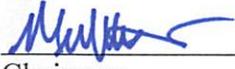


MINUTES
November 26, 2024
11:00 A.M.
ND PISB Board Meeting-Zoom Video Conference
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1. Chairman Mike Wetsch called the meeting to order at 11:02 a.m. Board members present: Mike Wetsch, Steve Lundin, Justin Blinsky Ernie Thurman and Randy Ziegler (joined meeting at about 11:16 A.M.). Board members absent: None. Others present: Executive Director John J. Shorey III and Board Legal Counsel Chris Redmann.
2. Daniel Claudio Application. Justin made a motion to approve the application. Ernie seconded. A roll call vote was taken, and it was unanimous to approve the motion.
3. Devante Goffner Application. John summarized the application. Justin made a motion to approve the application. Steve seconded. A roll call vote was taken, and it was unanimous to approve the motion.
4. ND legislative Council Agency Prefiled Bill Letter & Form Discussion. John stated this was a carryover from a previous meeting and there was discussion about raising the fees due to the Board's financial situation. John stated that he had sent out information to Board members as a starting point to discuss. John stated he thought about it more and didn't know if the Board wanted to do a doubling of the fees in the Century Code across the Board. John commented on the Board building reserve funds and hiring an administrative assistant to help clear the backlog by raising the fees. John went over the current fees that the Board charges for various licenses and registrations. John stated other fees to possibly look at would be security trainers and online training. John talked about the last fee increase and what those increases were. John stated he thought the Board should also approach the legislature for a one-time appropriation of funds for both DAPL related expenses and expenses related to the Armed First Responder training program. Steve stated it's clear that the Board needed to raise fees and based on what he pays to other States he didn't think doubling the fees was excessive. Steve stated he would also be comfortable attaching a \$60.00 fee to both security trainers and weapons instructors for both initial and renew fees. John stated that currently security trainers and weapons instructors need to submit a renewal application, but there are no fees assessed for a renewal application. John stated that the Board also requires Corporate Officers to submit renewal applications, but no fees are assessed for those either. Ernie stated he didn't have an issue with raising fees. Steve commented that his business expenses are going up and the Board's costs are going up as well. Justin commented about the fees needing to increase to build a reserve for legal expenses. Justin also commented about not raising the fees multiple times. Justin stated the Armed First Responder took a lot of Board staff and Board member volunteer time to review these courses. John brought up about raising late fees as well and the amount of extra time that is needed to process late renewal applications. John stated that the online training course currently does not have a fee attached to the approval-application of a course. Steve asked how many Corporate Officers the large national agencies typically have. John stated usually about 3-4. Steve made a motion for John and Chris to submit the appropriate paperwork to the legislature for prefilled bills doubling the current fees in the Century Code along with removing the one time fees for security trainers and weapons instructors and adding an initial fee of up to \$60.00 for security trainers, weapons instructors, online training, and corporate officers along with renewal fees for security trainers, weapons instructors, and corporate officers at the same amount and up to \$20.00 late fee for those renewal applications. Ernie seconded. A roll call vote was taken, and it was unanimous to approve the motion.
5. Election of Officers. Randy stated looking to future it maybe wouldn't be a bad idea for someone to look at the Vice-Chairman position that he holds. Justin asked if Steve would be willing to take on the Vice-Chairman position. Steve said he would. Randy made the motion for Steve Lundin to be Vice-Chairman. Justin seconded. A roll call vote was taken, and it was unanimous to approve the motion. Justin made a motion for Mike Wetsch to remain as Chairman and Ernie Thurman to remain as

Treasurer. Randy seconded. A roll call vote was taken, and it was unanimous to approve the motion. Mike commented about contacting the Governor's Office about getting additional Board members.

6. Schedule Regular Meetings for 2025: February 25, May 30, August 26, November 25. The consensus of the Board was that the dates were fine and to go with a start time of 11:00 A.M.
7. Minutes. John stated he did not have any minutes due to the backlog.
8. Justin made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ernie seconded. A roll call vote was taken, and it was unanimous to approve the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 11:35 A.M.


Chairman

2/26/20
Date


NOPISB Executive Director

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