowder declared at 10:47 a.m. that the Board in Executive Session until approximately 11:47 a.m.

Mr. Garner declared at 11:36 a.m. that the Board was out of Executive Session and back in General Session.

A motion to table the company and individual applications for S. Turney until the February 7, 2023, board meeting was made by Mr. Garner. Second by Mr. Motes. All were in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

A motion to table the individual application for A. Morrow until the February 7, 2023, board meeting was made by Mr. Garner. Second by Mr. Motes. 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 fourth quarter of FY2022. The comprehensive budgetary reports for the fourth quarter and end-of-year for FY2022 included the following: Cash Reconciliation Report as of September 30, 2022, a year-over-year Budget Analysis, a FY2022 Net/Loss Income Report as of September 30, 2022, and a Deposit/Expenditure Quarterly Change Report from previous fiscal year and previous licensing period, Ms. Robinson also provided the Board with a copy of the ledger for fourth quarter FY2022.

VIII. Other Business:

A. James Turner appointed to the Board:

Ms. Robinson informed the Board that James Turner was appointed to the Board by Governor Kay Ivey on October 1, 2022. The governor's letter was provided to the Board.

B. Dates for 2023 Board Meetings:

Ms. Robinson presented the meeting dates for 2023. Dates and location are listed on the Secretary of State's website as well as the AESBL website.

C. Next Scheduled Board Meeting: Tuesday, February 7, 2023

Adjourn:

Motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Garner. Second by Mr. Wilson. All were in favor. None opposed. Motion carried. The Board adjourned at 11:41 a.m.

Approved by the Board on February 7, 2023.


Morgan Garner, Chairman


Janet Robinson, Executive Director