



Alabama Electronic Security Board of Licensure
Board Meeting
Tuesday, November 12, 2024, 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 9:30 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, Geoff Wilson, Scott Motes, and James Turner. Sheriff Derrick Cunningham entered the meeting at 9:36 a.m. Seanne’ Warrior was not in attendance.

I. Quorum:

A quorum was present. Vania Hosea from the Alabama Attorney General’s Office certified the quorum.

II. Minutes of September 4, 2024, Board Meeting:

Mr. Garner asked members to review the minutes for the September 4, 2024, 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 2023/2024 and 2024/2025 and 2025/2026:

Mr. Garner called for a motion on the sixty-five (65) companies that were licensed from July 1, 2024, to September 30, 2024.

For 2023/2024—Of the 65 companies, three (3) were licensed for 2023/2024. A motion to approve the licenses of the 3 companies was made by Mr. Motes. Second by Mr. Wilson. All were in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

For 2024/2025—Of the 65 companies, fifteen (15) were licensed for 2024/2025. A motion to approve the licenses of the 15 companies was made by Mr. Turner. Second by Mr. Motes. All were in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

For 2025/2026—Of the 65 companies, forty-seven (47) were licensed for 2025/2026. A motion to approve the licenses of the 47 companies, effective January 1, 2025, was made by Mr. Motes. Second by Mr. Turner. All were in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

NOTE: During the fourth quarter of FY2024, ten (10) new companies were licensed.

Permitting of Licensing of Individuals for 2023/2024 and 2024/2025 and 2025/2026:

Mr. Garner called for a motion on the two hundred eighty-nine (289) individuals who were licensed with background checks from July 1, 2024, to September 30, 2024.

For 2023/2024—Of the 289 individuals, twenty-seven (27) were licensed for 2023/2024. A motion to approve the licenses of the 27 individuals was made by Mr. Motes. Second by Mr. Wilson. All were in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

For 2024/2025—Of the 289 individuals, eighty-nine (89) were licensed for 2024/2025. A motion to approve the licenses of the 89 individuals was made by Mr. Motes. Second by Mr. Turner. All were in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

For 2025/2026—Of the 289 individuals, one hundred seventy-three (173) were licensed for 2025/2026. A motion to approve the licenses of the 173 individuals, effective January 1, 2025, was made by Mr. Motes. Second by Mr. Wilson. All were in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

NOTE: During the fourth quarter of FY2024, eighty-seven (87) new individuals were licensed.

NOTE: Sheriff Cunningham entered the meeting at 9:36 a.m.

V. Items to Discuss:

A. Licensing Request: City of Madison:

The City of Madison petitioned the Board to exempt the entity from licensing and allow for city employees to be licensed with the AESBL. A motion to approve the request was made by Mr. Turner. Second by Mr. Motes. All were in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

B. Review of Training: Funny Pines Locksmith

Mr. Thomas Mix and his mother, Sandra Mix, attended the meeting via Zoom to inquire as to whether the Board would accept an online locksmith course, which has not been approved by the Board, for certification. After review, the members declined to accept the unapproved online course but stated that, in the event Mr. Mix is licensed, the course would be accepted as continue education. A motion was made by Sheriff Cunningham to accept a passing grade, as evidenced by a certificate, on a proctored exam from the Alabama Locksmith Association, contingent on the agreement with the Association's Executive Director, Barbara McGowin, that Mr. Mix could sit for the exam in lieu of taking the certification course. Additionally, the motion includes acceptance of a passing grade, as evidenced by certificates, on any or all of the proctored exams, Level I, Level II, CCTV, and Electronic Access Control, from the Alabama Alarm Association, contingent on the agreement with the Association's Executive Director, Heather Davis, that Mr. Mix could sit for the exams in lieu of taking the certification courses. Second by Mr. Motes. All were in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

C. Review of Training: Barcom Electric, Inc.

The Board agreed to table this issue until the February 2025 board meeting. The name on the training did not match the person who submitted an application.

D. Review of Training: AvantGuard Monitoring Center

A motion to approve in-house central station training for AvantGuard employees was made by Mr. Motes. Second by Sheriff Cunningham. All were in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

E. CCTV Waiver/CEU Inquiry: Audio Works, LLC – Ray Moore

Mr. Moore had stated to the administrative staff that he was informed during the February 6, 2018, board meeting that he would be able to use the CCTV Waiver as continuing education credits upon renewal. The minutes from that meeting did not reflect that; rather, they stated that he was required to obtain a CCTV certification for licensing. A motion was made by Mr. Motes that, as always agreed upon, an approved CCTV Waiver did not account for CEU credit. Second by Mr. Wilson. All were in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

F. Question: Outsourcing Central Station Monitoring:

Deborah Speigner, Licensing and Compliance Manager, presented the question as to whether or not central station monitoring could be outsourced to overseas workers. The Board unanimously agreed that such work could not be outsourced.

G. Alabama Public Television: Consumer Ad Campaign:

A motion was made by Mr. Garner to continue the consumer ad campaign through Alabama Public Television. Second by Mr. Motes. All were in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

VI. Executive Session:

A motion was made by Sheriff Cunningham to enter Executive Session to discuss the good name and character of individual applicants. Second by Mr. Motes. A roll call vote was taken: Mr. Garner voted to approve. Mr. Wilson voted to approve. Sheriff Cunningham voted to approve. Mr. Motes voted to approve. Mr. Turner voted to approve. The Board disconnected from the Zoom call designated for General Session. Assistant Attorney General Vania Hosea declared at 10:13 a.m. that the Board in Executive Session until approximately 10:43 a.m.

Mr. Garner declared at 10:59 a.m. that the Board was out of Executive Session and back in General Session.

A motion was made by Mr. Wilson to revoke licensing for B. Hutchinson if payment was not received by end-of-day on November 12, 2024. Second by Sheriff Cunningham. All were in favor. None opposed. Motion carried. Note: Payment was received.

A motion was made by Sheriff Cunningham to approve licensing for C.B. with the directive that he be accompanied by his daughter on all jobsites and that he submit to a state and federal background check every six months. Second by Mr. Motes. All were in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Motes to approve F. Harris for licensing. Second by Sheriff Cunningham. All were in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

VII. AESBL FY2024 Budget—4th Quarter:

Ms. Robinson presented reports reflecting deposits and payments made in the fourth quarter of FY2024. The comprehensive budgetary reports for the fourth quarter and end-of-year for FY2024 included the following: Cash Reconciliation Report as of September 30, 2024, a year-over-year Budget Analysis, a FY2024 Net/Loss Income Report as of September 30, 2024, 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 the fourth quarter FY2024.

FY2026 Budget Request:

Ms. Robinson presented the documentation that the Budget Request for FY2026 had been submitted to the Executive Budget Office (EBO) on October 21, 2024. A motion to approve the FY2026 budget was made by Sheriff Cunningham. Second by Mr. Motes. All were in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

VIII. Other Business:

A. Dates for 2025 Board Meetings:


Ms. Robinson presented the meeting dates for 2025. Dates and locations are listed on the Secretary of State's website as well as the AESBL website.

B. Next Scheduled Board Meeting: Tuesday, February 11, 2025

Adjourn:

Motion to adjourn was made by Sheriff Cunningham. Second by Mr. Motes. All were in favor. None opposed. Motion carried. The Board adjourned at 11:08 a.m.

Approved by the Board on February 11, 2025.


Morgan Garner, Chairman


Janet Robinson, Executive Director