

LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF PRIVATE

SECURITY EXAMINERS

SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

JULY 06, 2021

The special meeting of the LA STATE BOARD OF PRIVATE SECURITY EXAMINERS was called to order by Vice-Chairman Ed Robinson, on Tuesday July 6, 2021, at 10:30 a.m. at 15703 Old Hammond Hwy, Baton Rouge, Louisiana via Zoom.

Members of the Board present: Ed Robinson, Vice-chairman
Dynette Burke
Chief Scott Ford
Ritchie Rivers
Lameika Washington
Donny Pitts
Mark Leto

Finding a quorum present, the regular order of business began.

Also attending the meeting were: Executive Director, Fabian Blache III; Executive Assistant, Bridgette Hull; Board Attorney, Wayne “Ron” Crouch; and members of the agency staff: Sharon Vallery, Administrative Coordinator; Shanna Bourke, Administrative Coordinator; Stephanie Richardson, Compliance Inspector; Wendy Aldridge, Compliance Inspector; Kim Hampton, Compliance Inspector; Cindy Eidson, Compliance Inspector; Renee Rochester, Compliance Inspector; and Khadijah Hamilton, Compliance Inspector. Ms. Bourke recorded the meeting minutes.

Mr. Robinson asked Mr. Blache to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Robinson asked Mr. Crouch to confirm the only things to be discussed were those listed on the agenda as posted by former Chairwoman Marian Pierre before she resigned a day earlier (July 5). Mr. Crouch confirmed.

DISCUSSION OF EEOC COMPLAINT:

Mr. Crouch informed the Board that an EEOC complaint had been filed against Fabian Blache and the Board had received a letter in anticipation of litigation due to the complaint. Mr. Crouch explained the matter will be handled like any lawsuit against the Board and will be forwarded to the Office of Risk Management as is standard. The Attorney General will hire an attorney to represent the Board.

Mr. Robinson suggested having outside investigators come in to investigate the matter.

DISCUSSION OF REPORT FROM BOARD ATTORNEY:

Mr. Robinson asked Mr. Crouch to go over the report he had sent to the Board on alleged misconduct on the part of Fabian Blache. Mr. Crouch did so.

Some discussion was had about whether Mr. Blache should attempt to refute each item as Mr. Crouch read it. It was decided this should be left for investigation by outside entities to give Mr. Blache time and the proper place to defend himself against the accusations.

Mrs. Burke made a motion to put Mr. Blache on paid administrative leave pending an investigation into the allegations made. Chief Ford seconded the motion.

A roll call vote was taken:

Mr. Leto	Aye
Ms. Washington	Aye
Chief Ford	Aye
Mrs. Burke	Aye
Mr. Rivers	Aye
Mr. Robinson	Aye
Mr. Pitts	No

The motion passed.

Mr. Crouch reminded the Board that the agency cannot be left without an acting Executive Director. Mrs. Burke made a motion for Executive Assistant, Bridgette Hull, to be made interim Executive Director.

The Board discussed the merits of this and asked Mr. Crouch's legal advice. The Board then polled all members of agency staff present. All indicated they were comfortable with Ms. Hull acting as interim Executive Director and felt she was fully qualified to continue the smooth running of the agency during Mr. Blache's time away.

Chief Ford then seconded the motion.

A roll call vote was taken:

Mr. Leto	Aye
Ms. Washington	Aye
Chief Ford	Aye
Mrs. Burke	Aye
Mr. Rivers	Aye
Mr. Robinson	Aye
Mr. Pitts	Aye

All matters on the agenda discussed and there were no public comments. Chief Ford made a motion to adjourn. Mrs. Washington seconded the motion. Meeting was adjourned.

Minutes reviewed and certified by:

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Bridgette Hull Date
Interim Executive Director

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Wayne "Ron" Crouch Date
Attorney at Law

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