

MINUTES
February 16, 2024
1:00 P.M.
Special Board Meeting-Zoom Video Conference
NDPISB

1. Chairman Mike Wetsch called the Zoom special meeting to order at 1:01 p.m. Board members present: Mike Wetsch, Randy Ziegler, Ernie Thurman, Jason Nelson, and Steve Lundin (joined at about 1:23 P.M.). Board members absent: Justin Blinsky. Others present: Executive Director John J. Shorey III, Board Legal Counsel Chris Redmann, and "701-561-6706".
2. Jermaine Harris Application. John advised the application was withdrawn so no action was needed.
3. Mike McLeod Application. John summarized the application and reconsideration. Chris stated there were two paths the Board could go, one would be to grant the petition to reconsider and reverse the intent to deny, therefore granting a license; or uphold the previous notice of intent to deny, therefore denying the petition to reconsider, the applicant could then appeal that to an ALJ. Randy made a motion to uphold the original decision as he sees nothing in reconsideration that changes his mind. Chris commented that the original intent to deny was that the information provided had a direct bearing upon the applicant's ability to service the public in this specific occupation that was the basis for the intent to deny. Randy stated that was correct. Jason seconded. A roll call vote was taken, and it was unanimous to approve the motion.
4. Armed First Responder in School or Ambulance or Firefighter Crew Training Program Draft Forms, Review and Possible Approval-John stated that they needed to come up with forms for this program, one was a form for certified instructors to be able to notify the Board 30 days in advance of conducting the training. John stated a draft form was emailed out to Board members. John stated the other forms would be a roster, and he has not finished that form. John stated he hoped to have a draft of that form for the upcoming meeting. Jason made a motion to approve the form as presented. Ernie seconded. A roll call vote was taken, and it was unanimous to approve the motion.
5. Armed First Responder in School or Ambulance or Firefighter Crew Training Program Draft Exam Review and Possible Approval. John stated that for security officer and private investigators that are applying for armed certification, as part of those requirements they must meet the same standards as is required for ND Peace Officers. John stated as part of that process the Board has a written weapons exam, that his understanding is based on the ND POST weapons exam, that the Board issues to instructors who proctor it to students, the instructors send it back to the Board and the Board scores the exam, and let's the instructor know if the individual passed or failed. John stated there was some discussion at a previous meeting about incorporating this requirement for students of the armed first responder training program because there is the same requirement for them to meet the same standards as peace officers. John stated he removed the questions from the written weapons exam that were particular to the industry, made some modifications to the exam, and added some sample questions that directly relate to the program. John stated if the Board wanted to talk about specific questions, to protect the integrity of the exam, the Board should probably go into executive session for that. John stated if there were not any questions about questions, it would be decision if the Board wanted to move forward and approve and implement it into the program. John asked Chris from legal sense if he had any issue with what was put together for the exam. Chris stated no. Jason made

a motion to approve the exam with the changes that were presented. Randy seconded. A roll call vote was taken, and it was unanimous to approve the motion.

6. The Board needed member Steve Lundin for a quorum for the next two agenda items, so the Board waited for him to join the meeting. Steve Lundin joined the meeting at about 1:23 P.M.

7. Scott Redding and Michael Nason (Spartan Firearms) Armed First Responder In School or Ambulance or Firefighter Crew Training Program – Certified Training Course Application. John stated he sent an email last Thursday to Rob Fuller and had copied Mike and Chris in that email. John asked Mike and Chris if they had received that email. Mike and Chris stated they did. John stated he did not receive a response from Rob Fuller, which he thought was strange, they were not at the meeting. John thought the Board should go back to the applicants one last time on what the Board is looking for as he feels they hadn't provided some of the information the Board was asking for. Chris stated that there were three possible actions by the Board, the Board could deny the application if they felt it was incomplete or an unacceptable application, the Board could approve it, or the Board could give John some direction and empowerment to get more information from the applicants. Randy asked what the Board was looking for. John summarized some of the back and forth between the applicants and the Board on the application. John stated that Board member Justin Blinsky could not attend and asked if he was able to write up something to share with Board members. John stated he was going to send that during the meeting now. John stated it was done that way to stay in compliance with open meetings laws. Steve stated per the administrative rules the applicants needed to give the Board enough of their course content to make a judgment on their course. Steve stated their argument, that the Board was going to share their course with someone, that they are not meeting the standard, and that standard is vague, where the applicant could say they were telling the Board what they were going to instruct, but that also gives the Board latitude to interpret it how it sees fit as long as the Board applies that same standard to everyone that applies, which he thought the Board was. Steve stated he thought the Board was justified in asking for more information. Steve summarized the verbiage for instructor requirements. Steve commented about weapons retention in the course and the instructors not being able to provide that they have training in this area. Steve stated he thought the onus was on the applicants. John read the letter from Justin Blinsky out loud, so it was available for the public to hear as well. Randy stated the Board had the right to request additional information from the applicants. Chris stated he thought the application was deficient and talked about the options of denying the application or asking for additional information. Randy commented he thought the Board should deny the application and asked for more information. Ernie commented he was recusing himself from this agenda item. John stated his preference would be for communication for the applicants to attend the upcoming meeting and that the full Board has reviewed this and that the Board needs additional information. Jason stated the Board should encourage the applicants to provide additional information before the next meeting and have them be present at the next meeting to talk through some of these issues. Jason made a motion for John to continue to communicate with the applicants about the requirements in so it can be presented at the next Board meeting. There was then discussion about whether a motion was needed. Chris talked about an official request from the Board for them to be present at the next meeting would maybe helpful.

8. Personal Defense Center Armed First Responder In School or Ambulance or Firefighter Crew Training Program – Certified Training Course Application. John stated he had forwarded out to Board members the most recent information on the application. Ernie stated he was recusing himself from this agenda item but would answer any questions on it. John stated they still

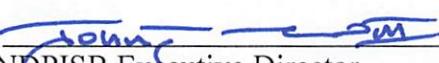
needed to provide information on E&O insurance and that he still needed to review CHRI for the applicants and internally review the Board records on the applicants. John stated if the Board approved the application, it would be with the caveat of those two outstanding items being completed. Steve stated that the Board should apply the same standard for all applications and that the Board should wait until all the information is provided before approving the application. Mike stated he agreed. The Board direction was that all items needed to be completed and then the Board would review the application at that time.

9. Mike asked if a motion was needed to adjourn the meeting. John said to make a motion in response to Mike's question. Jason seconded. A roll call vote was taken, and it was unanimous to approve the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 1:55 P.M.



Chairman

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Date



NDPISB Executive Director

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