



Alabama Electronic Security Board of Licensure  
Board Meeting  
Tuesday, February 11, 2025, 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, Sheriff Derrick Cunningham, Geoff Wilson, Scott Motes, and James Turner. 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 November 12, 2024, Board Meeting:**

Mr. Garner asked members to review the minutes for the November 12, 2024, Board Meeting. Motion to approve the minutes was made by Mr. Motes. Second by Sheriff Cunningham. All were in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

**III. Discussion of Relevant Concerns:**

Barbara McGowin, Executive Director of the Alabama Locksmith Association, inquired about continuing education and whether the Board would allow teachers to obtain CEU credit for the courses that they teach, as well as older licensees being exempt from CEU requirements after a certain number of years of licensing. A motion was made by Mr. Morgan to form an education committee to review CEU requirements with a possible administrative rule change. Committee members would include Geoff Wilson, Janet Robinson, and Barbara McGowin. Second by Sheriff Cunningham. All were in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

Drew Woods with Escapology informed the Board that he could not purchase security equipment without a license. Given the nature of his business, and the fact that all equipment would be self-installed, a motion was made by Mr. Garner stating that Escapology was not a security company and did not fall under the AESBL's jurisdiction. Second by Sheriff Cunningham. All were in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

Greg Patterson with ClarityITS inquired as to whether or not he and his company needed to be licensed for CCTV. Given the scope of work, the Board informed him that he would need to be licensed with the AESBL.

**IV. Permitting of Licensing of Companies for 2023/2024 and 2024/2025 and 2025/2026:**

Mr. Garner called for a motion on the one hundred five (105) companies that were licensed from October 1, 2024, to December 31, 2024.

For 2023/2024—Of the 105 companies, four (4) were licensed for 2023/2024. A motion to approve the licenses of the 4 companies was made by Mr. Wilson. Second by Sheriff Cunningham. All were in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

For 2024/2025—Of the 105 companies, sixteen (16) were licensed for 2024/2025. A motion to approve the licenses of the 16 companies was made by Mr. Motes. Second by Mr. Garner. All were in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

For 2025/2026—Of the 105 companies, eighty-five (85) were licensed for 2025/2026. A motion to approve the licenses of the 85 companies was made by Mr. Wilson. Second by Mr. Garner. All were in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

NOTE: During the first quarter of FY2025, nineteen (19) new companies were licensed.

NOTE: Total companies licensed for 2024-2025 as of December 31, 2024, was 921 companies.

NOTE: Total companies renewed for 2025/2026 as of December 31, 2024, was 139 companies.

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

Mr. Garner called for a motion on the four hundred fifty-nine (459) individuals who were licensed with background checks from October 1, 2024, to December 31, 2024.

For 2023/2024—Of the 459 individuals, twenty-six (26) were licensed for 2023/2024. A motion to approve the licenses of the 26 individuals was made by Sheriff Cunningham. Second by Mr. Motes. All were in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

For 2024/2025—Of the 459 individuals, eighty-two (82) were licensed for 2024/2025. A motion to approve the licenses of the 82 individuals was made by Sheriff Cunningham. Second by Mr. Motes. All were in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

For 2025/2026—Of the 459 individuals, three hundred fifty-one (351) were licensed for 2025/2026. A motion to approve the licenses of the 351 individuals was made by Sheriff Cunningham. Second by Mr. Motes. All were in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

NOTE: During the first quarter of FY2025, one hundred seven (107) new individuals were licensed.



**V. Items to Discuss:**

**A. Work Force Remote: Access Control Certification Course:**

After a review and discussion of the course material with Traci Frees and Mark Jones via Zoom, a motion was made by Mr. Wilson to accept the Access Control course for certification. Second by Mr. Garner. All were in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

**B. Hillman Group: Licensing Kiosks and Transponder Programming:**

Amanda Kitberger and Scott Moore spoke with the Board regarding transponder key duplication. It was established that entities using Hillman's transponder boxes do not assist vehicle owners outside the building with the pairing process between the transponder key and the car. A motion was made by Mr. Garner that, if the employee does not touch the vehicle or pair the key, Hillman and its partnered entities are technically duplicating keys, and therefore, are not required to be licensed with the AESBL. Second by Sheriff Cunningham. All were in favor. None opposed. Motion carried. Additionally, Mr. Garner stated that the language within the statute and the administrative rules should be reviewed. A motion was made by Mr. Garner to establish a committee to review the language and to assign Scott Motes, James Turner, and Barbara McGowin, Executive Director of the Alabama Locksmith Association, to the committee. Second by Mr. Motes. All were in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

**C. Petranka Contracting: Electrical Contractor Exemption:**

Joe Petranka appeared before the Board to seek a determination as to whether or not his company should be licensed. Mr. Petranka did inform the Board that his company installs CCTV equipment. During the discussion, Mr. Petranka also informed the Board that they do set up the system and program the IP addresses. Given this, the Board declined to offer an exemption as that goes beyond the Electrical Contractor's exemption language.

**D. Administrative Fines: Non-renewing and Incomplete Companies for 2025/2026:**

Janet Robinson presented lists to the Board of companies that were late (or incomplete) and non-renewals for the 2025/2026 licensing period. Before compiling the lists, staff and the investigator verified that all companies were still operating in the State of Alabama. The Board assessed a \$1,000 fine for each incomplete or non-renewing company effective March 14, 2025. A motion to assess each fine was made by Mr. Motes. Second by Sheriff Cunningham. All were in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

**E. Clarification for Helper Designation:**

Ms. Robinson asked the Board for clarification on whether an applicant for Helper could have any previous training on file. It has always been understood by the administrative staff that Helpers could not have any certification training on file. However, the Administrative Code states that a Helper cannot have certified training associated with what the applicant's company is licensed for (i.e., a Level I certificate for a company that installs burglar alarm systems). The Board agreed that a Helper can have certification on file as long as it is not related to the work conducted by the company.

**F. Review of Training: Barcom Electric, Inc.:**

After reviewing training and licensing in other states, a motion was made by Mr. Garner to accept Austin and Braeden Bartle's training in lieu of Level I, Level II, CCTV, and Electronic Access Control. Second by Sheriff Cunningham. All were in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

**G. Review of Training: Phase Zero:**

After reviewing Brian Gosnell's previous training, and his college transcript and diploma, a motion was made by Mr. Garner to accept his credentials in lieu of CCTV and Access



Control certifications. 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, Sheriff Cunningham voted to approve. Mr. Wilson voted to approve, Mr. Motes voted to approve, and Mr. Turner voted to approve. The Board disconnected from the Zoom call designated for General Session. Assistant Attorney General Vania Hosea declared at 11:01 a.m. that the Board in Executive Session until approximately 12:00 p.m.

Mr. Garner declared at 11:54 a.m. that the Board was out of Executive Session and back in General Session.

A motion was made by Mr. Garner to deny an individual license for S.B. Second by Mr. Motes. All were in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

**VII. AESBL FY2025 Budget—1<sup>st</sup> Quarter:**

Ms. Robinson presented reports reflecting deposits and payments made in the first quarter of FY2025. Ms. Robinson also provided the Board with a copy of the ledger for first quarter FY2025 as well as a Cash Reconciliation Report as of December 31, 2024.

**VIII. Other Business:**

**A. Statement of Economic Interest for 2024:**


Ms. Robinson informed the Board that the deadline to submit their 2024 SEI forms is April 30, 2025, and that she would email each of them the link to the online form on the Alabama Ethics Commission's website.

**B. Next Scheduled Board Meeting: Tuesday, May 13, 2025**

**Adjourn:**

Motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Wilson. Second by Mr. Motes. All were in favor. None opposed. Motion carried. The Board adjourned at 12:18 p.m.

Approved by the Board on May 13, 2025.

  
Morgan Garner, Chairman

  
Janet Robinson, Executive Director