

# **Alabama Private Investigator Regulatory Board (APIB)**

## **Minutes of Meeting**

**January 7<sup>th</sup>, 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 January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2025, at 60 Commerce Street, Suite 1440, Montgomery 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 Albrighton, Will Parker, Claire Austin. 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 Jim Casteel. 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 Jim Casteel. Without opposition, the reading of the minutes was waived and subsequently approved.

Ivan Gray was sworn in to fill the vacancy on the board.

Chairperson Charles Knight provided comments regarding the current round of legislation regarding Senator Elliot's bill. He commended Sheriff Cunningham and the Executive Director for the work they provided in opposition of the legislation. Jim Casteel was recognized for the work accomplished in seeking reciprocity with Florida. Jim also echoed comments made by the Georgia regulatory board regarding the professionalism and hard work demonstrated by the Executive Director.

At present, the Sunset Committee is auditing the board and Executive Director. Claire Austin and Will Parker provided information regarding Senator Elliot's legislation and the negative impact it will have on current and future licenses. The disciplinary committee has met and are reviewing four (4) files that are before them. Will Parker provided the financial report for the board members. No significant problems or concerns were addressed. Upon a motion offered by Jeff Hammock and seconded by Sheriff Cunningham, the financial report was adopted. At the time of the board meeting, there were in excess of 600 active licenses, 7 apprentices licenses, 96 agency licenses and 26 sponsorship licenses.

Regarding the rules adopted and approved by the board, regulations set forth by the state, require 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-4-01 Investigator Apprentice.

Motion by Sherriff Cunningham and seconded by Jim Casteel. Unanimously approved.

741-X-4 Renewal of License.

Motion by Sherriff Cunningham and seconded by Jeff Hammock. Unanimously approved.

741-X-2 Definitions.

Motion by Sherriff Cunningham and seconded by Daryl Tatum. Unanimously approved.

741-X-4 Sponsorship.

Motion by Jeff Hammock and seconded by Sherriff Cunningham. Unanimously approved.

As required, new elections were held upon the swearing in of a new board member. Charles Knight was elected to return as the Chairperson of the Board and Jim Casteel was elected as Vice Chairperson. Jeff Hammock was appointed as Secretary. The next board meeting is scheduled for April 8<sup>th</sup>, 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 Jim Casteel. Without objection, the board concluded the meeting.



Charles Knight - Chairman