

Alabama Private Investigation Board (APIB) News Blast

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Transparency at the APIB

The Open Meetings Act requires State Licensure Boards to post Board Member Seats, Board Meeting Minutes, and advertise the time, date, and location of all Board Meetings. This is to ensure transparency in State government. All Board action is posted on the APIB Web Site. Therefore, if you want to know “what’s going on at the APIB” just look at our web site and/or attend APIB Board Meetings for observation. Also, we encourage licensees to contact the Board office if you have any licensure Board questions or comments. Specifically, please contact Paula McCaleb, *Executive Director* at paula@leadership-alliance.org.

A **New Board Member List** is now posted at <http://www.apib.alabama.gov/board.aspx>. The APIB has two new Board Members. Sherriff Derrick Cunningham was appointed by Governor Ivey to serve as the Consumer Board Member; and Mr. Donald B. Mansell was appointed by the Alabama State Bar to serve as the Attorney Board Member. We are excited to welcome them and their voices to the APIB table. All APIB Board Member positions are currently filled. Any future vacancies for the Board will be posted on the Secretary of State’s Web Site in accordance with State law.

2018 Board Meeting Calendar is now posted at <http://www.apib.alabama.gov/calendar.aspx>. The APIB typically votes to set Board Meeting dates a year in advance to ensure the public has more than adequate notice of meetings. These dates are posted on APIB’s web site and also the Secretary of State’s Web Site in accordance with the Open Meetings Act. In addition, Board Meetings are open to the public for observation. The Chairman may call additional meetings or reschedule as needed. Any change to Board Meeting dates will be advertised in advance as required by the Open Meetings Act to ensure the public has the opportunity to observe Board deliberation or action.

New Board Meeting Minutes are posted at <http://www.apib.alabama.gov/minutes2017.aspx>. All official Board Meeting Minutes are posted for the purpose of informing the public of Board action. Minutes become official after the Board has voted to accept them in open session at the next Board Meeting and are then posted on the APIB web site in accordance with the Open Meetings Act.

In addition to the above items, the Open Meetings Act prevents any Board deliberation (with the exception of active Investigations or the discussion of an individuals’ good name and reputation as defined in the Open Meetings Act) from taking place without the public having an opportunity to be present for observation. Please be assured the APIB is pleased to be transparent for the benefit of the public and welcome our licensees and consumers of private investigation services to utilize the tools that the Open Meetings Act provides.

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