Alabama Private Investigator Regulatory Board (APIB)

Minutes of Meeting

April 8th, 2025

With proper and required notice provided to the Alabama Secretary of State and published on the Alabama Secretary of State's website, a meeting of the Alabama Private Investigator Regulatory Board was held on April 8th, 2025, at 60 Commerce Street, Suite 1440, Montogomery Al.

Present were Chairperson Charles Knight, Vice-Chairman Jim Casteel, Jeff Hammock, Sheriff Cunningham, Scott Hawk, Ivan Gray, and Darryl Tatum. Also attending are Attorney Hunter Simms, Will Parker, Claire Austin, and Brian Hodge. The meeting was called to order at 10:30 a.m. by Chairperson Charles Knight with a quorum of board members being present. Upon opening the meeting, Sheriff Cunningham offered a prayer.

Upon review of the agenda, a motion to approve the agenda was made by Jeff Hammock and seconded by Sheriff Cunningham. Upon consideration, a motion to accept the agenda was made by Sheriff Cunningham and seconded by Ivan Gray. Without opposition or discussion, the agenda was approved.

Upon review of the minutes, a motion to approve and waive the reading of the minutes was made by Sheriff Cunningham and seconded by Ivan Gray. Without opposition, the reading of the minutes was waived and subsequently approved.

Chairperson Charles Knight provided comments regarding the professionalism and hard work demonstrated by the Executive Director during the previous sunset audits and the amount of work that was put in by the Executive Director.

Will Parker provided the financial report for the board members. No significant problems or concerns were addressed. Additionally, the disciplinary committee will be reviewing seven files at the end of the meeting. At the time of the board meeting, there were in excess of six hundred active licenses, thirty-two apprentices' licenses and forty-five renewal applications.

Regarding the rules adopted and approved by the board, regulations set forth by the state, requires the language to be "certified" by the board. Upon review of the language previously adopted, the board voted to certify the language contained in the following sections of the Alabama Private Investigators Administrative Code:

741-X-A1-1 Fee Schedule

A motion to certify the language was made by Jeff Hammock and seconded by Ivan Gray. By roll call vote of the board, the language was unanimously certified.

From the previous efforts to secure reciprocity with Florida, Jim Casteel presented the final agreement to the board for adoption. Upon review of the language and discussion, the board, by roll call vote, unanimously approved the agreement.

The next board meeting is scheduled for July 15, 2025. With no other business or discussion of matters before the board, a motion to adjourn was made by Jeff Hammock at 11:33 p.m. and second by Sheriff Cunningham. Without objection, the board concluded the meeting.

Approved

Charles Knight, Chairman

Claire H. Austin, Executive Director